



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

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Special Events News Bulletin

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2019 Veterans Day

Today is the day that all those good folks out there will be thanking us for our service! There are numerous festivities lined up all around the local area in our honor. It's our day!

This is the day we can show off our Vietnam and World War II ball caps and there will be many of the old timers out there along with the young troops.

The annual Veterans Day Parade was held in down town Charleston this past Saturday. As always each year the 315th AW Alumni Association provided a fine looking float for this special occasion and many of our Alumni Association members were on there and wearing their uniforms proudly. We were looking great and this was the big day for us. If you would like to check the parade out, it would be very much worth your while to click on our website at <http://www.315awaalumniassoc.com>

Chief Tom Clemmons, our webmaster, did a fine job posting this under events.

Colonel Gary Cook, our Vice President, put this together for the Alumni but said that Chief Dick Fuller did most of the heavy lifting, as Dick has been doing this for over ten years.

25th Anniversary Celebration of the 315th AW Alumni Association

50th Anniversary Year for the 943rd Group/315th Airlift Wing

On the weekend of Friday October 18th and Saturday October 19th, 2019, we celebrated our **25th Year** of the 315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association. This was to be the biggest celebration in our history and a considerable amount of time and effort was invested to insure that it would be the best ever. However, we ran into two very major obstacles. We had the Friday sit down dinner planned for the Charleston Club on base, but they closed down the kitchen facilities until March 2020. So Linda Skillman quickly set us up for The Dive Bar & Grill located on the Navy Weapons Station in Goose Creek, which would still keep us in a military setting. We had the Octoberfest celebration all set up at the home of Lt Col (Ret) Barry Strauss in the immediate vicinity of the base and we were really looking good but a big storm front moved in with heavy blowing rain. The celebration was immediately moved indoors to nice big warehouse just down the street and this worked out perfectly for us. We have no way of knowing how much these two big changes may have affected our attendance. This may not have been really all that important, as we had more intense interaction than we have ever seen before at any event in our history and that's all that counts.

There are two separate attachments to this news bulletin:

1 – 2020 Schedule of 315 AW Alumni Association Board meetings & Heritage Trust Credit Union Sponsored Luncheons

2 - Voting Ballot 2020 – 1021

There will not be a Christmas Luncheon on Friday, 6 December 2019 as previously scheduled. The dining facilities will be closed until March 2020 due to renovations to the kitchen facilities. Please put the word out.

Okay, it's now time to hit the road and may the **Veterans Day Celebrations Begin!!**

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