



Newsletter #1

315th Airlift Wing Alumni Association
315th Airlift Wing Excellence over the Years
Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina
January – February 2015

<http://www.315awaalumniassoc.com/>

Alumni Board Scheduled Meetings/Heritage Trust Sponsored Luncheons 2015

7 Feb, Sat, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, Maintenance Conference Room Bldg 59
6 Mar, Fri, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, 11:00 am Luncheon Charleston Club
11 Apr, Sat, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, Maintenance Conference Room Bldg 59
2 May, Sat, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, Maintenance Conference Room Bldg 59
5 Jun, Fri, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, 11:00 am Luncheon Charleston Club
11 Jul, Sat, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, Maintenance Conference Room Bldg 59
8 Aug, Sat, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, Maintenance Conference Room Bldg 59
11 Sep, Fri, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, 11:00 am Luncheon Charleston Club
3 Oct, Sat, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, Maintenance Conference Room Bldg 59
7 Nov, Sat, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, Maintenance Conference Room Bldg 59
4 Dec, Fri, 09:30 am, Board Meeting, 11:00 am, *Special Christmas Luncheon,*
Charleston Club

We get good reviews from our Alumni membership on the Heritage Trust Luncheons. They rate us at 100%. It's akin to a mini reunion for those of us that served in the 943rd Group and 315th Wing, both military and civilian. We see many

of those we served with, and those we flew with. Our 315th Alumni board presents an interesting program that includes the 315th AW Wing Commander, Colonel James Fontanella, and other key personnel from the Wing. They speak and let us know what's going on; always interesting and informative. Then we have our usual fun time, with introductions, drawings, and prizes that are passed out to the lucky ones as they exchange a "high five" to celebrate their winnings. This is a good time for you to get away from your busy routines, give yourself that much needed break, and treat yourself to a little fun time and interaction.

An import message from our Membership Chairman:

MEMBERSHIP

All members, please check your membership card for the expiration date at your earliest opportunity. If the date you see is 31 Dec 2014 or earlier, your dues need to be renewed. For those who are in arrears, your dues will continue to accure unless you let me know that you wish to withdraw your membership. As you know, the dues are still very modest – a mere \$5.00 per year, with an even better deal for three or six year renewal (\$12 or \$24)

If you cannot locate your membership card, please contact me at your earliest convenience at Shirleyphillippi@gmail.com or (843) 572-4726, and I will forward you a new one.

We are currently experiencing a delinquency rate of over 50%, so I would really appreciate your cooperation in helping me to improve this situation by completing the renewal form and sending it to me with your check.

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SHIRLEY A. PHILLIPI, MSgt, USAF, Ret

Membership Chairman

As our membership continues to increase, the officers of our Alumni are in need of assistance with various functions. We are looking for local personnel to help us as needed. Several that were with us 20 years ago when we first started the Alumni are still active. They're tired and want to step down. It is requested that anyone interested please attend our meetings for more information. CMSgt (ret) George Shread has reminded us that election time will be held in June 2015, and he will be managing the ballot process. In the next newsletter I will list all those who are currently holding office, so that you may be thinking about who you would like to nominate as their replacements.

Final Fly-Bye..

MSgt Mel Walden 5 Jan 2015. Mel was an ART Flight Engineer in the 300th AS and he was a Flight Engineer for the Saudi Airlines.

Lt Col Robby Robinson, 10 Jan 2015. Pilot 707/701 AS. Robby was a Delta pilot and a 1974 Citadel graduate. He was 62. You may leave condolences at: www.mcallister-Smith.com

Lt Col John Petruzze, 17 Dec 2014 (?) Pilot 701 AS. John was a Pilot with Ozark, TWA and America Airlines. Internment will be at Arlington National Cemetery.

James Eugene Brassler, 13 Jan 2015. James was a Flight Engineer in the 701st AS. He's from Missouri and rode the St. Louis shuttle back in the old days. He was 78.

Paul Kuhn, 12 Feb 2015. Paul was a Flight Nurse, 315th AES. He was 57. His life celebration will be held at Serendipity Acres, Leesville, SC, on 21 Feb 2015.

Ed Druckrey, 315th Alumni Webmaster, <http://www.315awaalumniassoc.com/>, is currently posting a listing of all those that are deceased on the website, a very important task. More information will follow. Ed will also be posting the newsletter on a more frequent basis keeping us more updated on current events. The next newsletter will appear on the website in about ten days. In the meantime, please continue to send us your news information for publication.

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