

Reporting M. Drzyzga 3/11/15

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1. Meeting Duration 67 min., it began promptly at 8 p.m. EST, Prez. L.F. completed roll call.
2. Secretary's Report:
 - a. The format and the content of the minutes are acceptable, and the current Sec. will continue providing them this way.
 - b. Report of status of three external HardDrives: MD has #one, received from JP sent last autumn. It is Re-Partitioned into two "halves" so that one half is MAC and the other half is PC. All the Association's data on the MAC partition was copied to the PC partition.

JP has the other two HDs at his Work Shop (The Mac Store) in DE. MD spoke with JP: he has NOT been to his shop since before Christmas due to overwhelming house problems as a result of terrible weather which includes ice storms.

 - i. One of those in his possession (#two) is in process of being converted from a MAC to a PC formatted drive. No estimate when he will complete that. He will keep that for now - it has ALL of our Association data on it.
 - ii. The #three HD is the one I have asked him to also send to me. That one I intend to format as a PC only. Then I will copy all of Association stuff off the PC partition from #one onto this.
 - iii. WL previously suggested that the Association buy two or three more ext. HD and not wait on JP. MD agrees – LF asked MD to act on this suggestion. MD forming an Ad Hoc subcommittee, will obtain pricing and then buy the most appropriate hardware. DW indicated that \$350 is OK budget-wise.
3. Treasurer's Report, DW: Bank Acct. \$27,715.55, Quartermaster Acct \$2,792.25. Gus indicated that should be sufficient for a while. Also, there is one \$500 donation set aside for the (future) memorial bench project at the USAF National Museum. FINAL FLIGHT DONATIONS: Our by-laws do not specify our current policy/procedure for donating to families of MEMBERS who died. We need to capture this procedure in more than a long-past Board meeting minutes. WL will catch-up as time permits on those member's families we need to contact. (MD note: Paul Fuez, 17th IO, Life Member passed Feb. 24)
4. Quartermaster's report –
 - a. There IS a 4th and Final iteration of the "Shirt Order Form". The form is complex due to all the Shirt options and it is difficult to keep it all on one page. This Form will be part of the next Flash/Newsletter. The form my NOT be suitable for general use, and modifications needed for posting on the web site. A large shirt with all options costs \$47.
 - b. Gus emailed to us all an image of a new Coffee Cup (Mug) specific for the St. Louis reunion. Most attendees commented that they could not "open" the image file. Gus will re-transmit a different format image of the cup.

5. Newsletter Future: The Board desires a late March, early April *Firing Circle*. MD will talk with B. Petrie and learn if he can do this one. If not, MD will be tasked to create a Flash email newsletter and distribute via the other POCs. LF stressed that Bill would not have to create the content, that it all exists now. MD can assemble the news items, such as Lee Kyser's "Faces on the Wall" project, new Shirt Order Form, etc. and provide this all to Bill. Wayne is near completion of contacting our "family" to obtain pictures and "permission" to move this forward. MD will send to WL on 3/11, Lee's file write-up.
6. Web Site (IT Committee) report -- W.L.: TWE had additional unpredictable set-backs with our project. The IT team will "meet" with TWE on Wed. 3/11 and more forward. The status of the e-commerce module is unchanged from Feb. The structure of the web site is complete and LF reports that it looks good. The event module will be addressed next.

Time to decide on how to handle the "alpha roster". Should it remain limited, or should it be opened-up to include data from other groups in our MCL. After some discussion, LF called for a vote, and all were in favor of opening the alpha roster, as long as we keep some control over the changes – possible via POC verification. WL is POC for three groups, and may want (need) to reduce that effort by adding a new POC for one of his groups.

7. Facebook, JM:
 - a. LF congratulated JM and M. Hansen for add the new FB page relative to Veteran's news. This new FB page can also be linked to the Association's Web-site.
 - b. JM has an email contact with a person publishing a "Phan Rang -- Happy Valley" newsletter. If anyone wants to contribute to this, please send such to JM. Also, Ev may post these newsletters on our FB page. (MD Note: This is interesting "news" for addition to the next Association's next Newsletter.
8. Reunion XIV, St. Louis Report, E.S.: All is well – no issues to report. LF reported that Jim Dunn contacted magazines to advertise the Reunion. Also, that Cash McCall will further this effort.
9. Ft Walton, Reunion XVII 2016 report: Gus –
 - a. There is an RV park across from the Ramada – they have an arrangement with the Ramada in order to share some of the benefits.
 - b. Our current hotel contract has 185 room nights. WL reports that our historical documents show that the previous FWB reunion had 305 room nights. Gus will go back to the hotel and discuss HOW they are counting room nights, and may have to amend our contract accordingly.
10. Historian Report – P. Deal: Phil was unable to participate.
11. Last Call around the circle--
 - a. LF suggested that the Association consider creating a "Volunteer Service Award" to recognize individuals who provide a lot of support to our Association. Think about this for future discussion. We have already rec'd a nomination for Larry Hunter (Baby Huey) for the Above/Beyond Award. Other nominees should include Lee Kyser and Bob LaRosa.

b. Gus will send the necessary Association Coins to BL in support of a change in command at Cannon AFB, 73rd SOS. Col Dooley is succeeded by Col. Bartley (name spelling??)

c. LF reported that in the June "Vietnam Magazine" his article on "Shadows over Cambodia" will be published. The article also includes Stinger's support. This magazine is in limited printing – LF will try to acquire extras to bring to St. Lois.

NEXT Telecom will be Tue. April. 14, 2015. Details will be announced by the Sec.

Mike D