



Origins of the 485th Tactical Missile Wing Alumni Association

The 485th Tactical Missile Wing Alumni Association was a vision of several individuals attending the 1993 Reunion of the 485th Tactical Missile Wing at Malmstrom Air Force Base, Montana.

After leaving the Sunday brunch at a local restaurant, there was an informal meeting on the trunk lid of a car in the parking lot, and it was decided at that time to form an association to preserve, and keep alive, the memory of the mission of the Wing.

Colonel Calvin Chasteen became the first Life Member of the soon-to-be association and put \$150 dollars into the 'kitty' so there would be money to begin the organizational process. Additionally, officers and directors were elected to start guiding the future of the Association.

MSgt (Ret) John Rudzianski (the second Life Member to add to the kitty) was elected Secretary/Treasurer and volunteered to file the necessary paperwork with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the state in which he lives, to form the Association.

After completing and submitting the Pennsylvania paperwork, John began the arduous task of filing the necessary paperwork with the Internal Revenue Service for the Association to become a Non-Profit Organization.

In August, 1993, the Association was formed in Pennsylvania, and finally, on October 3, 1996, the IRS recognized the 485th Tactical Missile Wing Alumni Association as a non-profit, 501(c) (19), Veteran's Organization.

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