

December 19 Conference Call Minutes

Call began at 1600 CTS, board members present were Sam McGowan, Mike Welch, George Dockery, Hector Leyva, Jim Elmer, Jim Esbeck, Ace Bowman, Ralph Bemis. Mike Welch listed the things he liked about the recent convention then George and Jim Elmer echoed him. Hector commented that there should have been an agenda for the banquet. Ace Bowman made a motion that the minutes of the Warner Robins meeting be approved. Seconded by Ralph Bemis. Hector made a motion we approve the members meeting minutes; second by Ralph.

Our next item was discussion of the location for our 2014 convention. After some discussion, Ace Bowman made a motion that we have the next convention in Tucson; seconded by Jim Elmer. Jim Esbeck agreed to serve as reunion chairman. Bill Goodall, who also lives in Tucson, has previously indicated a willingness to help with the planning. Hector brought up the use of an outside organization to put the event together. We agreed to leave the option open at the discretion of the reunion chairman, Jim Esbeck.

The upcoming election of certain officers and board members was discussed. Sam McGowan asked Ralph Bemis if he was willing to resume the position of treasurer since Tom Stalvey isn't able to continue do to health reasons and he said he would be. Several names were brought up of people who might be willing to serve on the board or as an officer, including Bill Kehler. Ace Bowman advised that he is about to turn 80 and wishes to step down from the board.

We then discussed the possibility of having the Air Force Cross awarded to the late Charles L. Shaub upgraded to a Medal of Honor on the basis that he was originally recommended for it, as confirmed by Lt. Col. Rick Lentz, who was the navigator on the airplane with him. Mike Welch appointed Hector Leyva and Sam McGowan to look into it. George Dockery, who lives not far from Rick Lentz, also volunteered to take a role.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 CST.

Sam McGowan

Secretary