

AFTAC Alumni Association

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) General Membership Meeting was held via teleconference on 9 August 2021 from 4:00 - 5:00. Members that participated were Phil Godfrey, Doug Colay, Tony De Marco, Frank Hall, Bob Wiley, Jack O' Connor, Mike Steskal, Fred Budelmann, Geno Wagner, Pete Gilbert, Sean Ryan, Lou Seiler, and Arlin Massey.

New Members/Guest: None

Approval of Minutes: Minutes Not Available.

Comments by AFTAC CC/CV/Command Chief: Not present.

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$5,253.68.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal reported that the AFTACAA Florida Chapter membership remains at 574. Mike, along with Pete Gilbert, discussed our data bases many inaccuracies with email addresses, phone numbers, etc., because much of the Alumni demographics have changed over the years with few updates to the database. There was also a discussion on letting members update their own demographics with no resolution decided. More to follow. **(OPEN)**

Post Monitor (PoMo): Phil Godfrey reported that the August PoMo is being finalized and, if you have articles, stories or other items that you would like to submit for the August PoMo, please submit them now. He also said that Judy Henderson is looking for someone to take over the Post Monitor responsibilities. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee: Pete Gilbert said he continues to refine and make improvements to the web site and in that effort discussed using passwords and email addresses to sign in. He also reiterated the problems with demographic inaccuracies of our data base. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Nothing to report. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Historian: Not present. **(OPEN)**.

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Bob Wiley reported the Alumni of the Year (AOY) nomination selection will be completed by email again in 2021 by the current AOY association members. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Memorial Corporation (AFTACMC) Memorial for Line of Duty Deceased AFTAC'ers: Lou Seiler reported the AFTACMC is talking with a new contractor that can build our memorial at more reasonable cost. As a part of this design, we are responsible for the pad the memorial would be installed on. Working with a local company, they are submitting engineering drawings for the pad, at no cost to us, so we can cost out the pad and associated requirements. Again, no commitments have been made, nor could they be until such time that we have all the necessary funds.

We currently have approximately \$46,000 in donations. This includes one donation from a retired CMSGT of \$10,150 and a \$10,000 pledge from the AFTACAA. We can project that we are about halfway to our goal, but we really need people to step up and support this effort. To date we have only sold 30 4x4 bricks and 10 8x8 bricks. **(OPEN)**

2022 World Wide Reunion (2022 WWR): Sean Ryan reported that with all the surveys completed, the majority dates selected for our reunion is 18 through 22 May 2022, and it will be held at the Radisson At The Port, Cape Canaveral FL. Additional information will be provided as available to include fees, room rates, activities, etc. **(OPEN)**

Membership Enhancement Ideas for 2022: No discussion. **(OPEN)**

20 Year Wall: Tony De Marco reported that we have 118 AFTAC'ers on the 20 Year Wall and there are no additions since the last report. He said follow-up attempts have been made numerous times with several individuals with no responses. He continues to update and refine the careers and other details on some of those individuals that are on the 20 Year Wall. If you know of someone who qualifies, and is not on the wall, let Tony know so he can follow up with them. **(OPEN)**

Old Business:

AOY Selection: Bob Wiley addressed this item in **AFTAC Heritage Committee** report.

SnowBall: Sean Ryan reported we will have a Snowball in early 2022, however it will be scaled down from previous years. He said he has a list of establishments to call as potential locations before a selection can be voted on. Details to follow as they develop.

Election of Officers: Annual FY2022 Election of Officers will be held on, Friday, 10 Sep 2021. Nominations for all positions are always welcome from those attending. The President, Vice-President and Treasurer have agreed to serve in FY2022; however, the Secretary will be stepping down so we will be looking for someone replace the outgoing Secretary.

Golf Tournament: Ed Lindsay passed on information that a AFTACAA golf tournament is scheduled for 15 Oct 2021 at the Manatee Cove Golf Course, Patrick SFB. Details are being finalized and are forthcoming. **(OPEN)**

2021 Orlando Sanford Air Show: Sean Ryan reported the air show will be 15-17 October 2021 at the Orlando Sanford International Airport in Sanford FL. A call for volunteers and additional information to follow. **(OPEN)**

AFTAC Alumni Picnic: TBD. **(OPEN)**

AFTACAA Constitution, By-Laws Review/Update, Waiver of insurance and Current Officer Information: Phil Godfrey reported the review and update of these documents will be discussed at an upcoming meeting and after the election of officers.

NEW BUSINESS: None

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: Our next AFTAC Alumni Meeting will be the AFTACAA Annual General Off-Site/Board/ FY22 Elections Luncheon/Meeting from 1130 – 1230 at the Patrick SFB Manatee Cove Golf Course (MCGC), (Putter Room). Note: Pay-as-You-Go Lunch is available to order from the Hackers Grill & Bar, before the meeting.

Comments:

Sean Ryan discussed several upcoming events at the Daytona International Speedway that we can volunteer for. Contact Sean for additional information.

Adjournment: With no further comments Phil Godfrey made a motion to adjourn. Sean Ryan seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 5:06.

Arlin Massey
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association