



Alumni Association



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

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Visit our website at: <http://www.315awaalumniassoc.com/>

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The newsletter will be posted on this site twice monthly.

Happy Easter 2001

Many of us will celebrate this special day in accordance with family tradition. We will dye the eggs many different colors and place them aside for the big family Easter egg hunt on Sunday. We dress up in our new Easter outfits for church on Sunday. Others will attend Easter sunrise services.

Temperature wise we'll be in the seventies and the skies will be bright and sunny. Perfect for plenty of outdoor activities. We reflect on our past and remember Easter celebrations back in the good old days. Some things change while others remain the same. In the long run all family celebrations add up to living the good life. We make it happen.

In the meantime, we carry on business as usual in the 315th AW Alumni Association. There are restrictions with the virus but our team works around the issues. We held our election and now we have a newer generation of leadership coming on board. The new listing of our board members is attached.

Officers 2001-2022 Flight 315

315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association

**President: Colonel (ret) Jim Roberts
Vice President: Colonel (ret) Gary Cook
Secretary: Civilian (ret) Linda Skillman
Treasurer: CMSGT (ret) Pamela Minton**

Three Directors, 4 year terms

**CMSGT (ret) Sam Brock
SMSGT (ret) Virginia Jamison
MSGT/Civilian Joann Gillespie**

Three Directors, two year terms remaining

**Lt Colonel (ret) Eileen Wilson
SMSGT (ret) Ray Ardis
MSGT (ret) Tom Clemmons**

Standing Committees

**Fund Raising – Chair: CMSGT Sam (ret) Sam Brock
Events and Activities – Chair: CMSGT (ret) Sam Brock
Communications – Chair: MSGT (ret) Del Oxford**

Other Committees

**Membership – Chair: Civilian (ret) Linda Skillman
Benevolence/Memorial – Chair: Lt Colonel (ret) Eileen Wilson
Historian – Chair: MSGT (ret) Del Oxford
Alumni Website – Chair: CMSGT (ret) Tom Clemmons
Parliamentarian – SMSGT Ray Ardis**

Our Next Board Meeting and Luncheon

Our next Alumni board meeting will be held on Friday, 16 April 2021, 11:00 am (day after tax day) at Senor Tequila's restaurant, 9730 Dorchester Road, suite 110 in Summerville, located in the shopping center with the Wal-Mart. We have held several meetings there previously as the Club on base is closed.

Final Fly-By

SMSgt Flow Marks of the 315th Legal Office passed on 11 March 2021 at the age of 75. Flo's passing has already been published in the March edition of the newsletter but there are a few items we wish to add. Flo worked for our JAG Officer Lt Colonel Andy Savage as a paralegal and she also worked in the same capacity for Andy at his law firm. Andy and I attended Flow's services on Sunday 21 March 2021. The services were impressive and inspiring with the US Air Force Honor Guard at Carolina Memorial Gardens on Rivers Avenue across the street from Trident Tech. There was a great attendance and the American Flag was presented to Flo's daughter, Cheryl Ponte. You may sign the guest book at [Legacy.com](https://www.legacy.com)

Captain Karen Lee McGee of the 31 / 315 AES passed suddenly on 21 March 2020 at the age of 58. Karen was a Flight Nurse. Services were provided to the family by Simplicity. I published Karen's passing at that time with only a few words that were posted on Facebook. MSgt Mike Smith of the 701st Squadron seen my posting and provided us with the remaining information so that we can give Captain McGee the proper send off.

Forever aloft on silvery swept back wings.

A quote from the late John Lewis

When you see something that is not right, not fair, not just, you have to speak up. You have to say something. You have to do something.

SMSgt (ret) Virginia Jamison, our new 315th AWAA Board Director

Enjoy the beautiful holiday weekend and drive safely if you're traveling.

Del Oxford, Communications & Historian