



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

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The next Heritage Trust quarterly luncheon will be held Friday, November the 30<sup>th</sup> 2018, 11:00 AM, at the Charleston Club. This will be our **Christmas** social. The 315<sup>th</sup> Alumni Board meeting will begin at 09:00 AM unless there is a change in time. The Christmas luncheon will be posted once again in the November issue of the November newsletter with all the details. All members and non-members are invited and encouraged to attend the board meeting.

Downtown Charleston Veterans Day Parade

To be held Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup> 2:00 PM Step off. Don't forget to join us on this very special day! This is the 18<sup>th</sup> year our VAMC has coordinated this event to bring our community together to celebrate the courage, selfless service and sacrifices of America's veterans.

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Chief Fuller has done all the heavy lifting on this project for several years. Col Gary Cook, 315<sup>th</sup> Alumni Vice-President, will be in charge shadowing the Chief this year and then take it over. It's great exposure for the Alumni.

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Some of those planning to ride the float are Alumni President Col Jim Roberts, Vice President Gary Cook, Chief Fuller, MSGT Tom Crawford of Channel 4, Lt Col Eileen Wilson and others. Please sign up and join us. You can ride the float or walk along with the float. You may wear your uniform, flight suit, or maybe a logo t-shirt and ball cap. To sign up and get details contact Col Cook, [gcook2@sc.rr.com](mailto:gcook2@sc.rr.com), or Ray at [rayardis5@gmail.com](mailto:rayardis5@gmail.com), or Eileen at [eiwilson@home.sc.com](mailto:eiwilson@home.sc.com) or any of us on the Alumni board. We'll be glad to hear from you.

### C-17 Drop Zone Error

According to our local newspaper, the Post & Courier, a 437<sup>th</sup> Wing C-17 dropped a Humvee at 1:00 pm on 24 October 2018 in Cameron North Carolina, 5 miles from the Ft Bragg drop zone. The flight originated from Pope Army Airfield. A report by WNCN stated the Humvee landed in a wooded area in a neighborhood via a parachute. There were no injuries or damage to property. The incident is under investigation.

### *Final Fly-Bye*

Master Sergeant (ret) Terrence Caraway, of the 315<sup>th</sup> Security Police Squadron, and a Florence SC Police Officer, was killed in the line of duty on 3 October 2018. Officer Caraway was 52, and had recently celebrated his 30-year anniversary on the force. A gunman shot seven officers in a hail of gunfire. In all, four city police officers and three sheriff's deputies were hit by gunfire. This made top headline news in our local newspaper and it made national news in the media for several days. Officer Caraway was a super sharp looking officer in the news photos. Alumni Board member Lisa Sweat knew him personally and said he was a sharp trooper. Only a few days ago it was announced that one of the officers hit by gunfire had died of her gunshot wounds, Deputy Farrah Turner. Again, her death made more headline news for several days in our local newspapers and the national media. There will be more details on these two very fine officers in the next newsletter issue.

### Major Wayne Capps, Chief of the 315<sup>th</sup> Public Affairs

I called Major Capps over the weekend to find out if the 315<sup>th</sup> assigned C-17 aircraft were involved in support of the situation south of the border. He said they were not as it was a job for the US Army.

### Veterans Build 2018 Sea Island Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers are needed to help build houses for veterans and carpentry skills are not required.

Please help support Veterans Build by volunteering on November 9<sup>th</sup> and the 10<sup>th</sup>. Available times are morning and afternoon shifts both days. Donations are also accepted and appreciated. For information contact SMSG Virginia W. Jamison, a very active member of the 315<sup>th</sup> AW Alumni Association.

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### 701<sup>st</sup> Airlift Squadron's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

This celebration held on Saturday August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and all the planned details were published in the 315<sup>th</sup> AW Alumni Association Newsletter prior to that time. The first part of the festivities was a briefing on the squadron's history. Activation date was 1 April 1943. Some of the aircraft assigned were the B-24 Liberator, B-29, C-119, P-51 Mustang, C-119, C-123, and the C-47. The C-17 was assigned in April 1997. I took numerous notes on the 701<sup>st</sup> Squadron's history during the briefing but they're too lengthy to publish in the newsletter. After the briefing we had a great happy hour out in the hallway before going out to the static aircraft in the air park. The reunion dinner was held at the Cooper River Brewery in downtown Charleston. I've been unable to get the number in attendance but there was a great crowd and we had the greatest time ever. A big thanks to Chief Bryan Debois, the reunion planner/coordinator.

### Octoberfest Celebration at Lt Col Barry Strauss's place

On October 13<sup>th</sup> I attended the biggest party I've ever seen in my life at Barry's place. I've never seen that much really great food and refreshments in one place. Barry does this every year and it's all for free! Next year the Alumni Association will have part of their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration there and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 315<sup>th</sup> Wing as well. Barry will have a booth set up for us and there will be displays. The 315<sup>th</sup> Alumni Association President, Col Jim Roberts, is working this out with Barry. We have one year to get it all organized and there will be many newsletters published to keep you posted on what will be going on in the meantime.

We're having some good mild temperature weather here in the Charleston area at this time and the leaves have not started turning yet in my area.

Be safe and let us look forward to all the great holidays coming up!

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