

AFTAC Alumni Association

The AFTAC Alumni Association (AFTACAA) General Membership Meeting was held at the Putter's room at the Manatee Golf Course on Patrick, Space Force Base and via teleconference on 10 September 2021 from beginning at 11:45. Members present were Phil Godfrey, Judy Henderson, Tony De Marco, Frank Hall, Bob Wiley, Frank Calenda, Sean Ryan, Lou Seiler, Gene Melchior, Eileen Best, Rick Manley and Ed Lindsay. Pete Gilbert joined via teleconference.

New Members/Guest: None

Approval of Minutes: Bob Wiley made motion to approve August minutes, Lou Seiler seconded, motion passed.

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

Treasurers Report: Sean Ryan reported that the checking account has a balance of \$4,078.37.

Membership Report: Mike Steskal was not at the meeting and the most current membership numbers were not provided. There was a brief discussion about conflict between the Database (Access) being maintained by Mike and the Database(SQL) being used for the website. **(OPEN)**

Election of Officers: Ed Lindsay presented the slate of nominees that the nominating committee had determined. Incumbent officers in the President, Vice President, and Treasurer had agreed to stay on for another term. There was not a Quorum of 15 voting members present (only 13 in place). Lou Seiler presented that Robert's Rules of Order allow for the sitting President to deem that due to extenuating circumstances, a quorum could be declared. This was accomplished. Ed then presented that there was only 1 person up for nomination for the Secretary position. It was Ed. Ed asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. There were none, so a vote was taken and Ed Lindsay was voted in as the Secretary for the 2021/22 term. **(CLOSED)**

Post Monitor (PoMo): Judy Henderson reported that the Post Monitor had been finalized and distributed via website and Sean Ryan confirmed that printed copies were mailed out. It was mentioned that Judy had taken on the duty of putting together the PoMo as a temporary fix. We are looking for other people that can take over the duties of putting together the 3 issues of the PoMo that are generated each year. **(OPEN)**

Website Committee: Pete Gilbert said he continues to work on the TEST website. Things he is working on is a way to have current members be able to login and access more info than a non-member and also a method for members to be able to update their own demographic data. He also reiterated the discrepancies between the website members DataBase and the Membership data base. Phil mentioned that he would get with the associated parties to determine the best Course of Action. Ed also mentioned that there would need to be discussions on how our website would be utilized for the 2022 WWR. **(OPEN)**

SAGE Shop: Ed Lindsay reported that the Sage Shop had approx. \$3700 in inventory. Product has not moved much. Recommended possibly selling some of the stagnant inventory at a reduced price. Ed also recommended possibly purchasing hats for sale, Gene Melchior agreed with that idea. Ed will be looking at various vendors that could acquire/manufacture the hats. **(OPEN)**

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

AFTAC Heritage Committee: Bob Wiley had nothing to report at this time. Other than the Alumni of the Year (AOY) nominations would be discussed with present AOY members after the meeting. **(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, the AFTACMC is 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. AFTACMC currently has 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. There are negotiations with some big contributors. To date AFTACMC has only sold 30 4x4 bricks and 10 8x8 bricks. **(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)**

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: Tabled for now. No discussion. **(OPEN)**

Old Business:

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

SnowBall: Sean Ryan reported we will have a Snowball in early 2022, however it will be scaled down from previous years. Big thing is that we will be hosting the WWR in May, so will be busy preparing for that event. Mentioned having a low key potluck sometime in Late January or February. Details to follow as they develop. **(OPEN)**

Golf Tournament: Ed Lindsay passed on information that the AFTACAA Fall Golf N'Get Together is scheduled for 15 Oct 2021 at the Manatee Cove Golf Course, Patrick SFB. Announcement made via the PoMo and on the Website. Sign ups have begun and there are already 11 teams. We will need volunteers to help the day of the event. **(OPEN)**

2021 Orlando Sanford Air Show: Sean Ryan reported the air show will be 16-17 October 2021 at the Orlando Sanford International Airport in Sanford FL. The practice day and training will be on 15 October. 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: Tabled for now. Phil Godfrey reported the review and update of these documents will be discussed at an upcoming meeting and after the election of officers. **(OPEN)**

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion ensued about having in person meetings (in addition to Teleconference) from now on. Phil Godfrey mentioned that the Green Room meeting Room next to the AFTAC Lobby is still not available. Recommended trying to have the meetings off site, until the Green Room becomes available. See below announcement for next meeting.

Next AFTAC Alumni Meeting: Our next AFTAC Alumni Association meeting will be held at the Beef O'Brady's, located at 3030 Lake Washington Rd, in Melbourne, from 1130 – 1230. Arrive early if you would like to order some food. The meeting will also be available via teleconference.

Comments:

Bob Wiley announced that there would be an AOY meeting immediately following the General mtg.

Adjournment: With no further comments Phil Godfrey made a motion to adjourn. Tony seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15pm.

Ed Lindsay
Secretary, AFTAC Alumni Association