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Today is D Day

This is the day our American troops stormed the beaches at Normandy and Utah Beach bringing World War II to an end. Hitler knew it was over and he took steps to exit the planet. Germany surrendered and the war was over. Back in my hometown of Valdese NC I remember that everyone rushed to the Main Street and the celebrations began like nothing we had ever seen before. Looking back I remember the day the war started. No more gas rationing and no more rationing coupons for food at the grocery store.

315AW Alumni Association Board Meeting and burger burn

We had a good turn out and a great time. Our Alumni Secretary Linda Skillman said we had 19 Alumni Members attending. Col Jim Roberts, Alumni President, always has a few very inspiring words to say about where our country and the world stands at this time. Jim always mentions our God given animable rights, which comes before rights afforded to us by our government. When I was assigned to Air Force and Air Force Reserve Recruiting Service, I had the recruits raise their right hand and say repeat after me: "I will support and defend the constitution of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic." Everyone who joins our armed forces takes the oath of enlistment. Jim went on to speak for some time about our rights and where we stand in such a way that was both interesting and inspiring. Jim's a motivator.

We have several vacant positions in the Alumni Association. Jim asked us at the Alumni meeting to find volunteers to fill these positions. He said the positions are not difficult and take up only a little of your time. Joanne Gillespie of the 315th Public Affairs office has already found us a Treasurer, MSgt Traci Johnson and she has others lined up for other positions. Some of you will be contacted by us, including myself, about filling current positions. Nomination/Voting Ballots 2023-2024 will be sent to you very shortly. Exercise your right to vote.

That's it for now folks. I'll get right back with you very shortly with other news that I'm sure you will enjoy!

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