

USAF Recruiting Alumni Association Board Meeting

October 25, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 am by President Billy McAllan. Members present were Billy McAllan, Tino Tinoco, Mary Gandolfo, Andy Coppi, Bob Cantu and Stan Staples via telephone. Members absent were Greg Valdez, Dale Ullrich, Ed Curbelo, Danny Roby, SMSgt Chris Rabenold and MSgt Matthew Garza.

Minutes from 13 September meeting were reviewed and accepted as written.

Stan reported that we have \$2,686.23 in our General Fund, \$14,398.28 in our Blue Suit Fund and \$32,669.24 in our Memorial Fund. He also reported that we have 76 members in good standing.

Billy updated the election status. We still need a nominee for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. The slate of nominees for the next board is:

President	Matt Macho
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice Pres	Tino Tinoco
Secretary	Mary Gandolfo
Treasurer	Stan Staples

Billy McAllan will remain on the board as the immediate Past President.

**ACTION ITEM: Billy will send a letter with the election information to the members which will include a ballot.**

We next discussed the Annual Meeting/Christmas Gathering scheduled for December 9, 2023 at the Cantu Ranch. Leadership from Recruiting Service will be joining us that day in addition to the general membership. We will also have other invited guests. The meal will be catered by Bill Miller this year and we will be providing the dessert. Billy will send the invitation to all invited guests with a RSVP date in December.

**ACTION ITEM: Billy McAllan will send the Invitation to the membership and other invited guests.**

The monument discussion started with news about the bricks. We have a new vendor and with that, new prices. It was proposed that we update our pricing to \$100.00 for a brick with 2 lines of text and \$125.00 for a brick with 3 lines of text. Billy will talk to Dale and get any further information from him

concerning when the new prices will go into effect and if the proposed prices will be adopted.

**ACTION ITEM: Billy McAllan will contact Dale and discuss details of the brick information and report back to the next regular board meeting.**

In addition to the issue of bricks we discussed possible grant information from Vance Clarke.

Andy also brought up the idea of recognition for members of the Association who have passed. This idea will be brought to the newly elected board at the first meeting.

Billy advised the board that the awards presented at the recruiting school have increased in price to \$37.99 each. We have \$1000.00 for Vance Clarke to use toward this program. 30 awards were ordered for a total of \$1138.00 with the balance being paid by the Association.

The annual picnic for AFRS was held at the headquarters building this year. Matt Macho went as our representative. We supplied hamburger meat and hot dogs as we have in the past. We were recognized and thanked by those in attendance.

We are down to 26 coins for sale or presentation. Stan will order the coins and have them sent to Mary. We will need them for Blue Suit and potentially the Annual Meeting.

The final topic of discussion was the Bag Dragger Newsletter. There were only two articles submitted for publication. This is not enough to make a newsletter. At least two promised articles were not received. Ideas about articles suggested so we could publish included contacting Vance Clarke and getting portions of his thesis about why monuments are important. Vance Clarke is a former command chief for Recruiting Service. It was also suggested that we recap our minutes and submit that as an article. A new deadline was established of November 1, 2023 for these articles to be submitted to Mary for publishing.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 am. Our next meeting will be the annual meeting on December 9, 2023 at the Cantu ranch. Further details will be sent to the membership concerning time and agenda.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Gandolfo*

Mary Gandolfo, Secretary