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55th Strat Recon Wing Association

Board of Directors Meeting Reno, NV 29 SEPTEMBER 1999

Secretary's Minutes

Board Members Present:

Board members Maloney, Kibbe and Gurney were not present. All other members attended. The motion was made and passed to provide free membership to the 55th Commander's representative as well as to the Commander.

The board was advised that a report in the News Letter that Julene Marks as well as John Marks was in ill health was in error. Julene. is in good health, President Bill Ernst read responses sent to him by survivors after they had received condolence cards.

The president reported that relationships between the "Omaha Caucus" and 55th Reconnaissance Wing active duty members is "wonderful." He also reported that the Omaha Caucus is growing with a lot of young, active duty personnel joining up. He pointed out that all 55th squadron commanders are members automatically.

Errol Hoberman reported that fewer than two dozen active duty members have become dues paying members of the Association.

President Ernst reported that the 55th Wing Commander was unreceptive to Ernst's proposal that the Association establish a program of making regular achievement awards to active duty personnel. What Ernst had proposed was that the Association give monetary or other award to such active duty members as NCO Maintenance Man of the Year or other similar awards.

LCol Bo Marlin stated that he could obtain the necessary personnel records for such awards.

Association Treasurer Errol Hoberman submitted the treasurer's report. See below.

He also made the motion which was passed, that a three-year membership be offered at the rate of \$25.00 versus the regular \$10.00 per year.

The treasurer reported the Association membership to be 703.

The president advised the board that Don Gurney, the Reno reunion host, would be directed to prepare a report on lessons learned on the planning and holding of the reunion.

The president directed that the secretary publish in the News Letter correct addresses of members whose address information in the roster is incorrect.

Sam Pizzo, the Nominating Committee Chairman, reported that all board members had been renominated.

The president directed that the board members arranging for the reunion golf match insure that all players receive senior discount.

Board member Robb Hoover announced that a lithograph honoring the late Tom Buono would be on display in the hospitality room and would be presented to Tom's widow at the reunion banquet.

Robb also announced that two well published authors, whose specialty was the cold war, would speak at the members meeting. They were a Professor Burrows at New York University and a Mr. Taubman, assistant editorial page editor at the *New York Times*

The motion was made, discussed and voted for the Association to donate \$1,800.00 toward providing glasses etched with the Wing seal to each attendee at the next Wing birthday ball.

The motion was made, discussed and passed that board members who have been elected a minimum of four times would achieve permanent tenure on the board. It was determined that only three board members have been elected to four terms: Errol Hoberman, Sam Pizzo and Charley Waters.

The president announced that there would be an Air Force reunion held in the Akron, Ohio area in 2003. The consensus of the board was that the Association have a separate event.

Don Griffin raised the issue of parliamentary action by the Board on the internet. It was agreed that the procedure would consist of motions to be made by the president and that other board

members would address their e-mail comments/discussion to him and a consensus would prevail.

There was a discussion of a large oil painting of an RB-47 owned by Bruce Bailey. Board members were not certain just what plans Bailey had for the painting. The consensus was that if he wanted to sell it for a reasonable sum, the Association would buy it and donate it to the SAC Museum.

The motion was made, discussed and passed to buy 10 copies of Bruce Bailey's book "We See All."

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Membership Meeting MEMBERS' MEETING 1 OCTOBER 1999

President Bill Ernst opened the meeting by highlighting and welcoming the attendance of an unprecedented number of retired enlisted members, far larger than had ever attended a reunion before. He then introduced Col Bill Mudd, Commander of the 55th Reconnaissance Wing's Operations Group. Col Mudd presented an overview of the planned modifications to and updating of the Rivet Joint RC-135 aircraft.

The membership voted to re-elect all board nominees.

Bill Ernst -Ben White -Errol Hoberman-Robb Hoover-Sam Pizzo-Sparky Adams-Charlie Waters -Max Moore-Jim Maloney -Craig Kibbe -Don Griffin -Col Bo Marlin -Chief Casey

The president announced that the next reunion would be in the Melbourne, Florida area and the reunion planning would be headed up by Col John Capan, USAF (Ret.) and Barney Clary. He announced that the SAC Society would hold a reunion in July of 2000.

He announced that the board is committed to having a reunion in the fall of 2001 to coincide with the planned completion of the renovation of the RB-47H now underway and placement of the aircraft in the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.

Robb Hoover explained to the membership the board action to tenure board members in perpetuity after they had been elected a minimum of four times. He pointed out that 13 board members and the president must be elected by the membership.

The president announced that the next 55th Reconnaissance Wing birthday ball will be held on 29 January 2000.

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Board of Directors Meeting 2 OCTOBER 1999

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In Attendance: Executive Officers President ... Bill Ernst Vice President ... Robb Hoover Secretary ... Ben White Treasurer ... Errol Hoberman

Other Board Members Members ... Sam Pizzo ... Sparky Adams ... Charlie Waters . Max Moore .. Jim Maloney Absent) .. Craig Kibbe (Absent) .. Don Griffin 55 th Wing ... Col Bo Marlin 55 th Wing ... Chief Casey (Absent)

BOARD MEETING

The board reelected all officers. The President appointed Errol Hoberman to be the Membership Chair and Don Griffin as the Webmaster..

After discussion the board concluded that the next News Letter should be published in about two months.

The treasurer's financial statement was audited and found without discrepancies by Sam Pizzo and Sparky Adams. It was approved by the board.

Don Gurney reported that approximately 320 attended the reunion and the attendees names would be e-mailed to the secretary.