



*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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**315<sup>th</sup> Alumni Association Board Meeting & Luncheon  
11:00 am, Friday 16 April 2021**

Our next board meeting will be held at Senor Tequila Mexican Restaurant, 9730 Dorchester Road, suite 110, (843) 261-7272, located in the shopping center with the Wal-Mart. We have held several Alumni board meetings there previously as the Club on base is closed.

**Agenda**

We will order our lunch from the menu at 11:00 am before the Alumni meeting begins. You may need to arrive early to order your lunch if you are a slow eater like myself.

**Introductions:**

Col Roberts will introduce the newly elected Board members: CMS (ret) Pamela Minton, SMS (ret) Virginia Jamison, and MSG/Civilian Joanne Gillespie. They will be sworn in.

**No Injuries after a C-17 Catches on Fire**

Seven crew members and one passenger were returning from an overseas mission when a 437<sup>th</sup> AW C-17 caught on fire causing substantial damage to the aircraft. The cause of the incident is under investigation.

## *Final Fly-By*

MSGT (ret) Richard “Dick” Davis Williams, Flight Engineer of the 707<sup>th</sup> and 701<sup>st</sup> Squadrons, passed on Wednesday, 7 April 2021 at the age of 68. Dick is survived by his lovely spouse Ruth of 39 years. Dick is the son of the late Frank and Nancy Williams of Alexandria, Virginia. Dick enjoyed reading and watching NASCAR. Brenda and I were close friends of Dick and Ruth and we visited them at their home quite often. They had a very outgoing manner and they loved to interact with their many friends assigned to the 315<sup>th</sup> Wing. A memorial message may be written to the family by visiting [www.jamesadyral.com](http://www.jamesadyral.com)  
*Forever aloft on silvery swept back wings*

Civilian Colette M. Pittman, 315<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing CBPO Budget section, passed on Wednesday, 7 April 2021 at the age of 95. Colette is currently a member of the 315<sup>th</sup> Alumni Association and lived in Moncks Corner with her family. Some of Colette’s co-workers at the CBPO were Brenda Oxford, Jo Mitchel Terrell (before being assigned to Recruiting Service), Lee Plant, Joyce Lee Richardson, and Marcia Bolton. Marcia is an active member of the Alumni and notified me of Colette’s passing. Colette’s phone has been disconnected so I will write her family and I will enclose my card. Arrangements were made by Simplicity Low Country Cremation and Burial Services at the Summerville Chapel.

### **Mike Stevens, son of MSGT Betty Stevens Hill of Recruiting, deceased**

Betty and her sister Donna have requested that I post Mike’s passing in the Alumni newsletter. I will be more than glad to do so. Mike was Betty’s only child and he lost his life in a car accident at the age of 50 on 1 February 2021 late at night returning home from work. The other driver was charged. Mike is survived by Betty and his father Wendell Stevens, former Air Policemen many years ago at Charleston AFB. My daughter lived with Betty and Mike while attending college. I have known them for many years. Betty is an active member of the Alumni association and brings Donna to the quarterly luncheons. We have always enjoyed a close and warm friendship.

### **Future Activities of the Alumni**

There are many activities being looked into by Jim Roberts and this will probably be the main topic of our discussions at the Alumni board meeting on Friday. I will get back with everyone after the meeting with a complete update.

In the meantime, I will be burning up some mid night oil getting this out to our valued membership. We cherish you highly.

*Del Oxford, Communications & Historian*



