



USAF Police Alumni Association

Board of Directors Meeting via Conference Call
November 5th, 2014

Attendees:

John Shanks, Co-Chair
Gene Autry, Co-Chair
Ryan Bollentino, Vice Chair
Michael Marushia, Secretary
Jen Everhart, Historian
Joshua Boyce, Communications Director

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

John Shanks welcomed everyone to the meeting, and took the first turn at speaking.

The first point of discussion was the rules that had been implemented on November 4th on the Association's Facebook Page, in response to a number of threads on the page that had deteriorated to unacceptable levels of language and conduct. Secondly, John discussed urging all members to continue with posting relevant photos and/or stories to generate activity, feedback, and additional postings on the page. Third, John took a moment to thank Greg and Ryan for their outstanding work obtaining photos and interviews, and posting (or preparing them for posting) to the website. Lastly, John briefed on a recent incident on the Facebook page where an admin from another Facebook page had overstepped their bounds, resulting in John having to discuss the incident with the other page owner. The result of the discussion should lead to no future incidents of that type.

Greg Autry briefed the Board that after consultation with John Shanks, the decision was made to close the "Save the Security Forces Museum" page on Facebook, as it had run its course and was no longer generating sufficient traffic to be effective. John and Michael Marushia assisted Greg in removing over six thousand members so the page could be permanently closed and deleted. This was completed today. Greg further related that his focus now is his work on the USAF Police website, spending his time preparing the "AF Police Competitions" pages for publication.

Ryan Bollentino briefed that after recent illnesses and moving, he is getting back up to speed with his work on the website. Ryan related he has been working on the Vietnam era pages, and asked for assistance with two interviews he has scheduled to conduct. Greg related he would assist as needed.

Michael Marushia related that as he gets up to speed with the website, he has been concentrating on recruiting members to both the Facebook page and website. Mike related that with his upcoming return to work, his time will be limited but he will participate as much as possible in both the FB and website activities and development.

Joshua Boyce related that he was concentrating his efforts on the website, and continues to work on it daily. Josh asked about our tax-exempt status. John related that the forms have been submitted, but the IRS has 90 days from receipt to advise if the filing is completed and up to 6 months to provide final classification and approval. The group does have an official Employer Identification Number assigned.

Jen Everhart related that on Nov 6th, she will be visiting the USAF Air Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, where she will be combing through the many archives there to develop more material for posting to the website.

Prior to the meeting, John had distributed an e-mail regarding the possibility of the group obtaining Henry Rifles or other long or hand guns from www.historicalarmory.com for fund raising raffles or auctions once our 501 (c)19 status has been fully approved. John related they were capable of engraving the guns with any badge, logo, or other AF cop related design we could submit to them. The issue was briefly discussed and tabled until further notice.

John advised he has spoken with CMSgt White, the top cop Chief at the Pentagon, with respect to having the names of all AF Cops that died in the Line-of-Duty added to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Wall in Washington. John will coordinate with Chief White to ensure permanent recognition on both the Wall as well as within our website.

John then briefed that due to scheduling issues, Jose Sanchez, the publisher of "Defender Magazine", had not been able to meet with him today, but related he should be available next week. John related that the plan of action is to enter into agreement with Sanchez wherein Defender Magazine would become the official publication of our group, which would increase our audience by approximately 60,000 subscribers. John asked the Board to consider seating Sanchez on our Board in recognition of this partnership. This issue will be discussed and finalized at a later time.

Lastly, John noted that in a recent press brief released by the Air Force Security Forces Association, our group was officially recognized and listed on their brief as a bonafide AP/SP/SF historical entity. Congratulations to all who have worked so hard to get us this visibility and recognition within our career field.

With no further items to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael T. Marushia Sr., Secretary
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