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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



Hello everyone, I hope your summer is off to a great start and you are all taking advantage of some free time to get in that much anticipated vacation. The seasons just tend to fly by if we are not careful and plan ahead to enjoy them. And speaking of planning ahead, I would like to call your attention to this years Flight of Freedom celebration to be held at Middletown and the Wing Family Day Picnic. These events will be held on Sunday September 8th. There will be three picnic locations this year, Each Air Station will be holding its own. The Middletown picnic will include lunch around noon, and include exhibits, displays and games for children, other events to follow.

A very dedicated group of individuals has been working for the last two years to put together the 65th Anniversary yearbook on the 193d Special Operations Wing. I am happy to report that the project has been completed, and yearbooks will be available at this years family Day. The cost of the book is \$20.00. You can pick up your copy at the Associations program table. We were happy to coop with the wing in providing some funds for the yearbooks publication, and proceeds from these yearbook will be used to support various wing activities. So pick up your copy, Its an exciting publication covering 15 years of wing history.

The Association will be providing a new benefit to wing members. Starting this Fall all current active drilling Guardsmen will be eligible to apply for a \$500.00 scholarship. This program will consider all Academic degree programs as well as any Trade Certification Schools. The Board of Directors through a selection programs committee will be reviewing these applications and awarding a scholarship to the most deserving candidate. Deadline for applying for this fall is July 30th. See page 5 for more information.

In April the Association held its annual Membership Meeting. Attendance was much improved this year and I would like to thanks all those that came for their support and encouragement. We began the day with a briefing by LTC David Palmer on wing programs and activities. Had a nice picnic lunch, and moved on to tours of the Base. We saw many old friends and had a great time. We plan on doing similar activities next year so plan on joining us then. We closed out the day with our business meeting in the dinning facility. Please take a moment to review all of those presentations in this newsletter.

As many of you know, The 193d has received a new commander. Col. John Dickinson has taken over for Brig. General Otterbein, who has moved on to State Headquarters. We would like to welcome Col. Dickinson, and thank him for his support of the 193d SOW Association. We are here to serve, and without the Commanders full backing that would be impossible. Congratulations Sir.

In closing I would like to yet again bring your attention to the tremendous work that your Board of Directors do. Providing the guidance and muscle to plan and complete the many projects and activities that this organization participates in is no easy task. These dedicated men and women are the reason we are successful, If you know any of them or see them in your travels please thank them.

I hope you have a happy and pleasant summer, and hope to see you all this September at the Wings Family Day celebration

Barry Frey, President

The 193rd SOW Association (Combined Federal Campaign #45961) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Your contributions help support Association initiatives. All donations are tax deductible.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 20 April 2013

1. Call to Order:

President Barry Frey called the meeting to order at 15:00

2. Meeting Minutes:

Recording Secretary Kathleen Loughran read the minutes from the last membership meeting. Minutes were approved as presented

3. Financial Report:

Treasurer Dennis Walborn read a financial summary covering the 2012 calendar year. He read the Associations worth as the end of 2012. He then presented the budget adopted by the Board of Directors for the 2013 calendar year.

Financial report was approved as presented

4. Old Business: None

5. New Business:

A. Election of Directors- President William Frey opened the meeting for the nomination to fill four Board of Directors positions. Nominating Committee Chairman Scott Keener presented to the membership the following nominees to fill the positions; Wayne Isett, Samuel Varnicle, David Hawkins and Craig Lady. Chairman Keener then asked the membership if anyone else wished to make a nomination and hearing none. Ballots were distributed and the election was held. Samuel Varnicle, Wayne Isett, David Hawkins and Craig Lady were the successful candidates.

B. President Frey made note of a recent change in state law that requires income from organizations earned through gambling profits must be shared with charitable organizations. As such the SOW Association received a donation from American Legion Post 272, Linglestown for \$1,044.00.

C. Accomplishments- William Shupp spoke about the many accomplishments of the Association over the past year.

Troop care packages

Scholarship fund

Retiree day which included a tour of Air Stations 2 and 3

MWR support to the 193rd will increase to \$1.50 per person assigned for 2013

65th Anniversary Yearbook just completed.

Association assistance fund for 2012 = 21 cases for \$10,336.82

United Way campaign income for 2012 = \$8,607.43

Continual updates to Association web site

Col Dickinson made comments to the membership and thanked them for all they do to help the airmen of the wing.

Command Chief Hile made comments to the membership and also conveyed his appreciation for what the Association continues to do providing support to our Airmen that are in need.

TSgt Pam Nee presented her idea to the membership for the creation of a scholarship awarded to three of our outstanding children of members. She will be writing an OI and will present more info to the board for their consideration. Her idea is to present this as a way to reward children of wing members for outstanding contributions to the community.

6. The next membership meeting will be held in May of 2014. The date and place have not yet been determined.

7. President Frey thanked everyone for attending this year's meeting and invited everyone to get involved with Association activities and to attend Board of Directors Meetings.

8. Adjournment- The meeting was adjourned at 16:00 hours.

Respectfully submitted by David Hawkins.

