

459th Wing Association

BRINGING THE LATEST NEWS TO ALUMNI AND MEMBERS

Fall 2018 Newsletter

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29th Annual Reunion is a Resounding Success!

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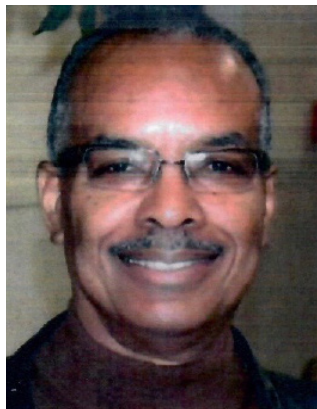


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President's Message

By Harold Countee
459th Wing Association President

Our 29th Reunion in Chincoteague, Virginia proved to be a resounding success with 41 members in attendance. Things kicked off on Thursday, October 4th with a tour to the NASA Wallops Island visitor's center where we had time to see exhibits, view some movies about rocket launches, shop in the gift shop and more. Thursday evening we enjoyed a delicious meet and greet buffet meal at the Ropewalk



Restauratant located next door to our hotel. We also enjoyed a full course breakfast each day. On Friday many of us went on a Teaguer's Tour van ride throughout Chincoteague Island that gave an outstanding historical guided tour. Saturday morning there was a board/membership meeting that included all who wanted to attend. Many things were agreed upon as we move the Association forward. Saturday afternoon was free time when some of the guys chose to go golfing and many of the ladies went shopping in downtown Chincoteague. The Reunion weekend closed out on Saturday evening with an evening banquet that included a plated dinner with choice of wines, door prizes, 50/50 raffle, ice cream cake for desert and more. During the board meeting there was a great deal of energy

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Staff and Board Members

Harold Countee - President

Tim McConnell - Vice President

Jim Lacey - Secretary

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Henry Hinnant - Assistant Treasurer

Patti Fitch- Membership

Charles Fitch

Nancy Oliver

Rodney Walker

Dr. Warren Johnson

Shirley Hawkins - Honorary Member

Kat Justen - Newsletter Editor

The 459th Wing Association consists of current and former members of 459th wings throughout history. The Association provides a means for members to maintain contact with those with whom they have served and to receive news about Wing events and member-news via annual reunions and quarterly newsletters.

Reunions are generally held in cities within a 300 mile radius of Washington DC. The 459th Wing Association began in 1989 and has consistently provided financial support for the 459th Annual awards program and the annual family day events. The Association also donates to the Fisher House.

Membership is continuously open to all wing personnel for an annual contribution of \$15. Look for the membership application included in this newsletter.

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Pictures from the 459 ARW



COL. GULLION TAKES COMMAND OF 459 ARW

Major Gen. Randall A. Ogden, Commander, 4th Air Force, Air Force Reserve Command, March Air Reserve Base, California (left), hands the 459th Air Refueling Wing guidon to Col. Douglas E. Gullion (right) in a hangar on the Joint Base Andrews, Maryland, flight line June 9, 2018. Douglas assumes command from Col. (ret.) David A. Owens and comes to the 459th from the 507th Air Refueling Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma, where he served as the commander. He is a command pilot with more than 6,500 military flying hours. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Brent Skeen)



AF RESERVE WING PARTICIPATES IN 14TH ANNUAL NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION CAREER FAIR FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Flight nurses and medical technicians of the 459th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron talk to students about their careers at the 14th Annual Northern Virginia Transportation Career Fair for High School Students in Manassas, Va. The career fair is part of a Federal Highway Administration initiative to promote the transportation industry and the careers it offers to America's youth. (U.S. Air Force photo by Maj. Timothy Smith)

Joint Base Andrews hosts 9/11 remembrance ceremony

By Airman 1st Class Jalene A. Brooks
11th Wing Public Affairs

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, Md. -- Members of the Joint Base Andrews community paid tribute to those affected by the 9/11 terrorist attacks with a remembrance ceremony here, Sept. 11, 2018.

First responders and flight crew personnel stood in a formation of four elements representing each attack that occurred 17 years ago. Each element leader rendered a salute in succession to memorialize the 2,966 lives that were lost.

Those in attendance paid their respects with a moment of silence and a salute as Tech. Sgt. Michael P. Ramos, U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Brass Band trumpeter, performed "To the Colors" and "Taps."

11th Wing and Joint Base Andrews Commander Col. Andrew M. Purath stressed the importance of sharing the story of 9/11 with generations to come.

"Some of us here today have only experienced the events of [Sept. 11] through the lens of history," he said. "It's important to ensure future generations understand how that day reshaped our way of life. The cost, if we do not, is simply too high to pay."



Members of the Oxen Hill Volunteer Fire Department in Oxen Hill, Maryland, pay respect as "Taps" plays during the 9/11 memorial service on Joint Base Andrews, Md., Sept. 11, 2018. Fire fighters with the OHVFD attended the ceremony after setting up the American flag between two fire trucks. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jalene A. Brooks)



Joint Base Andrews first responders stand in formation during the 9/11 Memorial Service on Joint Base Andrews, Md., Sept. 11, 2018. The formations consisted of four elements to represent the four attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Jalene A. Brooks)

29th Annual Reunion Images

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expressed from all. The new Board will meet again soon to review the current bylaws and make changes where necessary to improve on the association's functionality.

