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315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing Excellence over the Years  
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## Final Fly-Bye

Lieutenant Colonel Eileen Smith Hadbvany, Flight Nurse, 31<sup>st</sup> / 315<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, passed early Tuesday 24 January 2017 at the Ralph H. Johnson (MOH) Veterans Medical Center in Charleston SC. Eileen, who had spent nearly a lifetime helping others passed while battling her 4<sup>th</sup> bout of oral and neck cancer since 2008. Eileen passed following an episode of Carotid Artery failures as a result of radiation scaring following treatment of cancer #1 and #3, according to her spouse, Michael T. Hadbvany, Commander, US Navy retired.

Eileen's obituary appeared in the 29 January issue of the Charleston newspaper, The Post and Courier, and covers over two full length columns. Everyone should read the inspiring information in there about her life, career as a Flight Nurse in the 31<sup>st</sup> / 315<sup>th</sup> Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, and her incredible life of volunteer work. You may read the write up and sign the guest book at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston>

Eileen received numerous awards and recognition for a life helping others over a period of many years. This has been outlined in great detail in our newsletters over the years to both those on line and those receiving the newsletter by regular US mail service. We will not go into great detail here again at this time, but will cover the story of her life once again in future issues of our newsletter. Since Eileen's passing on 24 January, many of you have published some great stories about her life. Among those were her spouse Mike Hadbvany, and Louise Welch representing the American Red Cross where Eileen spent a big part of her life in volunteer work. MSG Chris Beiler (Flt Engineer/300<sup>th</sup>) posted our 2013 newsletter on Facebook listing all of her volunteer work and the recognition she received from President George W. Bush when he was here, and the recognition and special medal she received from the Medal of Honor Society presented to her in Washington, DC. Lt Col Stephen L. Avery (Pilot/707<sup>th</sup>) made a great looking posting on Facebook with 31<sup>st</sup>/315<sup>th</sup> Aero Med logos and photos, and about Eileen's passing which was distributed to several hundred of our retired members of the 315<sup>th</sup> Wing. Numerous responses and great comments were received. MSG Rebecca J. Risher (Med Tech) initially announced Eileen's passing, and she keeps us informed about the arrangements. Martin McKenzie (Med Tech) has contacted all the Aeromedical Personnel and continues to keep us informed. Within the hour, CMS Tom Clemmons, our webmaster, will post this newsletter on our website at <http://www.315awaalumniassoc.com/> Before the day's end, I will go through my 315<sup>th</sup> Wing Alumni Association roster and remind as many as possible once again about the arrangements. This newsletter will also be sent out to those not on the internet. A monumental effort has been made by a great team to get the word out.

A celebration of life for Eileen will be held at 1:00 PM, Saturday, 4 February at

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
714 Riverdale Drive  
Charleston, SC 29407  
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<http://www.redeemercharleston.net/>

The church is in Avondale around the corner from Gerald's Tires on Savannah Highway. Turn at that light and go one block off Savannah Highway.

Anyone is welcome to say a few words in addition to those we already know are going to speak, but please limit it to 3 minutes.

Also, a second service will be held in Eileen's hometown in Findlay, Ohio on Saturday, 18 February at 1:00 PM. Those planning to attend the second service should probably contact Mike Hadbvany.

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CMSGT Jarvis M. "Joe" Williams, Chief Flight Engineer of the 300<sup>th</sup> ALS, passed on 29 December 2016 at the age of 88. Joe lived alone in Hanahan, SC after his retirement. Joe is the last of us that was aircrew on the B-29 bomber and served over 30 years of service in the Army Air Force, the USAF and USAFR. Joe is preceded by the tragic death of his son Joseph "Jake" Williams, Flight Engineer. 300<sup>th</sup> & 701<sup>st</sup> ALS, and passed 23 July 2016. There was no local service for Joe, as his final resting place was at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens in Spartanburg, SC, being laid to rest along with his son Jake. Joe's family is from Spartanburg, but he is originally from North Carolina. More details will follow in the February.

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Alumni Board Scheduled Meetings/Heritage Trust Sponsored Luncheons 2017

7 Feb, Tue, 10:00 am Special Board Meeting, Charleston Club  
3 Mar, Fri, 09:30 am Board Meeting, 11 am, Luncheon Charleston Club  
9 May, Tue, 10:00 am, Special Board Meeting, Charleston Club  
2 June, Fri, 09:30 am, Special Board Meeting, 11 am, Luncheon Charleston Club  
8 Sep, Fri, 09:30 am, Special Board Meeting, 11am, Luncheon Charleston Club  
7 Nov, Tue, 10:00 am, Special Board Meeting, Charleston Club  
1 Dec. Fri, 09:30 am, Board Mtg, 11: am. Christmas Luncheon Charleston Club

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