



*315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Alumni Association  
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Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina*

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Heritage Trust Luncheon

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Alumni Annual Membership Meeting

The Heritage Trust Sponsored Luncheon will be held Friday, 4 March 2016, 11:00 am, at the Charleston Club. Immediately following the luncheon, the Annual Membership Meeting will be called to order by our President, CMSG Dick Fuller. This meeting is a semi-annual event to elect new board officers whose terms are beginning to expire, or have already expired. Those positions are, (1) President, (2) Vice President, and (3) Treasurer.

First, we submit the names of those we would like to have selected for nomination. Secondly, we vote for those we would like to hold those positions from the list of nominations. Their terms run for 3 years.

The nomination form was attached to the November 2015 and the January 2016 Newsletters. The form was sent to you so you could place your nomination in advance of our Membership Meeting on 4 March 2016. The form was also posted on our website shown above. This gives everyone living out of the area and those unable to attend the opportunity for your voice to be heard.

Please contact Chief George Shread, Chairman for Nominations with your nominations, at [glg\\_gas@tds.net](mailto:glg_gas@tds.net), or call him at (843) 825-4571. If you are not online, or if you can't reach him, you may call Dick Fuller, President of the Alumni, at (843) 797-1082.

Only those who are currently members of the Alumni Association with dues up to date are eligible to vote. When placing your nomination for Board Officers to Chief Shread, the person you select must be a current member of the 315<sup>th</sup> Alumni. These rules were written into our by-laws when the Alumni was first established.

Your input and support are important to continue as an effective Alumni Association. Let us hear about your concerns and your comments.

*We received the following message from SMSG Ray Ardis, our Vice President of the Alumni:*

**Lt Col Eileen Hadbvany, USAF (Ret)**, of Charleston, SC, was selected for the American Citizen Honors Award because of her life time of selfless service in the support of veterans and volunteer work with the Red Cross, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Hadbvany served as a Flight Nurse for 28 years.

Wow! My sincerest congratulations to a wonderful and caring person. Eileen, you have been an inspiration to all of us to serve our fellowman. I pray that you are continuing to do well health wise. *Ray*

*We received another message from CMG Dick Fuller, our President of the Alumni:*

**ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA - Lt Col Eileen Hadbvany** was one of the 6 finalists nominated for their exceptional acts of courage and selfless service in their local communities across the country by a panel of Medal of Honor recipients who will select the top three of these winners. The winners will be announced on Medal of Honor Day, 25 March 2016. The ceremony will be held at the Tomb of the Unknowns, Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, D. C.

**President George W. Bush** came to Charleston AFB a few years ago. At that time he presented a special award to Eileen for her many years and hours of volunteer for the American Red Cross. This was published in the newsletter at that time and it was in the base newspaper. I have never heard of anyone investing that much time doing volunteer work. She's incredible!  
*Del*

This story will be continued in future newsletters between now and 25 March 2016. Lt Col Hadbvany was a Flight Nurse in the 31<sup>st</sup> / 315<sup>th</sup> AES and all our aircrews remember her well.

**A "Flying School Bus"** photo was shown in a publication of a long bus coming down the ramp of one of our C-17s in Guatemala on 29 April 2006. This very special bus had been converted into a medical clinic. This story appeared in our March/April 2007 newsletter. There are some things we just can't forget, the caring of our troops wherever they serve. *Ray Ardis*

Tuskegee Airman Care Day. The 315<sup>th</sup> AW is hosting its first ever Tuskegee Airman Career Day on 25 February for boys from several local high schools. Col Jeanie McAnaney, 315<sup>th</sup> AW/CV, requested the 315<sup>th</sup> Alumni provide a \$300 donation to offset the cost of beverages and food for the boys. The Alumni board voted and approved this request at our last monthly meeting.

Sandy Smith, spouse of Alumni board member CMSG Charles W. Smith, passed on New Year's Day at the Medical University of South Carolina at the age of 75. Charles attended almost all our Heritage Trust sponsored luncheons over the years and Sandy was always there with him. Charlie also brought Kate Fender, their next door neighbor and spouse of the late CMSG Art Fender. Art was an ART in the 315<sup>th</sup> FMS. Both families have been great supporters of the Alumni Association and they have attended many of our activities. We will surely miss Kate.

