



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

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Chief Tom Clemons is our webmaster and has our website set up through Homestead. There are many great videos and more. Check it out!!

A gathering of the 701st Airlift Squadron "Turtles" is currently being organized.

Where: Lake Gunthersville State Park, Alabama.

When: May 17th through May 11th.

We will reminisce about our time in the 701st family. We will meet three or four days, do a little sightseeing, get together in the evening for dinner, cold beer and old war stories. Time marches on and we're not getting any younger. (This message was published in newsletter #4, 11 March 2023)

Tommy Peters, flight engineer, will be the reunion planner/coordinator, tommy_peters@att.net

Air Force History

There are many books in circulation about Air Force's history. I have many. You see all the changes in the history of aviation

and new technology in our ever changing world of digital technology that many of us find impossible to understand. It may help us to better understand change if we take a look at the way history has changed the world ever since recorded history.

The average age of the world's greatest civilizations from the beginning of history has been about 200 years. During those 200 years, those nations progress through the following sequence:

From bondage to spiritual faith

From spiritual faith to great courage

From courage to liberty

From liberty to abundance

From abundance to complacency

From complacency to apathy (this is about where we are now)

From apathy to dependence

From dependence back into bondage

Future agenda for the 315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association for year 2023

The next board meeting and luncheon will be held on Friday, 2 June 2023 in building 60 auditorium as follows:

09:30 - 10:30, board meeting

10:30 - 11:00, setup

11:00 - 12:00, luncheon

The Octoberfest, sponsored by the 300th Airlift Squadron, will be scheduled for Oct 2023 at the home of Lt Col (ret) Barry Strauss, 4980 Lambs Rd, Charleston SC 29418.

Other future plans on the agenda are burger burns to be held in the parking lot behind building 60. Alumni Association board meetings and luncheons are held quarterly. The dates will be announced in future newsletters.

We stand tall and proud! Thank you everyone for your service.

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