Nominations were taken for a new board for the upcoming 2019 year. The results of the voting are as follows. President, Harold Countee; Vice President, Tim McConnell; Secretary, Jim Lacey; Treasurer, Charles Hawkins; Assistant Treasurer, Henry Hinnant; Membership, Patti Fitch. Board members are Charles Fitch, Nancy Oliver, Rodney Walker, Doc Warren Johnson and honorary board member Shirley Hawkins.



29th Annual Reunion Images Cont.



WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

459TH AIR REFUELING WING

STAFF SGT. ALLANTE MEANS

*459th Maintenance Squadron
Area 2 isochronal dock inspector*

"From the first day I stepped foot into the Air Force Reserve it was clear to me that no one works harder than a maintainer. With the amount of time spent working on these planes I feel like I could fly them!"



Final Fly-By

John Francis Furey

April 10, 1934 - Sept. 20, 2018

John F. Furey passed away at the age of 84 at his home in Englewood, Florida after a long illness.

He enjoyed a good, colorful life with 23 years in the Air Force, 17 years in the Reserves, 20 years as a Maryland Natural

Resources Police Officer and finally retiring in 1990.

He enjoyed his retirement as a boat captain for four boats and the Dandy Dinner Cruise on the Potomac River.

John was a member of many fraternal organizations including The American Legion, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Elks, Moose and the Knights of Columbus.

John's mantra was, "Every day in every way, I get better and better."



Fred Gottshalk

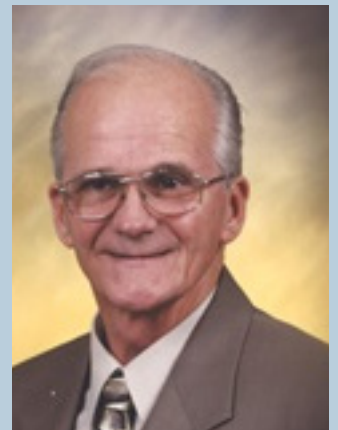
Dec. 1, 1941 - Aug. 14, 2018

Fred Sylvester Gottshalk, 76, passed away on Aug. 12, 2018 in Orange Park, Florida. He was born on Dec. 1, 1941 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Walt and Clara Magel Gottshalk. Fred was a member of the United States Navy and Air Force. He also worked for General Electric as well as in Civil Service. Fred belonged to MorningStar Family Church.

He enjoyed political events, church activities, hunting, Border Patrol, and spending time with his family.

Fred was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Claire Cochran. Fred is survived by his loving wife, Andrea Gottshalk; children, JoAnne, Cavell, Mike, Peter Thomas, Bart, Angela, Joshua, Linda, Mary and Jacob; step-children; Helen, Rebecca, and Deborah; brothers, Walt and Paul Gottshalk; sisters, Alice Whitecraft and Katie McDaniel; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the USO and Wounded Warrior project.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND ANNUAL DUES

Dear Fellow 459th Members and Former Members;

The general purpose of this association is to promote and encourage current and former members of the 459th Wing to remain in touch with those with whom they served, and to support morale programs for active 459th reservists and their families. Activities of the Association include:

- Publishing a quarterly newsletter containing articles regarding Association members, Association events, and 459th Air Refueling Wing activities.
- Providing financial support for the 459th ARW Annual Awards program.
- Providing financial support for the Family Day Picnic.
- Donating to the Fischer House.
- Holding annual reunions in cities within an approximate 300 mile radius from Washington, D.C.

459th Troop Carrier Wing

459th Airlift Wing

459th Tactical Airlift Wing

459th Air Refueling Wing

Please cut here and return completed form with check

Membership Application and Renewal of Annual Dues, 2018.

Please complete this form and return with check for \$15.00 payable to:

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I am/was assigned to 459th Wing or
associate unit.

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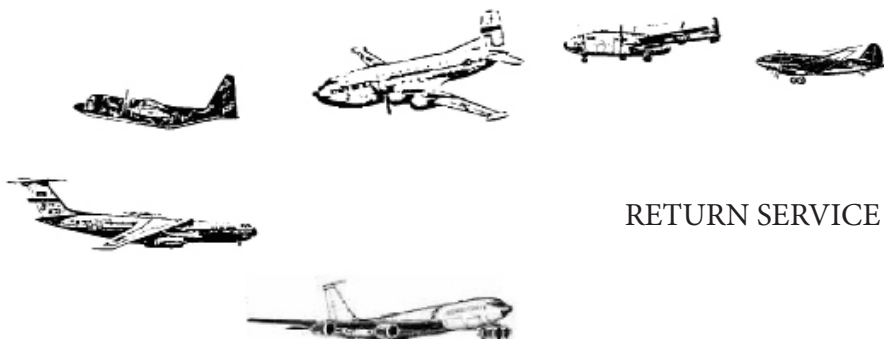
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