

**1. OCTOBER 20, 2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING: Bob Crabtree** called the meeting to order at 1330 hours in the SSFCU Boardroom. Attendance:

Bob Crabtree -- President	Chris Cook -- Vice President
Phred Sevening – Secretary	Doug Holden
Joe Hurst	Kenny O’Neal
Maj Bernard Cruz	Bob Baert
Rass Rassmussen	Dan “Dap” Dapolito
SSgt Stacy Bulen, AIA/Honor Guard	Joe Wiggins, AIA/PA
Lt Lindy Singleton, AIA/PA	MSgt John Knotts, AIA/SENSOR OLYMPICS

**2. MINUTES:** The Annual General Membership Meeting of September 30, 2006 minutes were reviewed and approved.

**3. TREASURER’S REPORT:** The monthly Treasurer’s Report was read and filed for audit, despite the Treasurer being out on an authorized absence at South Padre Island.

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. CALENDARS. Doug Holden.** We are very close to breaking even. Motion was made, seconded, and approved to offer the calendars up to associate organizations to offer to their membership once we have made up our expenses with the endeavor.

**b. 2006 REUNION RECAP: Maj Bernard Cruz**

**(1) The HQ AIA team conducted a hotwash** shortly after the conclusion of the Reunion. The POC for next year’s event will be Major-Select Derrick Bright.

**(2) GOLF TOURNAMENT: Joe Hurst.** Golf tournament was very well done. As a reminder, there are no clubs available for rent at that facility, and we will do a better job of making that know next year. We will keep the noon start time, as it is difficult for many folks to take the entire day off from work to participate. We will stick with the Alsatian Golf Course because of their outstanding support to us. They were very flexible on the shotgun starts, taking care of their own members who were participating in the tournament, catering the lunch, and many many other areas -- telling us all to stick with them.

**(3) REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY.** Ceremony was outstanding, even though the RC-135 did not participate. The F-16 fly-by timing appeared to be perfect, although it was not planned for that specific point in time. It was one of the better fly-overs in recent memory. Comment from Chris Cook: During the ceremony these words were used “...I would like to continue the tradition...” Let’s formalize this, let’s also make the “shadow role” played by Joe Hurst a permanent part of the ceremony. Joe got the list of Fallen Eagles from the FTVA website to read at the ceremony. The EC-47 is starting to look scruffy. Turns out that the aircraft is owned by the USAF Aircraft Museum and they are in charge of scheduling the cleaning, and it is due within the next three months. It was also pointed out that the nosecone is not painted correctly, it needs to be like the one at San Angelo. The Alzafar Shriners Bagpipe band was only able to provide one piper for this event, but it still turned out great. Thanks to Big John Doherty and Barnie Gavin for an outstanding job.

**(4) PICNIC.** Great turnout by all, especially among the active duty crowd. There was plenty of good food, and heard that at least four booths actually ran out. One person fell and left in an ambulance, have heard nothing to indicate it was serious.

**(5) HALL OF HONOR.** Very well done. Received a letter of appreciation from the Fife family. The meeting in the BALA was good, but there could have been a better job of deconflicting comments between FTVA and Gen Koziol. Will work closer with the CAG next year. As a reminder, each nomination package must be signed by an FTVA member. Need to get the word out early (but not too early) on the nomination process. It would be good to get some feedback as to why a package was not approved. The November Spokesman will have a Hall of Honor article included.

**(6) STATE OF THE AGENCY BRIEFING.** Good.

**(7) ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING.** Good

**(8) BANQUET.** Service was slow and food was mediocre (with some complaints of it being cold). We are pretty much stuck with using the club system due to cost of going off base. Suggestion was made to make sure the contract for next year's event spells out how many waiters will be serving to ensure better delivery. The reception room off to the side was good. Nice video, AIA/PA is working to replace some copyrighted material in that video with publicly-available images and will then most likely have the video available on their website. Band of the West did an excellent job, but we could have treated them better. We contracted with them to perform for a specific length of time after the banquet and when it was quitting time, there were only four couples left to enjoy their efforts. Suggest scaling back the time we have them perform after the banquet. There were some minor mixups regarding seating. Each Hall of Honor inductee and family had a reserved table (but not reserved seats) and the FTVA Board of Directors had a reserved table (but not reserved seats). Recommend doing seating the same way next year. The programs ended up costing more than planned due to mixup when the order was placed. Next year need to make programs for the VIPs in color, and everyone else will be black and white (except for the cover). This will cut down on cost. Will make full color copies available for the Hall of Honor Inductees and the VIPs only. Need to have the Hall of Honor inductee local area contact data so we can make them aware of any schedule changes. Almost had one inductee show up late due to mistake on how to convert military time. Will ensure we do not use military time from now on to avoid that.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. 2007 FTVA REUNION.** Motion was made, seconded, and approved to hold the Reunion the last week of September in 2007. AIA POC will be Capt Derrick Bright. Major Cruz is already working with him to ensure a smooth transition. The Gateway Club is already reserved for the last Saturday in September, the 29<sup>th</sup>, for the Banquet.

**b. POCKET CALENDARS.** There was a suggestion from the general membership, submitted via the website, to create pockets calendars with the FTVA logo and other info on them, for sale. The idea was voted down due to excess cost.

**c. SPRING SOCIAL.** Motion was made, seconded, and approved to have the Spring Social on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Gen Jouas was considered as a guest speaker. Kenny O'Neal will invite him to speak.

**d. SENSOR OLYMPICS RECAP. MSgt John Knotts.** Sincere thanks to FTVA for funding half of all the expenses associated with the event this year. He passed out coins to the members present, that were left over from the SENSOR O banquet. Coins were done locally by KV Coins, at an exceptional price, they have provided incredible support for this event. Mr Mock from the Chamber of Commerce also provided outstanding support, and he

will receive some coins to pass around to his staff. The SENSOR O finalists saw the IMAX Film "Cost of Freedom" went on a VIP riverboat ride that takes them beyond the limits of the riverboat cruise available to tourists. Sincere thanks for hosting a luncheon for the finalists. Next year would like to ramp up participation from among the FTVA members, as only had two show up for the lunch. Most of the SENSOR O finalists voiced appreciation for FTVA in doing so much to sponsor the event, and several expressed an interest in joining FTVA.

**e. AIA/PA. Lt Malinda "Lindy" Singleton.** AIA/PA has created a new AIA website, patterned after guidance from HQ USAF. URL is [WWW.AIA.AF.MIL](http://WWW.AIA.AF.MIL) We are looking into having a link to the FTVA site, but we have to work through the mandates for standardization first to see what is and is not allowed. If allowed, there will be a link. The electronic version of the Spokesman will be available on the website on the first of each month. The new website is pretty impressive.

**f. SUPPORT TO DEPLOYED TROOPS. Chris Cook.** Is there an opportunity out there for FTVA to get involved in some fashion regarding deployed AIA troops and their families? Something to think about.

**g. AIA HONOR GUARD IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. Chris Cook.** Chris Coordinated with the AIA Honor Guard to allow them the opportunity to get more involved in the local community as schedule and interest allows. SSgt Stacy Bulen from AIA Honor Guard is looking into it. They are traveling to Houston soon to participate as the Honor Guard in a national-level sporting event, and will perhaps go to Dallas as well. The AIA Honor Guard is one of the last all-volunteer Honor Guards in the entire Air Force.

6. There being no further business, motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1535. The next meeting will be on 17 November 2006 in the Security Service Federal Credit Union Board of Directors Conference Room at 1330.

Respectfully Submitted,

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FTVA Secretary