

October 22, 2010 Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 0910 by Chairman Ace Bowman. Due to the number of members attending, the Board and Members meetings were combined. Board members Ace Bowman, Bobby Gassiott and Sam McGowan were present. Minutes of the last meeting were read by Sam McGowan and were approved as read. In the absence of Treasurer Ralph Bemis, Sam McGowan read the treasurer's report. The meeting was opened up for old business and Sam McGowan reported on the establishment of special memorial web pages for TSgt. Charles L. Shaub, Major Warren "Huey" Long and Col. Charles W. Howe, which were suggested at the 2008 meeting. During the discussion, Tom Stalvey suggested an airlift memorial page, which moved us into New Business. We discussed the amending of the By-Laws changing the membership terms from one year to two years and five years to six years to reflect our biannual conventions. A motion was made by Ace Bowman to amend the By-Laws and was seconded by Bobby Gassiott. The motion passed with none opposed.

Sam McGowan brought up the possibility of our joining with the Clark Field Cemetery Association in sponsoring legislation to have the cemetery become part of the US Nation Cemetery program. We decided that Ace Bowman, Sam McGowan and Tom Stalvey would pursue the matter for future action.

Due to several upcoming vacancies and the end of the terms for some officers, we decided to appoint a nominating committee consisting of Dennis Ybarra, Tom Stalvey, Bobby Gassiott and Dean Robnett who will recommend a slate of officers and board members whose names will be placed on a ballot which will be mailed to members immediately after the first of the year. Those present decided to place names for all officer and board member slots on the ballot. The nominating committee will contact present officers and board members to determine their interest in continuing to serve.

We then turned to the selection of a site for our next convention/reunion. Several sites were suggested, including Little Rock; Dulles Airport; Warner-Robins, Georgia; Tucson, AZ and Branson, Missouri as possibilities. In view of there being at least three known events already scheduled for Dayton, Ohio in 2012, we decided it would not be considered for that year but should be held for a future date.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 AM.