

MINUTES
AIR FORCE RECRUITING ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
(AFRAA)
American Legion Post 593
326 Legion Drive
Converse, TX 78109
13 June 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Dale Ullrich, President, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM.

PRESENT:

Dale Ullrich, President
Stan Staples, Treasurer
Candy Moore, Secretary
Dave Frutchey, Member
Jerry Nelson, Member
Paul Hamilton, Member
Bob Cantu, Member
Nick Milanovich, Member
Greg Valdez, Member

ABSENT:

Larry Carlton, Vice President

2. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Minutes: The Minutes from our previous meeting (7 Mar 10) were reviewed. It was noted that our webmaster's name was misspelled as was another word in the minutes but both of those errors were corrected by Secretary Candy Moore prior to this meeting. Stan Staples recommended and Bob Cantu seconded a motion to approve the minutes. All present agreed and minutes were approved.
- b. Monument: President Ullrich briefed the membership on several changes that have transpired since our last meeting that will impact the process of getting the monument funded and constructed. Our previous CE contact, Rick Trevino, has not been as accessible as he was initially. This is due in large part because of the realignment of the base(s) organizations and structure. The CE at Randolph will now operate in conjunction with the other local military facilities and will probably not be as responsive to this project as we had initially hoped. However, all in attendance agreed we would still be able to fund this project with some help from various sources. President Ullrich will contact some influential former military leaders to get behind us and help organize fundraisers. A general discussion of fundraising ideas followed and everyone agreed that engraving the bricks for \$75.00 each could bring in respectable amount of

revenue. A sample of some different bricks were provided and all agreed on a particular color. Another idea for raising money was to partner with the AFSA at Ratama Park on a couple of race dates to be coordinated by Stan Staples. Also, it was suggested we have a coin made that could be sold to current and prospective members. All ideas merit further discussion and all new ideas and thoughts will be entertained at future meetings.

- c. CMSGT Clark: Chief Vance Clark's retirement dinner and ceremony went very well and AFRAA was well represented. Both the ceremony and the dinner were casual and entertaining. He has mentioned several times, including his retirement dinner, that he can't wait until his actual retirement date so he can officially join our Association. He presented a personal postdated check to back that up. He will certainly be a welcome and, no doubt, productive member of this Association. He has some good ideas and some good contacts plus a contagious enthusiasm.
- d. PENPAL: Our Webmaster is currently working to get a dues payment and membership application on line. This will take a little time but should have an update for the next meeting. There was a brief discussion on this topic and most feel it's important to get this project going since a number of people pay bills and do most everything on line. We need to be proactive on this so we can reach the maximum number of people and make our membership process as convenient and easy as possible.
- e. FACEBOOK: Larry Carlton was absent for this meeting but was in the process of setting up a Facebook account for our Association. However, recent publicity regarding Facebook and other networking websites has given us cause to reexamine this idea. Candy Moore brought up the recent national news stories involving Facebook security issues. These issues are on going and all agreed we should scrap the Facebook idea, as we do not want to put membership information at risk. If, and when, the social networks can guarantee security of information, we can explore the idea further.
- f. 2010 Annual Meeting & Golf Tournament: The membership discussed the Annual Meeting & Golf tournament and generally agreed that we do not need to get all the regional representatives in to attend the annual meetings because of the logistics involved. Some feel we could have this every couple of years instead of annually. This would/could coincide with the election of officers. More discussion to follow.
- g. Recruiting School Graduation: The new schedule is out and all members were encouraged to schedule a date to present our award. This is a big deal to the students and gives us great visibility and keeps us involved in the recruiting process.
- h. Membership: Dave Frutchey reported our membership now at 100. He had done a very good job in getting the word out and in contacting former members to get back on board. This is a significant increase over the 75 members reported at the last meeting and as he stressed in this meeting,

we must all get involved in the recruiting process and continue to make it a priority.

3. **OLD BUSINESS: The** line between Old Business and New Business continues to blur, as each item discussed is a continuous area of concern. The items mentioned above will continue to be updated as we reach our goals and milestones.

4. TREASURER REPORT:

- a. Stan Staples, Treasurer, reported our total account balance at \$3600.72.

5. MEMBER ITEMS:

President Ullrich reported that CMSgt Joe Kosusko was hospitalized with on going health problems but is hopeful of a recovery. He brought a get-well card and all present signed it. Candy Moore will mail it tomorrow.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Our next meeting is scheduled for 19 Aug 2010, 1800 hrs, at the Kendrick "E" Club at Randolph. There being no further business to discuss, Candy Moore motioned and Dave Frutche seconded a motion to adjourn. Dale Ullrich, President, adjourned the meeting at 5:45 P.M.