



315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association
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ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED FOR YEAR 2016

FRIDAY, 14 October 2016

A golfing tournament has been planned at the Wrenwood Golf Course at Joint Base Charleston celebrating the 22nd Anniversary of the 315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association. The tournament will begin at 12:00 p.m. with a sign-in and a light lunch. The shot gun start will begin at 1:30 p.m. Following the golfing event, golfing awards will be presented to the winners at the Charleston Club at 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, 15 October 2016

At 7:00 p. m. there will be a 315th Alumni Association 22nd Anniversary Celebration dinner at the Charleston Club (formerly the NCO Club). This will be a dinner buffet, \$9.75 per person. All 315th Alumni members and associate members are invited. If you are not a member you can sign up for only \$5 per year -- \$12 for three years -- \$24 for 6 years. Just fill out the Membership form that is attached to this newsletter and send to Linda Skillman per instructions. Appropriate dress for this occasion will be Charleston casual, as we expect mild temperatures. The 315th Wing's 50th Anniversary Celebration is years away, so in the meantime you may wish to attend this very special celebration. We have made every effort to make this convenient, inexpensive, and vibrant as we celebrate our history with displays.

SATURDAY, 29 October 2016

The next scheduled 315th Alumni Board meeting will be held at 10:00 a. m. at Eileen & Jim Wilson's place in Cross, SC. They have kindly invited us to hold our board meeting at their place several times over the years. The meeting is held at Jim's private airport, Crosswinds, and Eileen sets up the meeting in the hangar with coffee and goodies for us. Afterwards we have Jim's tremendously interesting aircraft as follows:

1930 Fairchild KR-21, 100 hp Kinner 5 cylinder radial engine, bi-wing, open cockpit.
Piper L4-4, 85 hp Continental engine. The pilot's in the front seat, 1 passenger in the rear.
1936 Waco YKS-6, 275 hp Jacobs radial engine, standard cabin. Jim and Eileen fly this one around the country and they have flown it to Alaska.

Jim was building an aircraft when we were up there last. He also has an old flight simulator and many interesting photos and posters in his lobby and in his office where he maintains his aircraft maintenance records. Their white country home and their hangar are in a beautiful setting. You don't want to miss this, especially if you're an airplane buff. All Alumni members are invited to attend this Board meeting and will be welcomed by Jim and Eileen, both retired Lt Colonels of the 315th Wing. The address is: Crosswinds-Wilson Pvt SC 37, 1862 Poplar Hill Dr, Cross, SC 29436. If you don't have GPS and you need directions, you can contact Eileen at (843) 753-7138 or send a message to eiwilson@homesc.com or crosswindjim@homesc.com

FRIDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2016

Our quarterly HERITAGE TRUST sponsored luncheon and CHRISTMAS SOCIAL will be held at 11:00 a. m. Prior to the luncheon, our board meeting will be held at 9:30 a. m. This is always a special time of year for us when we gather around and celebrate the Christmas holiday season. More information will follow in the November 2016 newsletter.

Nominee/Candidates are needed by the Alumni board to fill the TREASURER position which is vacant at this time. This is an excellent opportunity to volunteer and help move the 315th Airlift Wing Alumni forward. Chief Dick Fuller, President, and the Alumni board desires a couple candidates interested in finance so he/she can be appointed to fill the Treasurer position vacated recently for the term ending December 2017. If interested and a local resident, email me at: rayardis5@gmail.com. Hopefully a couple of nominees will come forward, volunteer and be a candidate by our next board meeting scheduled for 29 October. All nominations will be considered. Please let us hear from you. SMS Ray Ardis, VP

Desert Storm & Desert Shield Veterans – Honor Ceremony

A special honor ceremony hosted by Senator Tim Scott and was held at the Charleston Convention Center on 27 August 2016 for those that who served during the time of Desert Storm and Desert Shield. The ceremony was also held at the TD Convention Center in Greenville, SC later that day. This was widely published in the news media, the social networking media. SMS Ray Ardis published a two page flyer. Some of our Alumni members attending were Eileen Hadbvany, Nancy Dalpiaz, Dick Fuller, Ray Ardis m
McDonald.

CALLING ALL TRANSPORTERS!!!

5th Air Force Reserve Air Transportation Reunion

7-8-9 October 2016

Wilmington, NC

Whether you were a 605xx or 702xx.....you were in the 14th AF, 22nd AF, 10th AF or 4th AF..... We are looking for all our colleagues that we have ser r the years to attend. We are looking for you!! Come and be a part of this gathering – see ole friends – tell stories that are getting better and better all the time, and just have some fun. We all spent time in uniform and we have all gone to interesting places and seen many interesting things. Come be with your friends and enjoy a weekend in Wilmington.

