

**Reporting M. Drzyzga 5/22/15**

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1. Meeting Duration 54 min., it began promptly at 8 p.m. EDT, Prez. L.F. completed roll call.
2. Secretary's Report:
  - a. The Minutes from the April 14 teleconf' were accepted as distributed.
  - b. Mike suggested that the Association identify a computer-wise person to be the "Media Manager". This individual can handle the every growing complex collection of video files, photos from members and reunions, scanned documents, and may become the keeper of the HDs we began using to collect these items. Instead of just reading his thoughts on this matter, Mike will send out a Word doc file that hopefully spells out where we are, what we have, and suggestions going forward. Larry said that four people are currently handling this, and we need a coordinator. Please respond to Mikes email. Also, Gus and Norm Evans have mission tapes that may be burned to CD for sale. Would a telecom be good for this group to discuss Mike ideas?
  - c. Ev has an 18GB video file that will not fit on a DL DVD. No one yet has asked for their interview files – Wayne verified we have not distributed any. We may use a Google Cloud based storage , but Wayne indicated that internet-security is an issue to be considered. Ev suggested we can use a 32G flash drive, but that will indeed mean cost increases. The Flash drives we already bought are only 8 GB.
3. Treasurer's Report, DW: Bank Acct. \$25,865 , Quartermaster Acct. \$4145. Donation balance for Web: \$2019, do the math and the available balance is: \$19,716. PayPal is active still for the new Web Development.
4. Quartermaster's report – Gus
  - a. Shirt orders are ongoing.
  - b. Gus will still need a scale to weigh items for sale. Coins are ordered – all three types – cost close to \$1,000.
  - c. Gus and Wayne are working on identifying what needs to be changed on the new Quartermaster page. IT team is meeting twice per month. Gus reviewed all 21 accessory items and will send a "needs-fix-list" to Wayne.
5. Web Site (IT Committee) report – Wayne sent TWE a letter describing our dissatisfaction, with details as the Board discussed at the last meeting. Wayne has since seen quicker progress on making advances in the site functionality. We still owe them content for them to incorporate. Wayne is using Mike D's Google Cloud to add content as a one-place stop for TWE. Earl reiterated that the "current look" is only a place holder, and they will jazz it up as we want. Larry suggests that Wayne tele-call Mike at TWE, using a clever approach to determine that they have received our changes and are looking at it.

(Sec. Note: There is often much Noise in the background, loud enough to mask the person speaking – who is eating dinner on an open mic.?)

6. Newsletter: No B.P. on this call – therefore postponed until a June topic. If you have items for Firing Circle, send items to Bill, and copy Mike and Larry. We should target early Aug.  
(Sec. Note: Ev's list of "who's coming", a Final Flight addendum, any current events, and hype-up the reunion tours).

7. Facebook:

Over 300 members – We have a New admin – Member Terry Sarul has replaced Margaret Scott.

8. Reunion XIV, St. Louis Report, E.S.:

a. Ev had talked with a 71st individual who did not receive the most recent newsletter. Jim Alvis did distribute them. Nametags will be made by Ev as long as he obtains the format and data.

b, Wade: Contact at Scott AFB: MSgt Eugene King, coordinator for 8 member AF band, named "USAF of Mid-America". Wade will engage an **Aug 1** contact for reservation, because they do book-up heavily in Sept. On line Request Site: [www.outreachrequests.hq.af.mil](http://www.outreachrequests.hq.af.mil). Phone Numbers: 618-229-8129, 618-229-8188. Christy Sparter, 8 member Color Guard. We will be "bumped" if a request from funeral service, definitely takes precedence.

Wade: asked Mike to solicit help from Andrea to coordinate a Riverboat cruise for Sunday. Talk to Onda, at the Riverboat Cruise. Wade will send Larry a Riverboat Cruise pamphlet. Wade HAS received Coffee mugs.

9. Ft Walton, Reunion XVII 2016 report: Gus –

Clarify of "room nights" is completed!!! Change to an "inside area" for Sunday BBQ/Halloween Party, to protect from inclement weather.

10. Historian Report – Phil and Larry discussed the subject off-line. The new Web site will have a lot of our history. Phil does not have any of that documentation. Phil will do a Summary Report. Larry did start a history summary many yrs. ago, and he sent it to Phil.

a. Gus wanted to be assured that info. re the five "founding fathers" is included in any history. This summary may be a permanent part of the Pres Message page on the New Web Site. They are Honorary Board Members, along with Gen. Robertson, as documented in the first reunion Meeting Mins.

b. Larry: Has Above & Beyond nominees - 4 names. Larry will take Board Votes via email and tally the vote for presentation at the June Telecom.

c. Larry: will poll the Board re: change the Telecom time to one-hour earlier.

11. Last Call around the circle--

a. B.L: Asked Gus about 4<sup>th</sup> SOS – Gus will set up an appointment, COC has occurred.

b. Gus: COC is scheduled 7/10/15 at Hulbert; Col. Hubbie is leaving.

c. Norm will continue do burn mission tapes, and Gus will burn CDs.

d. Bob: we lost track of Col. Dooley, who will retire in June.

**NEXT Telecom will be Tue. June 9, 2015.** Details will be announced by the Sec. as usual.

Mike D