

Minutes of Little Rock Meeting
The Troop Carrier/Tactical Airlift Association Board Meeting

Jacksonville Museum of Military History
Jacksonville, AR
May 14-15, 2009

The following Board members were present at the meeting:

Alfred Bowman - Chairman of the Board
Hector Leyva - President
Rodney Crawford - Vice President
Ralph Bemis - Treasurer
Andy Vaquera – Board Member (2008 Convention Chairman)
Bobby Gassiott - Board Member

Old Business:

2008 Convention: Andy Vaquera made a presentation to the Board on some of the highlights of the convention and also the associated cost, sponsorship/donations, and sale of Association merchandise. There was \$2700 in sponsorship/donations and \$1400 in merchandises sales which gave the Association an overall cost for the convention at about \$600.

Charlie Shaub's MOH Upgrade Action: The upgrade still has the full support of the Board. However, the Board did not have any information on the letter writing that Sam McGowan had done to the Congressman in order to review what action to take. Hector Leyva did report that he had discussed this action with a some people, at the General level and at the DFC Society, but he thinks that time is not on our side to work this on the military side since General losue is not in very good health.

Treasurer Report:

Ralph Bemis provided a Treasurer report which showed that as of May 14, 2009, the Association had \$7281.09.

New Business

Elections and Clarification: The Board agreed that the nomination and election could and would take place at our biennial convention. With the next convention taking place in 2010, IAW the By-Laws, a Nominating Committee needs to be identified to solicit nominees from the membership. It was also agreed that all Board members need to be more active in all activities in order to assure that the Association meets the 5 major purposes that are outlined within the Constitution and By-Laws.

2010 Convention: There is still a lot of work to be done with 2 major issues at the top of the list and those are where and when. The Board agreed that over the next 60 days a decision would be made with a July 16, 2009, deadline. The following criteria will be used in the location selection, either one with an air show or one that is known for entertainment. The following 4 places, but not limited to, are in the consideration process: Little Rock, Birmingham, Houston, and Branson, Missouri. The Board was also briefed by James Elmer from the 815th TCS/TAS Jennys on the plus and minus of having your reunion/convention planned and done by an outside organization that is in the business of doing that and how that could be viewed. Hector Leyva said that an organization that he belongs to has done that in the past and he feels that some of the headaches may go away but it is not a very cheap way to have a reunion or convention.

2012 Convention: The 2012 convention will be the subject of discussion at the 2010 convention at which time the where and when will be put to the membership. IAW the By-Laws, a Reunion Committee needs to be identified in order for them to have something to present to the membership.

Membership Recruitment: This is an action that all members have an inherited responsibility to always be doing their best to achieve, however, it is not always done. Here again, the By-Laws provides a Membership Committee to help in the recruitment process and the Board will identify and fulfill this requirement. As a matter of note, Jim Elmer became a member after his briefing.

U. S. Flag Requirement: *Ralph Bemis identified this requirement and the Board agreed that action should be taken to purchase a flag set. The Board agreed that \$250.00 would be allocated for the flag and a floor stand.*

By-Laws Review: *The Board discussed what changes or additions may be needed and decided that more time would be allocated to the review process of the By-Laws since they have not been in use that long. Most of the Board members were comfortable with the By-Laws.*

The following items were brought up during the meeting and action is pending:

All Board members and officers need to be identified with an email address and telephone number on a separate document that will be provided to them. This will allow a more direct way in providing notification/information to the Board. This listing can be developed, provided, and maintained by Sam McGowan.

- Copyright of TCTAA logo: Ernie Gassiott will look into this and see what action can be taken.

- Website Requirement: Sam McGowan needs to give the Board some info as to how long we have it for and when it needs to be renewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 1700 on May 14, 2009