

AFTAC Alumni Association

The monthly meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association was held in the AFTAC lobby conference room at 4:00, Jul 8th, 2019. Members present were Frank Calenda, Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Terry Hammond, Lou Seiler, Frank Hall, Tony De Marco, Gene Melchior, Dee Melchior, Donald Moon, Mike Young, Jim Whidden, Ed Lindsay, Michael Joseph and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: SSgt Carter from the picnic committee discussed the Fall Picnic and confirmed that the alumni would volunteer to serve beer and that these servers would go through the training with the base to do so. This training needs to be completed before the picnic and is good for a year. She said the Fall Picnic is tentatively scheduled for Oct 25th.

Approval of Minutes: With one change noted to the minutes as presented, Sean Ryan, made the motion that they be approved. Lou Seiler seconded. Motion carried.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV: Not present. Mike Young discussed upcoming activities and said that all alumni are invited to the December open house as well as a dining out in December which will be held again at the Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum in Titusville. Jim Whidden discussed upcoming change of command ceremonies with several the squadron's in AFTAC.

AFTAC Command Chief: Michael Joseph announced that CMSGT Amy Long, his replacement, is on station. Ed Lindsay thanked Michael Joseph from all the alumni for his efforts on behalf of the AFTAC Alumni Association.

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$5,021.09. Lou Seiler made the motion that we approve the report as presented. Tony De Marco seconded. Motion carried.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal was not present, and Ed Lindsay said the only change was the addition of one new lifetime member.

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Henderson said John Horsch and her would be asking for inputs shortly for the next PoMo.

Website Committee: Frank Calenda said that Pete is doing a great job keeping up considering his and his family's current medical situation. Frank also said that were not getting any updates to the Job Post or from the Booster club with request for inputs unanswered. He discussed his leaving and having someone volunteer to take over as Chairman of the Website Committee. Terry Hammond volunteered and is now Chairman of the Website Committee. Thank you, Terry. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Donald Moon discussed the merchandise on hand and said we are out of hats and were short of embroidered shirts. Even though we just made a purchase, most of these items have sold out between the Spring Golf N' Get Together and the Colorado Reunion with sales of \$140 and \$840 respectively. After a short discussion, Terry Hammond made a motion that we order another \$1000

worth of replacement merchandise. Frank Hall Seconded. Motion carried. Donald Moon will research and reorder. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Historian: Mike Young said his book is going through the security review and once cleared, it will go to the Air University Press for printing and sale. He said the Heritage room expansion is ready to start and they are awaiting base approval with a hopeful start date of Mid-August for a project completion for the open house. He also discussed the status of a touch screen computer kiosk and a standalone monitor for each the Heritage Room (AFTAC history, etc.) and the Wall of Honor (selectee Bio's).

Heritage Committee: Mike Young said it's time to start the Wall of Honor selection process. He also discussed having AFTAC'ers submit their Bio's through our Web Site but with inherent security problems this needs to be rethought.

Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler said the first design submitted was too ambitious and costly. He said the AFTAC Memorial Corp has asked the contractor to resubmit the design within our target cost and design criteria. **(OPEN)**

OLD BUSINESS:

Worldwide Reunion in 2019: Ed Lindsay discussed the activities of the Colorado reunion. He announced during the reunion dinner that Bryce Dunn, to Bryce's great surprise, had been selected as the Alumni of the Year and was presented with the AOY coin and shirt. An outstanding reunion and a terrific job by the Colorado chapter in hosting this reunion. The next worldwide reunion will be here in 2 years with planning to start shortly. **(CLOSED)**

NEW BUSINESS: None

Other Comments:

Snowball: Sean Ryan reminded everyone that it's time to start planning for the next Snowball, i.e. theme, cost, location, etc.

Ed Lindsay said that invitations have gone out for the retirement ceremony for Carol Snyder on July 18th at 10:00.

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: The next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be held on Monday, Aug 12th, 2019 at 4:00 in the AFTAC Lobby Conference Room.

Adjournment: With no further business Judy Henderson, made the motion that we adjourn. Sean Ryan seconded. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12.

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