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The next Heritage Trust Luncheon will be held Friday, 3 June 2016, 11:00 am at the Charleston Club. Prior to that time, at 09:30, there will be an Alumni board meeting in the Charleston Club. All Alumni members are welcome and encouraged to attend. The luncheon will be a seafood buffet and it's free to all members, their spouses, and significant others. Not a member? Why not? Come join for just \$5.00 a year, \$12.00 for three years, and your lunch, a \$13 value, will be free. Membership forms will be provided by Linda Skillman, our Membership Chairman. Linda will provide you with a 315th Alumni Membership Card for your wallet, and you'll be added to our membership roster.

Many of you are staying connected not only as members of the 315th AW Alumni Association with this newsletter and our world wide website shown above, but you are on the social media every day, especially Facebook. I see many of you on there every day. These webpages on Facebook are important to us, especially those of us that are entering the age process. I see many of you signing up on Facebook almost every day. When we go shopping or go to a

restaurant, we see i-phones all over the place and many are thoroughly preoccupied with them as we all well know. This is the digital age and our daily surroundings are changing. Digital technology is too complex for many and they prefer to live without all the complexity and the expense of owning an i-phone. It's a personal choice.

One of the great rewards of being an Alumni member is that it's for every one of all walks of life, all military ranks and career fields and all civil service positions. The social media is mostly for talkers and those that are highly sociable. But not all of us are social butterflies. Like many of you, I developed a more outgoing posture when I came on board in 1972 and flew with all the squadrons for five years. Before my 11 year stint as a recruiter I was on an eighteen month tour of active duty as a retention specialist in an effort to get our reenlistment rates up. I made rounds to every squadron and work section to find out what was going on with reenlistments and really got to know everyone. I feel this places me at a good advantage today to publish this newsletter and talk at everyone's level along with SMS Ray Ardis, as Ray published the newsletter for 16 years. Ray was a med tech and flew with all the squadrons. Then we have CMS Dick Fuller, who has been our President for over 10 years. Dick was our leader in all the Wing social activities and sports when he was a Chief Flight Engineer in the 707th ALS and he continues doing this for us today. Then we have our Membership Chairman Linda Skillman who retired civil service in the wing after 41 years. We had MSG (ret) Shirley Phillippi before Linda. We all remember Shirley as being tremendously efficient. We have Lt Col Eileen Wilson (former Flight Nurse) as our benevolence chair person, sending cards to those with health issues and to families of our deceased members. We have MSG Roy Griffin as our Director & Chairman of Fund Raising and Special Events. We owe our success to many of our members who have participated in numerous activities, worked hard and have given us much of their time.

The next newsletter will go out in about ten days. We will be talking about membership and renewing memberships that are in inactive status. We will not be twisting any arms. We're the least expensive organization you can join and you get a lot more back than you paid in. We are a professional organization with leadership that has had a life time of experience. You can call, write or e-mail us at any time. We're always glad to hear from you.

SMS Ray Ardis, our Vice President, submitted the following great story:

Colonel Beryl Asberry, 76, USAF Reserve, retired, passed away Monday, February 8, 2016 after a short illness.

Born April 17, 1939, Beryl was the daughter of Raymond and Johnny Asberry of Floyd, TX. Beryl was a 1957 graduate of Greenville High School, attended Methodist Hospital School of nursing and earned degrees from Texas Women's University (BS, nursing) and University of South Carolina (MS public health).

During her 40-plus years working as a registered nurse, Beryl served in the United States Air Force Reserve 31st Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron based at Charleston AFB SC. As a certified flight nurse, she participated in medevac missions to Viet Nam, Grenada, South Africa, Spain, the Azores, Germany and Panama. After retirement, Beryl continued her nursing career in Austin, Texas

There was a memorial weekend for Beryl in the Charleston local area. The attendance was less than expected as a lot of effort went into locating everyone, but those attending expressed their memories of Beryl. Those attending were: Alica Alphin Tollison, Ellen, Linda Von Cannon, Julia Gordon, Jackie Hall, Richard Henslee, Kevin Egan, Linda Howard, and Cheryl Walker.

Lt/Col Eileen Hadbvany, Flight Nurse

ESGR understands the unique talents and skills to set Guard and Reserve Service Members can bring to the civilian work force. To make this arrangement work, both parties must be award of their rights and responsibilities under the Uniformed Services Employment and Remployment Rights Act (USERRA) www.esgr.mil To learn more about the organization and how it may be helpful to you in the Guard and Reserve. More in the next newsletter. *SMS Ray Ardis*

Future Heritage Trust sponsored will be as follows:

9 Sep 2016, board meeting 09:30, Heritage Trust Luncheon 11:00 am at the Club

2 Dec 2016, board meeting 09:30, Heritage Trust Luncheon 11:00 am at the Club

Quote: Aging may have slowed us down, but hasn't shut us up!

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