BOARD of DIRECTOR and OFFICERS

At the first meeting of the Board of Directors after its election, Officers were elected for the upcoming year. They are as follows:

President - Barry F. Frey
Vice President - John W. Seitz
Past President - William C. Shupp Jr.
Treasurer - Dennis C. Walborn
Financial Secretary - Randy L. Eckert
Recording Secretary - David S. Hawkins

3 - Year Directors:

David S. Hawkins
Wayne G. Isett
Craig E. Lady
Sam A. Varnicle

2 - Year Directors:

Scott A. Keener
James A. McGovern
Suzanne McMurray
Paul Weidensaul (Temp)

1 - Year Directors:

Fred H. Bailey
Randy L. Eckert
John W. Seitz



Colonel John J. Dickinson

is the Wing Commander of the 193rd Special Operations Wing, Pennsylvania Air National Guard, Middletown Pennsylvania.

Col Dickinson joined the 193rd Special Operations Wing in May 1990 after accepting an Inter-Service Transfer from the Army Reserves where he last served as a Helicopter Aviation Officer. Col Dickinson was assigned to the 193rd Special Operations Squadron, as a Pilot from May 1990 - Apr 1993. 193rd Special Operations Wing, Flight Safety Officer from Apr 1993 - Apr 1995. 193rd Operation Support Flight, Chief of Training from Apr 1995 - Nov 1998. 193rd Operations Group, Chief of Standards and Evaluations from Dec 1998 - Oct 2001. 193rd Operations Support Flight, Commander from Oct 2001 - May 2004. 193rd Special Operations Squadron, Director of Operations from May 2004 - Oct 2004. 193rd Special Operations Squadron, Commander from Oct 2004 - Oct 2008. 193rd Operations Group, Commander from Oct 2008 - Jan 2012. 193rd Special Operations Wing, Vice Commander from Feb 2012 - Jan 2013. 193rd Special Operations Wing, Acting Commander from Jan 2013 - Apr 2013. 193rd Special Operations Wing, Commander from Apr 2013 - Present.

Morale and Recreation

The Association is proud to be a part of everyone's Morale and Recreation activities again. This year the Association proudly donated \$1.50 per person towards these activities. We hope to hear from everyone and even get some pictures that we can publish in an upcoming newsletter.

193rd Association Website

Are you registered on our website <http://193sow.org>? The Association strives to keep everyone up to date on promotions, retirements and all activities and current events at the wing. We also post items of interest to our retirees.

65th Anniversary Yearbook

This new yearbook covers the Wing and its activities from 1997 through 2012, as well as a DVD copy of the 50th anniversary edition. Copies can be obtained at the Association booth during the Family day activities on 8 Sep at a cost of \$20.00. Contact SMS David Hawkins at david.hawkins@ang.af.mil or (Ret) Lt Col David Palmer at djpalmer@epix.net for more information on purchasing additional copies.

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193rd Special Operations Wing Association Scholarship Program Policy

The 193rd Special Operations Wing Association has established the 193rd SOW ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP fund policy for awarding scholarships to members of the 193rd Special Operations Wing. The fund awards scholarships to current, active members of the 193rd SOW. The scholarship is an award designated to assist those members with their pursuit of civilian higher education.

Unless determined otherwise, the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association Board of Directors will appoint a Scholarship Committee which will determine selection criteria and shall select the scholarship recipients. The Committee Chair will present the proposed scholarship recipients to the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association Board of Directors for final approval.

General Guidelines:

1. Eligibility for the 193rd SOW ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP fund is limited to current, active members of the 193rd Special Operations Wing who are enrolled or plan to enroll in a university, college, or trade school of their choice during the award period.
2. Scholarships awarded in the Spring Semester shall be made available to students for disbursement in the following Fall Semester. Scholarship recipients must display verification of registration in courses.
3. The 193rd Special Operations Wing Association intends, congruent with applicable funding, to offer one scholarship award annually.
4. The 193rd SOW ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP Fund will award the recipient with \$500.00 for use in pursuit of academic degrees or trade certification.
5. The 193rd Special Operations Wing members who have been awarded a scholarship may claim their funds 30 days after the date awarded and utilize these funds within two years of receiving funds. A scholarship or funded student account that is unclaimed after two years shall lapse and the awarded funds shall be returned to the 193rd SOW ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP fund. However, funds may be re-appropriated by the Board of Directors if funds are available and if the recipient provides evidence of the circumstances that prevented claiming or utilizing the award within the two-year period i.e. extended deployments or illness.

Award Criteria for Eligible Members:

1. Members must submit a 500-700 word essay on one of the following two questions.
 - A. How will higher education/technical training aid you in serving the 193rd Special Operations Wing and the community? Explain.
 - B. Do you believe that the pursuit of higher education/technical training will aid you in applying the U.S Air Force Core Values of Integrity First, Service Before Self, and Excellence? If so, how?
2. Members seeking the award must submit the essay along with one letter or recommendation.
3. Members seeking the award must submit their package to the 193rd Special Operations Wing Association prior to the end of the Fall Semester or December 1st for new students.

Deadline for applying for this fall is July 30th.

Retirees and Members of Air Station Middletown
Join the Wing for the
Flight of Freedom Program
and
Family Day Celebration

September 8th

Exhibits, Displays and Games
Lunch at Noon

Retirees contact your old organization for more information

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