

459th Wing Association

BRINGING THE LATEST NEWS TO ALUMNI AND MEMBERS

Spring 2019 Newsletter

P.O. Box 748, Clinton, Maryland 20735



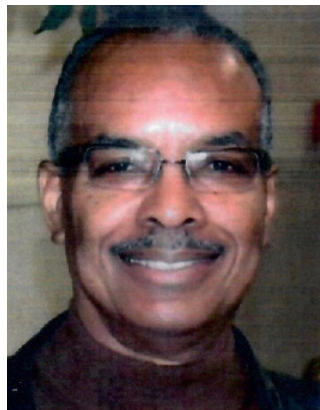
459 AES LEARN ANATOMY FROM PIG ORGANS

Members of the 459th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron study the anatomy of donated pig organs at the 459th Air Refueling Wing Headquarters, Joint Base Andrews, Maryland April 5, 2019. The training, which aims to enhance medical knowledge and save lives, focuses on the physiology of the heart, what happens to the lung when inflated with a bag valve mask, and how to perform a tracheotomy. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Kat Justen)

President's Message

By Harold Countee
459th Wing Association President

Greetings! Our bylaws call for holding a membership meeting once a year in the month of October. Traditionally, the membership meeting is held during the annual



reunion when we have at least 10% of the membership to host a quorum for voting. The board did not act on the bylaws at our March board meeting because we did not have enough membership in attendance to satisfy this requirement. Therefore, we will take up a discussion on the bylaws at the upcoming membership meeting in Virginia Beach in October.

The Association was born in 1989 and has gone through changes over the years such as

Continued on page 4

459TH WING ASSOCIATION

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

Staff and Board Members

Harold Countee - President

Tim McConnell - Vice President

Jim Lacey - Secretary

Charles Hawkins- Treasurer

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.

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 748

Clinton, MD 20735

Pictures from the 459 ARW



SECURITY FORCES TRAIN HARD TO BE SWORD AND SHIELD

Members of the 459th Security Forces Squadron conducted shoot, move and communicate training during the February Unit Training Assembly on Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. The training is critical to help defenders stay sharp and current on combat tactics used downrange. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Andreaa Phillips)



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS!

Members of the 459th Air Refueling Wing pose with annual awards won during the 459th Air Refueling Wing Annual Awards Banquet at The Club at Andrews, Maryland, during the March UTA. Only top performers are selected from among 1,300 of their peers to be awarded the best of the best. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Cierra Presentado)



JBA 2019 Air Show just around the corner!

The 2019 Joint Base Andrews Air Show featuring the Air Force Thunderbirds and the Navy Blue Angels is scheduled for May 10-12, 2019.

A variety of presentations from military services and other organizations will be present including the KC-135, the F-16 Fighting Falcon, and the UH-1N Iroquois.

The air show kicks off Friday, May 10, with a full program open to the Department of Defense cardholders and special invites only.

On Saturday and Sunday, May 11 to 12, JBA will open its gates to the public.

Free public parking will be available at FedEx Field with shuttles taking attendees to the base from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from the base to FedEx Field until 5 p.m. No public parking will be available on Joint Base Andrews.

No general admission tickets are required to see the show. Attendance is free and open to the public.

VIP tickets are available for May 11-12.

For more information visit:

www.jba.af.mil/Home/Air-Show/

Performers/Displays:

Air Force Thunderbirds
Navy Blue Angels
Army Golden Knights Parachute Jump Team
Geico Skytypers
Patty Wagstaff
B-25 Panchito
Commemorative Air Force P-51 Redtail
Shockwave Jet Truck
Air Combat Command A-10 Demo
USAF Heritage Flight
Michael Goulian
Oracle Flight Team
Tora Bomb Group (Pyrotechnics)
Kent Pietsch

Hometown Fliers:

UH-1N Iroquois
F-16 Fighting Falcon
KC-135 Stratotanker
Possible C-40
USAF Band
USAF Honor Guard / Drill Team

Static Displays:

CAF Redtail P-51
UH-1N

30th Annual Reunion!

