



*315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association
315th Airlift Wing Excellence over the Years
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You may view this newsletter and many other issues over the years going back to my first issue in 1999. You can view action videos about our past activities, view those of us that are deceased under Final Fly-Bye, special events are listed, and you can sign in and leave a message, and much more. All this is provided by our webmaster Chief Tom Clemmons. Tom teaches avionics at Trident Tech under the direction of Boeing, and he was the ART Chief of Maintenance when he stated building this website.

Happy 4th of July

Plan to Attend Summerville's Red, White & Blue Green Celebration on [July 4th](#)

The 315th Military Airlift Wing will be performing a C-17 flyover over Cahagan Park in Summerville on the 4th at 5:45 PM. This is where all the baseball fields are located. If you live local, you don't want to miss this. Summerville Mayor Wylie Johnson is expected to be out there. Mayor Johnson was a pilot in the 315th in the 300th Squadron. He has flown with flight engineer Jim McDonald and his fellow pilot of many years Lt Col Derek Duke and others. I will definitely be out there sporting my 315th Wing Alumni t-shirt and baseball cap and looking for all of you that served in the 315th that will be attending. Looking forward to

seeing many of you on this very special day celebrating our country's independence.

Kudos!

Colonel Jeanine McAnaney, 315th Airlift Wing Vice Commander, for your excellent leadership in staying close to the military soldiers who protect and serve our nation. She recently participated in the large formation exercise consisting of 21, C-17 aircraft alongside active duty and Army partners. The planned exercise to drop over 1,000 82nd Airborne Division paratroopers, along with their equipment to assault and secure key objectives for follow-on military operations of our armed services. She stated, "The exercise was awe inspiring, it demonstrated to me, at every level, I am part of the most professional Air Force in the world. I am proud to be surrounded by such an amazing military family here at Joint Base Charleston...America's military elite!" (Full article in the June 16th issue of Patriot, the base newspaper)

SMS Ray Ardis, 315th Alumni Association Vice-President

I spoke with Colonel McAnaney briefly at our last 315th Heritage Trust sponsored luncheon. I told her the Alumni appreciates her speaking to us at our quarterly luncheons in the absence of our Wing Commander. I talked to Col McAnaney about the aircraft she has flown and much of her time has been in KC-10s at several locations, and the T-37 and T-38. She's a very delightful and professional speaker and we have enjoyed the time she has spent with us.

MSG Del Oxford, Newsletter Editor

Many of you have enjoyed a visit to the air park here at the Charleston base and noticed we have three aircraft out there, a C-121, C-141 and C-124. The first thing we always notice is how much bigger the C-124 is in height. It's three stories high and seems to get the most attention from visitors. It came from the 165 MAG (GA ANG) at Savannah and was flown to Florence SC Air Park in 1971. In 1985 it was flown to Charleston AFB SC Air Park where it's located today. The pilot was Gen McCombs, the co-pilot was Lt Col Lou Tobias. Flight engineers were Ben Robertson, Dave Bassnet and Dave Shelton. Last month I accidentally met Ben Robertson at Lt Col Jim Wilson's airport when he was having a big fly in of World War I and II vintage aircraft. Ben lives here locally and I have his address information. It was very interesting that Dave Brock, a loadmaster, flew with his father, a flight engineer, the first two or three of his flying career on the C-124. Dave was on the crew that flew the aircraft to Florence and he was on the flight crew once again when it was flown to the Charleston AFB Air Park. SMS Dave Brock was a loadmaster assigned to the 701st, 707th and 300th ALS, and was in the 300th when he flew the C-124 to Charleston AFB SC. He was also air crew on the KC-10 as boom operator and had the dual role as both inflight refueling and as loadmaster.

Final Fly-Bye

Lt Colonel Ellen Joy Halverson, 31/315th AES Flight Nurse, passed on 11 June 2017 at the age of 70. Ellen is survived by her spouse Warren Halvorson, a career veteran of the US Army. Ellen served sixteen years as a flight nurse, unable to retire due to life circumstances. She was assigned to both the C-141 and the C-9, and served in Germany. Ellen received her BS in nursing at the University of South Carolina in 1969 and was active in the Beta Sigma Phi. Before her passing, Ellen had Colonel Flight Nurse Alicia A. Tollison of Milton GA by her side and Alicia said her final good byes to her. Her memorial service was held at St Andrews Presbyterian Church in Tucker Georgia. Interment of ashes will be placed at the Ft Jackson National Cemetery on 14 July 2017 at 2:00 pm. Ellen's obituary was published in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution on 11 July 2017. Anyone wishing to express their condolences may contact her spouse Warren Halvorson at 2956 Stonegate Trail, Doraville, GA 30340

At our last 315th Alumni Association Heritage Trust sponsored luncheon on 2 June 2017, there was a special table set up for all 31 / 315 AES personnel. At that time, SMS Virginia W. Jamison made a list of all of those that were known to be deceased and passed it on to us. They are: Susan Stansbury, Beryl Asberry, Ronald Hall, John I. Wilson, Carrie Bryant, Charles Davis, Larry Brizius, Kenneth Plant Eileen Smith Hadvavny, and Ellen Joy Halverson.

Over the years, we have received many highly complementary comments from our 315th Alumni Association membership. We would like to share with you the two most current ones: The first message was received from Lt Col Andy Savage, former 315th Legal Officer on 2 June 2017. It reads, "Thank you very much for including me on your mailing list. An excellent, professional and informative newsletter that keeps me in touch with those who I care greatly about and who I was honored to be with. Your contribution is above and beyond. Many thanks. Best, Andy"

Andrew J. Savage, SAVAGE LAW FIRM

On 1 June 2017 we received the following message from MSG Tom Crawford, 315AW/PA retired: "As always, thank you for keeping us informed about our great reserve wing. I was looking forward to attending Friday's luncheon, but had a last minute change with a fund raising event that needs to meet with me at the same time. Give my best to the greatest men and women I know, the 315 AW"

Tom Crawford is with WCIV, Channel 4 television, and we see him every day. He has been our weatherman, our news anchor and he currently has a morning show. He's fun to watch.

Our members of the 315th Alumni Association are among the best patriots we have ever known. Have a great 4th everyone!

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