



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

**#1 315AWAA Newsletter 1/22/2023**

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A message from the Editor & Historian:

From hereon I will publish three issues of the newsletter monthly. The history of the 943rd Group/315th Airlift Wing will be posted near the end of each newsletter. The content will be brief as possible.

The current issue and all back issues are posted on our website by our webmaster Chief Tom Clemons at <http://315awaalumniassoc.com/Tom> has posted numerous information and photos on this site dating back to July 1994. Check it out! A set of By-Laws and the election of Officers were established under the direction of the Public Affairs Officer Major Chris King and the Jag Officer Lt. Colonel Andy Savage. A copy of the documentation was filed by Andy on 8 September 1994 with the state of South Carolina IRS as a non-profit organization. Chief Clemons established our website through Homestead. There's a charge for their service.

Arthur L. Ravenel, Jr., former US Marine combat veteran during World War II, passed on Monday 16 January 2023 at the age of 95. The Ravenel bridge was named in his honor. All of us have driven on the Ravenel Bridge over the Cooper River that takes us to Mt. Pleasant. The Local Post & Courier newspaper published extensive information on him for three days. My daughter Michelle and I met and talked with him on two occasions in the old Navy Hospital building. His office was out in an open area where anyone could talk to him at any time. He was very communicative, and it was always a pleasure talking. His funeral was held on Friday 20 January 2023 at 2:00 pm at the French Huguenot Church, 136 Church Street, Charleston, SC.

Elections 2023 - 2014:

New Officers and Directors were announced at the 16 December 2022 meeting & luncheon, and they were sworn in. Col Jim Roberts appointed Chief (ret) Johnny Mike Spanos as chair for the Benevolence/Memorial committee.

The next Alumni Board meeting & Luncheon will be held on Friday 17 March 2023 in building 60 auditorium.

09:30 - 10:30, Board Meeting

10:30 - 11:00, Set up for the luncheon.

11:00 - 12:30, luncheon.

More information will follow.

Quotes from the 315AW Board Officers and Directors:

The new year can bring new hope, especially when surrounded by friends and heroes. The 315AW and the Alumni will march on with heads high, shoulders back, eyes straight ahead looking for opportunities to serve. Col James Roberts, President

Happy New Year to all who are connected in any way to the 315th Airlift Wing. I am honored to walk among you.

Lt Colonel Andy Savage, Vice President

The pessimist complains about the wind. Optimists expect it to change. The realist adjusts the sails. (William Arthur Ward) To the BEST and thank you for your service. Happy New Year to the 315th Alumni Association.

Respectfully, Virginia W. Jamison, SMSgt, USAF Retired, North Charleston City Councilman, Dist 3

Wishing you and "all who read this" a safe and healthy New Year. Thanks so much Del.

Tom Crawford

Today is a good day to have a good day.

*Del Oxford, Communications*