Continued from President's page 1

it was named The 756th Squadron Association. Since then it has been amended and today it is known as the 459th Wing Association.

I have included specifics about our upcoming October 2019 Reunion in Virginia Beach along with the registration form so I hope many of you will be able to attend. I understand we have added a few new members since our last reunion so welcome and I look forward to seeing many of you in October in Virginia Beach.

Included for \$150.00 per person:

- Meet and greet dinner on Thursday evening
- Transportation to and from Norfolk, Virginia Luncheon Cruise on the Spirit of Norfolk
- Transportation to and from Virginia Air and Space Museum
- Banquet and dinner on Saturday evening
- Hospitality suite with a variety of refreshments Thurs., Fri. and Sat.



2019 Reunion Registration Form

Member Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

Closing night banquet dinner selections (circle one):

Member: Grilled Salmon OR Chicken Breast

Guest: Grilled Salmon OR Chicken Breast

Full program: \$150 per person

Number attending: ___ x \$150 = **Total enclosed:** \$ _____

* Do you need transportation to the Reunion: Yes or No

* If someone else needs transportation are you able to help provide transportation? Yes or No

Please send registration form and check payable to:

459th Wing Association

P.O. Box 748

Clinton, MD 20735

For questions please call or email Harold Countee

Phone: 301-785-0225

Email: hmcountee@verizon.net

WARRIOR SPOTLIGHT

459TH AIR REFUELING WING

Senior Airman
Marie Antoinette Gaspard

459th Logistics Readiness Squadron
Material Management Apprentice

"This is my first job so I have really been able to acquire teamwork and leadership skills. Without the military I would not have this opportunity or the chance to meet people to further my career."



Final Fly-By

Homer A. Allison
*July 7, 1925 - Jan.
17, 2019*



A resident of La Plata, Maryland and formerly of Bryans Road, Maryland, Homer passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at the age of 93.

Homer was a World War II veteran who served in the U.S. Army Air Corps and the U.S. Air Force for more than 40 years. Homer served in the 459th Airlift Wing as the superintendent of training until his retirement.



We now have the ability to pay dues online through PayPal!

Log onto:

www.459thwingassociation.com,
scroll to the bottom and click,
“pay dues online.”

Annual membership is \$15.00 per year due March 31st. You may also pay dues for multiple years. Your newsletter will have the year you are paid through printed in the upper right hand corner of the address label.

Note: For your information, according to the IRS we are not an organization described in Internal Revenue Code Section 170 (c) so donors cannot deduct contributions.

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:

**459th Wing Association
P.O. Box 748
Clinton, MD 20735**

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

From _____ to _____

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip Code _____

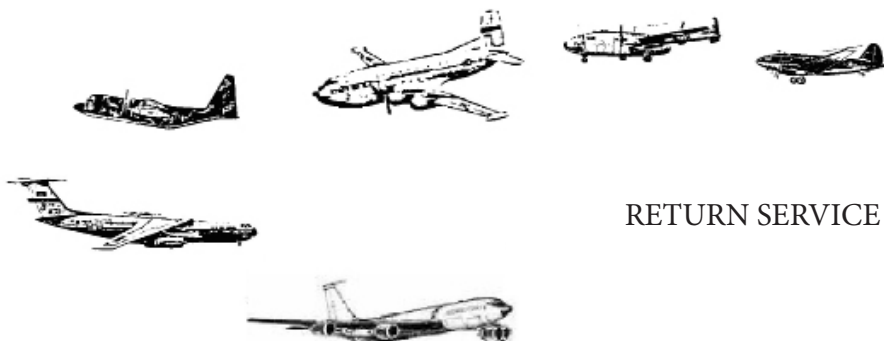
Phone – home _____

Email _____

Current or last position in the 459th _____

459th Wing Association

P.O. BOX 748, clinton, maryland 20735-0748



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED