



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

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10 September 2021 Luncheon, Notice #5

The luncheon was posted in the following newsletters: 31 July 2021, 15 Aug 2021, 17 Aug 2021, and 2 Sep 2021. Many have been asking and we have used every resource we have available to us to ensure that everyone is notified. Our next 2021 luncheon will be the **Christmas Luncheon**. At this time we are looking at Friday, 3 December 2021.

Please join us for the next 315 AW Alumni Association Luncheon scheduled for Friday, 10 September 2021, at 11:00 in the Joint Base Charleston Annex.

09:30 – 10:30, Board Meeting
10:30 – 11:00, Luncheon set up
11:00 – 12:30, Luncheon

To ensure enough food is catered, our Alumni President Col Roberts, asks that those who plan to attend RSVP to the Alumni Secretary, Linda Skillman at Linda.Skillman@outlook.com (843) 553-5045

Bulletin Board

5 September – posted on Facebook, 315th MAW/AW Alumni, John Calkins was admitted to ICU for heart problems. He is doing well after 5 ½ hours of surgery. He is still in ICU but may

go home soon. He is on new meds, his pacemaker has been reprogramed. Prayer requests have been answered.

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CMSGT Deborah M. Cole, ART, 38th Ariel Port Squadron (former 81st APS), will retire on Sunday, 11 September with 38 years of service. The retirement ceremony will be held in the HSC Hanger, building 705, 400 N. Graves Avenue, at 2:00 PM. I was Deborah's Recruiter when she was 17 years old just out of high school. We have maintained a close relationship over the years and I visit with her at her work place on a regular basis. A seat has been reserved for me on the front row at the ceremony.

POC is TSGT Pamela Sandberg, (843) 963-2568
RSVP conformation code 9554

CMSGT (ART) Bryan Dubois, Chief Loadmaster of the 317th Airlift Squadron, will formerly retire on 3 Oct at 2:00 PM in the Yonkie Building. Prior to that time will be the following: Friday 1 Oct there will be a Holy City Social 5-9 pm on the back patio. Saturday 2 Oct will be a burger burn outside the Yonkie Building. If you have questions, please contact SMSGT Josh Fugle, the CC D.

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Please mark your calendars and come wish the Chief a fond farewell. I'll be there. Set another plate.

More on Chief Dick Fuller

During World War II, when I was a kid, there was a very popular song that played on the radio every day, *Old Soldiers never die, they just fade away*. Chief Fuller will always be with us, and so will Chief Jim Newberry, past Alumni President and Chief Loadmaster of the 707th Squadron, and Major General Bob Stephens, 315th Wing Commander, Commander of the US Central Command and was immediately called to active duty on 9/11. They are now *eternally aloft on silvery swept back wings*. I got that quote from Darrell Brown. It came from the poem High Flight. I already have this carved on my bronze crypt and my Air Force wings are on there.

Time goes on as we all make that *Final Fly* list. No getting out of it. It's a natural part of life. So what we do in the meantime is enjoy an incredible life with family, friends and sweet hearts. When we were young we had plenty of time to waste. As we grow older time is no longer plentiful. We make sure every day is the best day of our life and we make it happen.

At this time there is more going on than we have experienced in our life time. Stay connected

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