



TACP ASSOCIATION BI-MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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"Remember the Fallen, Honor the Living, and Aid Brothers in Need."

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Recent Activities

- Donation for Chuck Holbrook Memorial Stone and travel reimbursement for Chuck's family to attend the placement ceremony
- \$1500 to cover insurance deductible and replace children's tablets for 11 ASOS member who was victim of a burglary
- \$1500 donation to Michelle Crosby Volleyball Fundraiser
- Travel support for a 9 ASOS member to return home for a family emergency
- \$2000 donation to assist 284 ASOS member with medical bills

Upcoming Events:

- Alayna Bowman Memorial Golf Tournament, 14 July 2017
- 8th Annual Bradley R. Smith Memorial 5K Run, 9 September 2017
- Air Force Marathon, 16 September 2017
- 24-Hour Challenge, April 2018
- 4th Annual Gav Ride, February 2018
- 2nd Annual Summer Ride for the Fallen Poker Run, Feb or March 2018
- TACP Association Golf Tournament, TBD
- Lightening Challenge, TBD

Association Hosts Memorial Rededication and Reunion



The TACP Association proudly hosted the TACP Memorial Rededication Ceremony and Reunion on June 22–24, 2017 in San Antonio, TX. The reunion kicked off with a social and memorial toast at Twin Peak Sports Bar.

Day two began with a PT session with the TACP Candidates followed by a tour of the schoolhouse. Attendees were then invited to attend the graduation of Falcon Flight 104 featuring guest speaker, CMSgt

(Ret) Ray Vivian.

The Memorial Rededication Ceremony commenced shortly after and featured a stirring speech by keynote speaker, Col (Ret) Pete Donnelly. Over 200 people attended the ceremony.

The reunion culminated on Saturday with a banquet at the Hyatt. Over 70 people were in attendance. Gold Star Wife Heather Gray, stole the evening with an inspiring speech before attendees concluded the even-

How to Join or Donate?

Simply logon to www.tacpassociation.org and click the **Join** button or the **Donate** button.

Lifetime Member - \$100

Restricted to active duty/retired/separated military personnel who are or were qualified as a (275, 1C4 or ALO) in the USAF or ANG.

Associate Lifetime Member - \$50

Any reputable military or civilian person, not eligible for regular membership, may become an Associate Member with approval by the Association.

Honorary Member — Awarded

Reserved for those who have made an extraordinary contribution to the TACP community. Any member of the Association can nominate an individual for this honor. The Board of Directors will ensure the appropriate voting actions

ing rocking out to the band WailBone, fronted by former TACP, Matt Hudnall.

A special thanks goes out to Nathan English and the schoolhouse crew who took on most of the heavy lifting and did a great job organizing the first Reunion conducted at the Memorial's new home in Texas.

Tristyn Gavulic Receives Jeep from TACP Association

The TACP Association has pledged to purchase cars for Gold Star children when they turn 16 years of age. Tristyn Gavulic became the third Gold Star Child to receive a Jeep from the TACP Association Car Program! He is now the proud driver of a 2017 Jeep Patriot. Special thanks goes out to Lee Chrysler Dodge Jeep of Fort Walton Beach, FL. They were able to provide the TACP Association with a substantial \$7400 discount to support this great cause!



The TACP Association President and Vice President Presenting Tristyn and His Family His 2017 Jeep Patriot

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Email us at: Support@TACP-A.org

Community Rallies to Support Former TACP’s Wife (by Special Correspondent Frank Salvato)

I was privileged to witness exactly what the TACP family is all about. In a time of true crisis for one of their own, they came together to help shoulder the load.

Starting well before 10am, literally hundreds of people descended on Juana’s Pagoda on Navarre Beach to participate in a charity beach volleyball tournament to benefit Michelle Crosby and her family. Michelle was critically injured in an accident and is currently on a long-road journey through rehabilitation.

While the day was full of good natured competition – and some pretty spectacular volleyball play, it was the full force turnout for the event that provided the emotional tone for the day. Over 30 teams of 4 took part in the event, with many more family members and friends coming out to support the cause and enjoy the picture perfect day.

As registration came to a close, everyone in attendance was summoned to one of the volleyball courts for instruc-

tions. But it was the honoree’s appearance that stole the show, moving many in the crowd to tears.

Michelle Crosby, aided by her husband, PJ, came slowly but deliberately to the mic and personally thanked each and every one in attendance for their kindness toward her and her family during this incredibly difficult time. Choking back tears and doing her best to applaud the crowd, everyone there was immediately affected by the love she exuded toward those who answered the call to help.

All of the registration proceeds – in addition to donated raffle prizes, were presented to the Crosby family to help defer the cost of Michelle’s hospital bills and rehabilitation costs, all of which created a mountain of debt for the Crosby family to overcome, and at a time when the family lost Michelle’s ability to generate income.

Additionally, the owners of Juana’s donated a portion of the day’s receipts and the bartenders donated portions of their tips. There were even attendees

donating more than the price of the registration, all in an effort to come to the aid of one of their own. Some of the people donating raffle items and services included: Southern Specialty, Stripes Restaurant, the Cinema Breeze 8, St. Francis Veterinary Clinic, The Rib Shack, Kat House Hair Studio, Juana’s Pagodas & Sailor’s Grill, Hampton Inn, Rob Burns, Hidden Creek Golf Club, SharkBite, Navarre Family Water Park, Flounder’s restaurant, Cummingsham Land Services, Nails by Amber, and Inspot Tattoo.

Event organizers Amy Shackley and Rebecca Haytack, aided by volunteers who managed the raffle, registration, and scoring brackets, were themselves moved by the day’s success.

It is a powerful thing to fall victim to an unexpected tragedy like the one which the Crosby family has succumbed. But the power of love and support – the love of family, such that was on display Saturday, is more powerful than anything the world can throw at us.



PJ and Michelle Crosby Thanking the Crowd at Juana’s Pagoda

TACP Association Hosts 1st Annual Summer Run for the Fallen Poker Run



The TACP Association Hosted the First Annual “Summer Run for the Fallen” Poker Run on

June 3, 2017. The event kicked off with lunch at The Rib Shack of Navarre, owned by

former TACP Phil Robas. Festivities concluded with beer and prizes at Helen Back Again.

13 riders participated in the event and raised over \$1250 for the Association.

“We definitely would have had more riders, but the rain kind of slowed us down”, said event organizer Jim Zagorsky.

“We will only get bigger and better next year!”

“We were so well organized and had so much support, we could have handled 200 riders!”

- Event Organizer, Jim “Zags” Zagorsky

TACP Association Store Featured Item: The TACP Luminox Watch

The TACP Luminox watch is now available for pre-order until August 1, 2017. The initial order will be placed after this date.

The Luminox TACP watch is a customized version of the Luminox Mariner 6252. Custom features include TACP crest on dial, TACP logo on case and watch back, and “USAF and TACP” printed on the dial. The watch is packaged in waterproof pelican type case.

The TACP Association was able to negotiate the asking price for this fine timepiece down to \$450 from an MSRP of \$900.

This is an amazing bargain for a watch worthy of being handed down from generation to generation. Visit the following website to place your order:

<http://tacpassociation.org/blog/product/tacp-watch>

A portion of the proceeds will go

to support your TACP Association.

Please keep in mind. These incredible watches are made to order. Expect approximately 120 days of production time before receiving your watch. After this initial order, additional orders will be placed if the Association receives at least 50 pre-orders.



The TACP Luminox Watch