#### Final Fly-Bye

Col Beryl Asbury, former Commander of the 31<sup>st</sup> / 315<sup>th</sup> AES, passed on 8 February 2016 at the age of 78 in Floyd, Texas. Col Asbury was laid to rest at the National Cemetery near Arlington, Texas, with full military honors. The "Sisterhood" is planning a remembrance of Beryl at the Isle of Palms, SC, on the weekend of 16 April 2016, which would have been her birthday. Everyone who knew Beryl are invited to come share memories. There will be country cooking, take out, BBQ and more. More information will follow in future newsletters from Med Tech Martin McKenzie. He posted this newsletter on the 31<sup>st</sup> / 315<sup>th</sup> AES Alumni Page on Facebook. He makes frequent postings on there and does a great job keeping the AES connected.

Col Ted Neff, 300<sup>th</sup> AS, passed on 11 February 2016. Col Neff was among the original members of the 300<sup>th</sup> and graduated from the Air Force Academy. Colonel Wayne Lauten, former Commander of the 707AS, attended the funeral services. *Ray Ardis*

MSgt Wayne D. Salisbury, 300<sup>th</sup> AS, passed July 2015. Wayne was from 2413 Branbelton Ave., Roanoke, VA 24015. Toby was his beloved spouse.

In the past, board meetings have been held once monthly. At our last meeting, the board made the decision to have these meetings only on the days of the Heritage Trust sponsored luncheons. So here's what the schedule looks like for the remainder of year 2016:

4 March 2016, board meeting at 09:30, Heritage Trust Luncheon at 11:00 am at the Club  
3 June 2016, board meeting at 09:30, Heritage Trust Luncheon at 11:00 am at the Club  
9 September 2016, board meeting at 09:30, Heritage Trust Luncheon at 11:00 am at the Club  
2 December 2016, board meeting at 09:30, Heritage Trust Luncheon at 11:00 am at the Club

We look forward to seeing everyone on Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am at the luncheon and the annual membership meeting at the Club. This will be a very important day for us. It will be fun and enjoyable and we will elect new officers under the guidance of Chief George Shread.

MSgt (ret) *Del Oxford*, Newsletter Editor & Historian [ddoxford@aol.com](mailto:ddoxford@aol.com).

**Note Bene:** The newsletter will be published on the website shown above every two weeks whenever possible. The newsletter will no longer be sent to you individually by regular e-mail message. Those without computers will continue to receive the newsletter by regular US mail service every 90 days if possible. At the very end of each newsletter on this website, the approximate date the next newsletter will appear so you may be assured that you will never miss an issue.

*Officer Nomination forms were sent out on Thanksgiving Day 2015 for the nomination of new Alumni Association officers. It was from George Shread, Chairman for Nominations, and our past President of the Alumni. This form appeared on the website, and it was attached to the newsletters sent out by regular email message, and to the newsletters sent out by regular US Mail Service. Since none of them were returned and there were no responses, I have retyped the form here so you can review it and ask any questions that you may have and go from there and bring it to the March 2016 Luncheon mentioned above.*

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**Nomination...** We are in need of a few good men and women nominations for Board Officers for the next 3 years. Please email Chief George Shread, Chairman for Nominations email at... [glg\\_gas@tds.net](mailto:glg_gas@tds.net)

**Positions:**

**President** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vice President** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasurer** \_\_\_\_\_

**Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_

**Three Directors to serve a 2 year term: 1.** \_\_\_\_\_

**2.** \_\_\_\_\_ **3.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Current Officers are:**

**President – Chief Dick Fuller**

**Vice President – SMSgt Ray Ardis**

**Treasurer – Chief Len Stempin (not eligible for re-election) vacant**

**Secretary – Civ. Linda Skillman**

**4 Directors are currently serving 4 year terms in addition the 3 serving 2 year terms**

Please write in names, bring to the Heritage Trust Luncheon and Annual Membership meeting on 4 March 2016 or email or call me with your nominations. My email address is [glg\\_gas@tds.net](mailto:glg_gas@tds.net) telephone number (843) 825-4571. Let's enjoy another great year... 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Alumni Association.

(Please check with your nominees to see if they are willing to serve if elected)

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