

# AFTAC Alumni Association

The Monthly General Membership Meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held via teleconference at 4:00 on July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Members that called in were Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Phil Godfrey, Ed Lindsay, Rob Christman, Mike Steskal, Pete Gilbert, and Arlin Massey.

**New Members/Guest:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** With no corrections to the June minutes as published, Pete Gilbert made the motion that they are approved. Mike Steskal seconded. Motion carried.

**Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief:** Not Present.

**Treasurers Report:** Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$2,170.08.

**Membership Report:** Mike Steskal said that we have 583 FL Members (553 Lifetime and 30 Year to Year). Of these members, 253 live in FL of which 185 live in Brevard County. Emails are received by 1104 people and 8 chose not to receive emails.

**Post Monitor (PoMo):** Judy Henderson said everyone needs to start sending her their articles for the next PoMo. In particular, she needs one from Phil Godfrey addressing the charge of \$10 yearly for printing and mailing for those folks who want hard copies of the PoMo mailed to them.

**Website Committee:** Phil Godfrey reported that since our June teleconference, concerning finding someone to help Pete Gilbert in maintaining our web site, we can all thank Ed Lindsay for stepping forward to help and he is working with Pete to learn all that's involved. Also, an Alumni of The Year (AOY) update still needs to be added from this year's Snowball. **(OPEN)**

**SAGE Shop:** Phil Godfrey reported that Ed Lindsay also stepped forward and is taking over the SAGE Shop until such time that someone in the building is found to manage it. Ed said he is reviewing the inventory to determine what we have and what needs to be reordered. He said he is also working three orders for merchandise that have not been filled.

**AFTAC Historian:** Not Present

**AFTAC Heritage Committee:** Not Present

**Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers:** Phil Godfrey thanked Ed Lindsay for his donation and purchase of a paver and said this was the only activity for this last month. There is new construction in the planning phase to build a pony wall between the parking lot on the south of the building like the pony wall that was built on the east side. This may affect the design of the memorial. Phil will investigate this further. **(OPEN)**

**2021 Worldwide Reunion, 17 – 21 June:** Sean Ryan said he and Phil have three hotel walkthroughs to complete this week for our reunion site. The results will be discussed at our next meeting. Also, Sean said he received the continuity folders from our last reunion and will go through them. There was a

brief discussion concerning the Hospitality Room and what we could bring into it. This should be qualified after the walkthroughs are complete. **(OPEN)**

**Membership Enhancement Ideas for 2020.** Phil Godfrey said there appears to be a physical/mental wall once we're in AFTAC. Once you are in the AFTAC family, you become an alumnus. This will be discussed when the building is fully opened back up and manned. **(OPEN)**

**20 Year Wall.** Phil Godfrey read an email update from Tony DeMarco for the 20 Year Wall.

- Since the last meeting, two new AFTAC Alumni have been added to the Wall. MSgt Dave Good and SMSgt Joe Borowski.

I have two other Alumni I'm working on.

-- MSgt Stephen Padilla - His Career Input was sent to the Board Members to review.

-- MSgt Walter Wien – A draft template has been provided to Walt, but little progress has been made as of this date. I will check with him again later this week.

I'm still working on an Obit for the Alumni Association Obit Archives for a SMSgt Lindsay Miller. I have a draft in work and just about completed. Hope to have it completed and submitted in the next week or so.

Finally, I provided a short PoMo article to John Horsch and Judy Henderson on a unique Bowling Adventure Lindsay Miller and I had while stationed at Det 412 in the late 60s.

**AFTAC Alumni Picnic:** No discussion. **(OPEN)**

**Alumni of the Year (AOY) nomination:** This is in Bob Wiley's capable hands.

**Elections Nominating Committee:** As the past president, Ed Lindsay will provide a slate of candidates for upcoming elections in September.

**NEW BUSINESS: None.**

**Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting:** Our next meeting will be via teleconference, unless social distancing requirements change, on Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

**Comments:** Phil Godfrey said FreeConference.com, which we have been using for our teleconferences, is having feedback problems and we are limited on the number of participants. He said will look for other free telecom sites as an alternative. Pete Gilbert suggested that we continue the teleconference capability after were in the building so that those outside the area can participate.

**Adjournment:** Sean Ryan made the motion that the meeting is adjourned, Judy Henderson seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:28.

Arlin Massey  
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association