See out website: <http://www.fronc95.wixsite.com/aftr> for details about hotel, costs, who is attending and to order your transportation polo shirt.

Let us hear from you and better yet, let's all meet in Wilmington this fall!!!

CMS Jacky Marks, jacky_Marks@yahoo.com

Final Fly-Bye

Colonel Edward "Ed" Eugene Lusk, Commander 707th ALS, passed on 5 August 2016 at the age of 82. Ed is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joanne. Ed was a Navigator and one of the original members of the 943rd Group, along with Colonels Bobby Hammond and the late Jerry Yarchever who were also Navigators. Ed and Joanne lived in Warner-Robbins GA when he passed. He was laid to rest in Birmingham, Alabama on 8 August. Many of us in the Wing knew Ed quite well and he was one of the guys. Ed was a very serious member of the 315th Alumni Association, strongly supported us, and always paid his dues well in advance.

Please go to www.mcculloughfh.com to sign the Online Registry for the family.

McCullough Funeral Home in Warner-Robbins had been entrusted with the arrangements.

Harold William Johnson (rank not given) 701st ALS Loadmaster, passed on 4 August 2016 at the age of 69 in Mt Pleasant, SC. He served six years with us. Harold married his childhood sweetheart, Joan Russell, to whom he was a devoted husband for 47 years. He graduated from Bishop England High School and Clemson University. Arrangements were made by Parks Funeral Home in Summerville, SC. www.parksfuneralhome.com. You may visit the guestbook at www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston.

MSG Roy R. Carson, 701st ALS, carson@lowcountry.com

Lt Colonel Bernice Stanley, Flight Nurse, 31st AES, passed recently in Florida. She was among some of the first members of the squadron. We have no further details on Col Stanley at this time. Colonel Stanley had some very fascinating stories about her early flight nurse career. She was a flight nurse on a C-47. Lt Col Eileen Hadbvany, Flight Nurse, 31 / 315 AES

TSGT Delma V. Cole, Loadmaster, 300th ALS, passed on 8 September 2016 at the age of 79. I called Delma earlier that day to remind him of the Heritage Trust luncheon the next day, and he said he would be there. We wondered why he did not show, as Delma very rarely missed a luncheon over the years. Later on into our luncheon, Wade and Audrey Cheney gave us the sad news. The obituary in the Post & Courier said that he was a member of the 315th Alumni. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.dialmurrayfuneralhome.com. You may visit the guestbook at www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston MSG Del Oxford

Burial Honors

In the current issue of the Afterburner, officials urge families to learn about eligibility. Planning funerals for military veterans and retirees can be overwhelming for their families. DOD policy is mandated by law to provide a minimum of a two-person uniformed detail to present the core elements of the funeral honors ceremony, and one service member must represent the veteran's branch of service. The core elements include playing taps, folding the American flag, a 21 gun salute and presenting the flag to the family. This will be an ongoing subject in future newsletters. [Afterburner, June 2016 issue](#)

MEMBERSHIP

I know we live in a busy world now, but please try to remember to renew your membership. Ray Ardis and Linda Skillman have worked long and hard to notify you. I have found many on Facebook that we have lost because they forgot to give us their change of address information. We are asking everyone to look at the attached form and contact Linda if you think your dues may be delinquent, or if you would like to become a member. We appreciate everyone's cooperation and your loyalty to the Alumni

MSG Del Oxford, Newsletter Editor & Historian

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315 Airlift Wing Alumni Association Application

For New and Renewing Members

We look forward to your fellowship as a new or renewing member

Please enter/update information for your new or renewal membership.

NAME _____ RANK _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME/CELL TELEPHONE NUMBER _____

PERSONAL E-MAIL _____ (Please provide personal/non-government e-mail address or indicate N/A. This will enable us to communicate with you electronically.)

SQUADRON/FORMER UNITS _____ SPOUSE _____

STATUS: Active Retired Civilian Reassigned _____ (circle one)

Membership fees are due on 31 December and are deemed delinquent if not paid by 1 February.

Dues \$5 per year -- \$12 for 3 years -- \$24 for 6 years

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Check #: _____

(Make check payable to 315 AW Alumni Association)

For questions about membership, contact Linda Skillman at Linda.Skillman@outlook.com or (843) 553-5045

Please mail your application and dues to:

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