

AFTAC Alumni Association

The Monthly General Membership Meeting of the AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) was held via teleconference at 4:00 on August 10th, 2020. Members that called in were Judy Henderson, Sean Ryan, Phil Godfrey, Ed Lindsay, Rob Christman, Mike Steskal, Lou Seiler, Terry Hammond, Frank Calenda, John Horsch, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None

Approval of Minutes: With no corrections to the June minutes as published, Phil Godfrey made the motion that they be approved. Judy Henderson 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 \$2,332.08.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal said that we have 581 FL Members (551 Lifetime and 30 Year to Year). Of these members, 253 live in Florida of which 185 live in Brevard County.

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Henderson said the PoMo is ready to go to press except for clarification of a couple of items that will be completed at today's meeting. She also addressed the verbiage in the upcoming PoMo and said it should be clear as to the rationale for charging \$10 yearly for printing and mailing of PoMo hard copies. Currently, 213 hard copies are mailed.

Website Committee: Terry Hammond said there is nothing new to discuss concerning the web site. He did say that Ed Lindsay is doing a good job getting up to speed. The AOY update remains to be added from last year's Snowball. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Phil Godfrey reported that Ed Lindsay has fulfilled the three outstanding merchandise orders and verified they had been received. Phil Godfrey said Inventorying continues.

AFTAC Historian: Not Present

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Not Present

Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler discussed the lack of donations and said we have only received 29 donations to date which puts us well behind where we were projected to be. The board will be meeting later this month and among other things, they will discuss a phased approach to construction which may drive up the cost. Frank Calenda discussed his writing of an E All to the Alumni, and possibly others, for support of this project. **(OPEN)**

2021 Worldwide Reunion (2021 WWR), 16 – 21 June: Sean Ryan said the hotels being considered for the 2021 WWR, are in the final selection process with additional questions being asked of each to be considered. I should have the answers this week. Key items are Hospitality Room, availability of rooms for guest capacity numbers, nightly rates, snacks, beverages to be brought in, locale, etc. The dates are

subject to change based on which hotel is selected. Also, the continuity items have been received, for the 2021 WWR to rebuild binders and files.

Membership Enhancement Ideas for 2020. Phil Godfrey said because of the time constraints of our teleconferences, this item will be addressed at a future meeting. **(OPEN)**

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

- Since our last meeting, two new AFTAC Alumni have been added to the Wall. MSgt Stephen Padilla and MSgt Walter Wien. This now brings the total on the wall to 88.

- Two more Alumni Careers are in progress.

SMSgt Michael Sparks - His Career input is in final work and should go to the Alumni Board for review in the next week or so.

SMSgt John Doberstein – His draft template has been provided to him. Currently, I'm waiting on his initial career biograph.

- Also, I believe Virgil Brown has over 20 years in AFTAC and I have reached out to him but have not received a response.

- Finishing up the Archive Obituary on SMSgt Lindsay Miller. His Obituary should be finished within the week.

- I submitted a 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, that is ready to go in the next PoMo.

AFTAC Alumni Picnic: Potential date is TBD. **(OPEN)**

Alumni of the Year (AOY) nomination: After a short discussion, John Horsch clarified that AOY nominations are only made by **prior** AOY's. These AOY's honorees make up the AOY Nomination and Selection Committee. Prior AOYs will submit nominations for the 2020 Alumni of the Year and these nominees will be voted on in September 2020. Because of social distancing and safety reasons, nominations, ballots, voting, announcements to AOYs will be via email this year.

Elections Nominating Committee: Ed Lindsay said that all current AFTAC Alumni Officers have agreed to continue in their current positions. Since we will not be meeting for our annual meeting for the election of officers, he will send an E All out to all Florida members asking if any are interested in running for office or nominating someone to run (with their permission). If there is/are a nomination(s), we will proceed from there per AFTAC Bylaws.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: Our next meeting will be our FY2021 Florida AFTACAA Annual September XXIII Board and FY2021 Elections Meeting which will be via teleconference, on Monday, September 14th at 4:00.

Comments: Ed Lindsay said there will not be a Golf Tournament in September and hopes to incorporate it in some form in the 2021 WWR.

Judy Henderson brought up the next SnowBall with a discussion concerning having the event in 2021, or some other activity in its place. More discussion to follow.

Adjournment: Sean Ryan made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, Judy Henderson seconded, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 5:29PM.

Arlin Massey
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association