



*315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association
315th Airlift Wing Excellence over the Years
Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina*

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From here on, the newsletter will be published on the website shown above every two weeks. The newsletter will no longer be sent to you individually by regular e-mail message. Please try to remember. Those without computers will continue to receive the newsletter by regular US mail service. At the very end of each newsletter, I will indicate the approximate date the next newsletter will appear so you may be assured that you will never miss an issue.

The last newsletter, *Newsletter #1*, was published January/February 2015. Since that time, the website has not been updated. CMSgt (ret) Tom Clemons is our new webmaster, and he has already made many updates. Check it out.

We have been receiving some calls from our members wanting to know why they are not receiving the newsletter. That question certainly deserves an answer. First, let's look back at our newsletter history. The Alumni was established 8 September 1994, 21 years ago. There have been only two permanent newsletter editors, SMSgt (ret) Ray Ardis and myself. Ray had it for about 15 years, and I've had it for six. In the early years there were no computers, and we sent all of them out by regular mail. By year 2000, we had less than 300 members, and 100 % of our membership received the newsletter. Today we have over 1,000 members, some inactive, and most of our membership have computers and are online. A mass mail out to 1,000 individuals with an e-mail address is virtually impossible to accomplish. That's why we have the website. To be assured that you will receive every newsletter, you should check the website on a regular basis.

Many of our Alumni members are getting on up there in years, especially those of us that came on board when we were still the 943rd Group back in the early seventies. They like to know how many of us are no longer around. You can get this information on our website under *Final Flyby*. At this time, several of us are making a coordinated effort to get all the names of those that are deceased. CMSgt (ret) Dave Brock has set up a great looking webpage on Facebook, "315AW Final Flyby" with photos. We have duplicate listing at both locations to give us a good safety net. Things sometimes have a way of getting lost on the internet, so we want to be sure.

Final Fly-by

MSgt Bradley "Brad" passed in Wilmington SC. We all remember Brad when he was an ART at the clinic. He was reassigned to the 707th Squadron as a Flight Engineer and became a commercial pilot after his retirement.

MSgt Herbert G. "Herb" Dais passed at the age of 72 at The Villages, Florida.

MSgt Carl Jennings Hill passed 29 October 2015 at the age of 85 in a Moncks Corner hospital. Carl was a veteran of WWII, Korea and Vietnam.

TSgt Walter L. R. Harrah, III, 701st Squadron Loadmaster, passed from a heart attack. We have no other details at this time.

Donald Newberry, son of CMSgt Jim Newberry, passed at the age of 55 from a heart attack. Donnie was assigned to the 300th Squadron as a Loadmaster.

Capt Gregory Lynden Elam, passed 6 Oct 2015 at the age of 67 of lung cancer. He was a C-141 pilot in the 315th Airlift Wing.

TSgt Ken Burger passed 20 Oct 2015 in Mt Pleasant SC, and he was assigned to the 315th Public Affairs. Ken was a distinguished award-winning journalist and author in The Post and Courier, Charleston SC from 1984 to 2011. He published five books that are currently on the market. Some of our Alumni members have been asking about the title of his books and they were listed in today's news. They are: Swallow Savannah, Sister Santee, Selkehatchie Soup Baptized in Sweet Tea, and A Sporting Life.

Winners in the elections:

SMSgt Virginia Jamison won a seat on the North Charleston SC City Council, replacing outgoing Council member SMSgt Bobby Jamison.

Lt Col Wiley Johnson was the winner as Mayor of Summerville SC. He was a C-141 pilot in the 300th Squadron. Jim McDonald and Charles Coleman were his Flight Engineers, and Bill Hamilton was his Loadmaster, and many others remember flying with him.

Note: The 315th Alumni Association does endorse political candidates running for office.

Barbara Pack turns 90!

Almost all of you that were assigned to the 315th Airlift Wing in the seventies and eighties remember Barbara Pack. She was Supervisor of the pay section, and worked with Marty Davis, spouse of Bill Davis, Loadmaster in the 300th Squadron. Many of us that were flying on man days at that time for a living remember her best. When we were tight for cash, Barbara would always take time out from her busy schedule to process orders for our pay. She did this numerous times over. We will never forget. Barbara is still pretty and doing well, and she has never looked her age. She still looks almost the same as she did at her 80th Birthday Celebration at the NCO Club at that time. I have many photos of that celebration.

ALUMNI BORD MEETING & HERITAGE TRUST SPONSORED SPECIAL CHRISTMAS

LUNCHEON TO BE HELD AT THE CHARLESTON CLUB:

The board meeting will be Friday, 4 December 2015, at 09:30 hours followed by the Christmas Social and Luncheon at 11:30 hours.

We will be celebrating Barbara Pack's "90th" Birthday at the luncheon and a special celebration is in order for this special lady. A photo board will be on display with Barbara and her many great friends from the 315th that we had attending 10 years ago. We're expecting many of those friends back again and there will be many attending that we haven't seen for a very long time.

Lisa A. Sweat, 315 AW Director, Airman & Family Readiness, is asking that we bring an unwrapped gift or a gift card for children in need that are in their teens. Lisa said that we accept gift cards in any amount. Lisa said, "as always, we appreciate everyone's generosity." Thanks, Lisa

We have always have a really great attendance at this special luncheon each year at this time. Christmas is always in the air! If you would like to see all those you served with over the years, this is the time. We realize how difficult it is for many of you that are getting on up there in years to get out, and we understand. I talk to numerous Alumni members almost daily on Facebook, Twitter, Google, numerous websites, on the telephone, and many plan to attend. There will be door prizes, drawings, and entertainment. Younger 315th Wing personnel that that are still active as associate members will be present. We are hoping our new 315th Wing Commander Col Gilmore will be available to attend and speak to us.

I will publish the next newsletter in about two weeks and it will be posted on the website. In the meantime, we send our best holiday wishes to you and your family. Drive safely!

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