



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

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Merry Christmas

The night before Christmas will be here only hours from now. All the shopping is over, Christmas decorations are in place, and now we are ready to gather around the warm fireplace with family and friends to enjoy the moment we've been looking for.

It's a time when many of us look back at Christmas memories of our past. One of those memories for many years was when the Square & Compass Club had a big Christmas tree sale in a big open area across from the base headquarters. Chief Jim Newberry took charge and he really enjoyed being out there with the troops in the seventies and eighties. The base headquarters was in a white building at the flagpole and they had Christmas music on the loud speaker that you could hear over much of the base. Col Bob Johnson was the 437h Base Commander and he and his spouse Buttons held many special Christmas activities. Christmas was definitely in the air!

On Friday 30 November 2018 we held our Heritage Trust Sponsored Luncheon and **Christmas Social** at the Charleston Club. We had 73 attending. Our best attendance record was two years ago when we had 81 attending. Many of our regulars were unable to attend but we had several attending that we haven't seen for some time. Col Roberts presented an award to the

oldest member present. Guess who? It was me! I'm 82 and will be 83 next month. Lt/Col Joe Harris came in second place. If Chief Ernie Weaver and SMS Ray Ardis had attended, they would have definitely took the first place prize.

2019 Schedule of Meetings and Heritage Trust Federal Credit Union

Sponsored Luncheons at the

Joint Base Charleston Club

Friday, 8 March, 09:00 am, Board Meeting
Quarterly Luncheon, 11:00 am

Friday, 31 May, 09:00 am, Board Meeting
Quarterly Luncheon, 11:00 am

Friday, 13 September, 09:00 am, Board Meeting
Quarterly Luncheon, 11:00 am

Friday, 6 December, 09:00 am, Board Meeting
Quarterly Luncheon & **Christmas Social 11:00 am**

Flexible sign ins begin at 11:00 am and remain open for an hour.
Sign in first, go pick up your food from the seafood buffet, then return to the meeting room.

Come enjoy fellowship with your fellow Alumni members!

Not a member of the 315 AW Alumni Association? Come join us. We have membership applications available at sign in.

(Dues: \$5.00 = 1 year, \$12.00 = 3 years, \$24.00 = 6 years)

Members are also welcome to attend the 09:00 am Board Meetings usually held in the Wings Bar at the Club.

The 315th AW Alumni Association's 25th Anniversary is on **9 October 2019**, and 315th AW's Anniversary is also in 2019. There's a possibility the Alumni Association and the Wing's celebration will be combined. Col Roberts wants to start working on plans by January 2019.

Reunion Committee: Col Roberts will organize a reunion committee. A request for volunteers willing and able to be a part of the committee will be e-mailed to Alumni Members.

Final Fly-Bye

Chief Dwight "Charlie" Brown, Chief Flight Engineer of the 300th Squadron passed last September. We have no further information at this time. He's been an active member of the 315th Alumni since we first started 24 years ago. I called his home but his telephone has been disconnected. We learned about Charlie's passing from Chief Dick Fuller and they have always been close friends. Dick said that Charlie was the original Flight Engineer of the 300th when Lt/Col Jackie Gates was the commander. I'll be getting further information from Dick and get back with everyone.

[The 315th AW Alumni Association Website](http://www.315awaalumniassoc.com/)

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Chief Tom Clemmons is the webmaster. This is a public website that is free to everyone. Membership is not required. However, it's not free to the Alumni. Very recently Chief Clemmons paid our service provider Homestead Technologies \$450.99 for their services. Our Alumni membership continues to climb in numbers and I no longer find it possible to send individual newsletters to everyone individually even from my AOL address book. I just checked a few minutes ago to see if the newsletter will come up on an i-phone or smart phone and it does with no problem. I will address this in more detail in the newsletter at the end of this month. In the meantime, let's all enjoy a very **Merry Christmas** and a great 2019!

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