



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

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Happy Easter

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NEWSLETTER CORRECTION: The date of the Heritage Trust Sponsored luncheon for June has been changed from 1 June to **8 June 2018**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Membership

Membership is the life blood of any organization. Our Secretary & Membership Chair is Linda Skillman and she maintains a roster of all those current on their membership dues and those that are delinquent. If you have a question about the status of your account, please contact Linda at Linda.Skillman@outlook.com (843) 553-5045, 7033 N. Kenwood Drive, Charleston, SC 29406,

Today I received an interesting Facebook message from some of our members inquiring about the status of their accounts. Here's what they had to say:

TO: Linda Skillman, Secretary, 315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association
FROM: William "Jay" Cadmus, 701st/707th Squadrons

Dear Ms. Linda,

I'm not sure where my membership stands on your rolls of status. Please know that my ignorance is not a statement or non desire to remain in good standing. If my movement has complicated your renewal requests, I hereby apologize. I have a new address which has been forwarded to you by Del.

There were others who responded to Jay's Facebook message:

Michael Marks – Linda, add me to that list also. I was a member for years and somehow got lost from the system and I have not moved from my current address.

Dave Brock – Linda, not sure on my membership either. I think I'm due for renewal this year.

Steve Linder - Linda, me either. Please advise.

These are only a few of many examples of intense interest our members have had in maintaining their connection with us over the years. Linda maintains a current roster of our membership and she sends an updated copy to me about every 60 to 90 days. I have been with the Alumni almost since we were established and I have NEVER heard of anyone not interested in joining up with us or not wanting to renew their membership dues. That's not it. What happens is that we just plain forget about paying our dues. The monthly membership dues are only \$5 per year so it's not the money. Our lives can get extremely busy with issues and a lot going on that is sometimes overwhelming. There are also those up there in years that have health issues and are unable to respond. The list goes on and we understand. Linda sends out renewal notices, but addresses change and you forget to notify her or any of us that are on the board. That's pretty normal with any organization.

Jay said that he would be touring the USA beginning in April and would like to visit with old friends and prior associates in our community and see changes that have taken place. I gave Jay my cell number and told him to contact me

before he arrives so that I can get some of us together for coffee. He liked the idea and we'll do that

Col Jim Roberts, President of the Alumni Association, talked about some of the places where we enjoyed great dining experiences when we were here for our UTAs or double AFTPs. At the top of the list was Joanne's in North Charleston and they remained open the longest. When many of us flew in from other states on the C-141 shuttle for our UTA, we would get a ride with someone who had a car and go to Joanne's. I usually hitched a ride with Ray Ardis. Another one that was a favorite was the Trawler by the sea. The Icehouse downtown was a big favorite. All of these closed many years ago. The one that has held steady and survived over the years since 1973 is Sub-Station II located just outside Dorchester gate. You turn left outside the gate and it's on the right. Lester was the original owner and Shelia bought him out. I believe everyone who has ever been there will remember Linda. She's been there well over 30 years. Many of us have made this a steady hang out place and that's where I've seen many of you over the years. On weekends, the place is filled with 315th troops in uniform for their weekend of duty.

Final Fly-Bye

Andy Watkins passed very recently. We have no further information at this time

Since the next Heritage Trust Sponsored Luncheon isn't until June 8th, I will be calling some of you to see if you would be interested in some of us getting together for coffee. It would not be an official get together. I'm sure some of you are doing this already. We'll talk more about that in the March 15th Newsletter. In the meantime, we'll be talking about where and when.

Good Friday is here and we all have our plans in place. Many have prepared to be with family and friends, have an Easter egg hunt, and maybe attend a sunrise service. There will be a good one going on at the Base Chapel.

Enjoy the beautiful sunshine on this special day!

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