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MAY 19, 2006 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING: Chris Cook called the meeting to order at 1330 in the AIA Commander's Conference Room, building 2007, HQ AIA.

A. Agenda was deviated a bit to allow for AIA/CV, Brig Gen Jean-Marc Jouas to address the group. His comments:

There is a huge cut in personnel being forced upon us, a total of 40,000 over the next couple of years. This will have a major impact on our operations, especially regarding the Global War on Terrorism (GWOT). Some tough decisions will have to be made regarding where to invest some of our tight dollars regarding upgrades in our ability to counter our adversaries. The changes will bring some chaos, there is no doubt, but the smooth seas will come. What will the Air Force intelligence capability look like? The new USAF/A2, Lt Gen Deptula, is a heavy hitter and will be a four-star. He is probably the best selection for that position that could have been made for us. There are lots of AIA initiatives underway to bring AIA to a full-spectrum intelligence organization, lots of changes coming.

Thanks for all the support to AIA over the years, and for me personally the event with Grover McMakin and Bill Ballard was a wonderful event. Tomorrow evening is the Spring Fling. And of course the upcoming picnic and reunion. I want to take time now to introduce the new AIA Ambassadors, and of course a big part of the success they enjoy in that role is a direct result of your generosity and sponsorship. This is SrA Amanda Belden from AFIWC. She is very active in the local community, and represents AIA so well in so many ways. Our other ambassador, TSgt Toree White, could not be here with us today. He is from the 33rd IOS. FTVA is AIA's greatest legacy.

The AIA Honor Guard is the only all-volunteer Honor Guard in the entire USAF, and they are proud to serve. We are very fortunate to have them on our team. (Chief Colqhoun, AIA/CCC, added that AIA has the only Honor Guard rep by AFSC outside of the Presidential Honor Guard. That was arranged by a CMSAF several years ago). Grover Jackson added that he had some "man in the street" feedback regarding the AIA Honor Guard's performance at NBA Semi-Finals game #2 where they were the flag presenters. Our Honor Guard is clearly the sharpest team going.

The BALA upgrade will include the Hall of Honor, so that area will get a face-lift as well. We don't have dates for that yet, but hopefully soon. Gen Koziol is moving quickly on making several cosmetic changes around here, and this is definitely on the list. I know the design plans are in the works. The MEER Team and the Chief's Group did the first Hall of Honor here.

Thanks again for all you do for us.

B. THANK YOU TO MAJOR DAVE BOWER. Chris Cook presented a memento and thank you to Maj Dave Bower for his hard work and help over the last year in ensuring the FTVA reunion and picnic were top notch events.

C. MAJ BERNARD CRUZ, REPLACING MAJ DAVE BOWER, PROVIDED UPDATE ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE UPCOMING ANNIVERSARY:

1. GOLF TOURNEY. John Anderson. He has six helpers to assist Joe Hurst. The tournament will be on 28 SEP at 12 noon Tee-time. Location is the Alsatian Golf Course in Castroville, with BBQ immediately following. The BBQ cost is included in the \$35 entry fee. Invites will be mailed out in June and we are limited to a max of 144 golfers. AIA/XP is also helping with the Golf Tournament.

2. REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY. John Doherty. We are working to get an RJ flyover and static tour. Fiscal constraints may prevent that, since we are looking at the final three days of the fiscal year.

3. PICNIC. Jacque Lerma. She is the new AIA/CCT, and was the picnic rep last year -- so this is a repeat performance for her. She has 11 booths signed up already, and everything is on track to have a excellent event.

4. HALL OF HONOR. Tamara Groves. Everything is on track for the ceremony. We expect to induct four people in the HoH. Primary location is the courtyard but the BALA will be ready in case of weather.

5. BANQUET. Brenda Dillard. Everything is on track for this event. She is working closely with Ken Williams to make sure he has the support he needs.

6. COMMENTS:

a. CHRIS COOK: We want the AIA anniversary and FTVA reunion to be an inclusive event where there is room for everyone. There are plenty of younger active duty folks who probably are not all the familiar with who we are, and we would like to open up the invitation to include them. We are looking for a good relationship. I also want to thank all of the AIA volunteers who are helping us put this all together. This is outstanding.

b. GROVER JACKSON. I echo Chris's comments. To see us at this point five months early is magnificent. Major Dave Bower's efforts with the checklists is great. You all make it look so easy, but we know that it is not.

D. JAG COMMENTS ON PROFESSIONAL MILITARY ASSOCIATIONS: Col Charlie Williamson, AIA/JAG stated that PMAs are not prohibited sources for joint ethics regulations, so in a nutshell the changes mean nothing to the FTVA. Why is this important? If you are a prohibited source then there are restrictions on the dollar amount for gifts. A prohibited source is an entity wanting to do business with the Agency. There may be many prohibited sources that contribute to FTVA, but that is not an issue here.

E. WE NOW RETURN TO OUR REGULARLY SCHEDULED AGENDA.

1. MINUTES: The Board of Directors April meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT: Not read due to absence of Treasurer.

3. AIA LIAISON Vs ANNIVERSARY POC. Discussion on the table about Maj Cruz' title (he replaced Maj Dave Bower). Decision is that the title is Anniversary POC.

4. OLD BUSINESS.

a. GOLF TOURNAMENT. Everything looks good.

b. HALL OF HONOR. Nominations are rolling in.

c. **BANQUET.** Menu is in, Ken Williams will meet with them next week. We are waiting on confirmation from the Band of the West to finalize their schedule for the rest of 2006 before they can commit.

d. **PICNIC.** On track. Ordering 5 kegs of beer. Music will be provided by the same DJ we had last year.

e. **MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.** Notices for renewal will be in the June Newsletter.

f. **REUNION MAILINGS.** Will be with the June Newsletter.

g. **SPRING FLING.** Good to go with a 6 PM start. Tom Nurre will arrive with a busload from San Angelo with about 10 to 15 others. They will need a computer and projector for their presentation. Ken Williams has that all ready to go. Betty and Col McMakin will collect the money at the door again this year, same as last year. The guest speaker gift will be an FTVA hat and nametag, and a check for \$100. Motion made, seconded and approved for the financial contribution.

h. **HONOR GUARD.** How is the Honor Guard informed when a key member passes? They are informed via word of mouth. Should we make official death announcements? Probably not, due to mistakes being made in the past because of people with the same name. Also, there is chance of hard feelings if we miss anyone and there is no way we can monitor everything. There is the fallen eagles section on the FTVA website that is updated monthly. If anyone has news of a passing, email to info@ftva.org. There is an Honor Guard picnic twice each year. FTVA will get an invite to the next one. The AIA Honor Guard is made up of all AFSCs across the board. There are no Senior NCOs, but all other ranks are represented.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. CMSgt Al Dowling, former AIA/CCC and current NSA/CCC, retires 15 SEP at NSA.

b. Terrorist Surveillance Program. In an effort to get the complete picture regarding the recent allegations about NSA spying on US citizens to prosecute the GWOT, Grover Jackson reviewed USSID 18 and found it to be stronger than ever before regarding protecting the rights and privacy of US citizens. He read an excerpt from a recent Newsweek article that made mention of USSID 18. He suggested AIA ensure all the troops fully understand USSID 18 and their roles in collection. Response is that each intel operator is trained on USSID 18 every year, or even more often and in greater detail in some jobs.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE.** A letter was received from Dr John B. Garrett from the 17th Training Wing at Goodfellow AFB thanking the FTVA for assistance in the EC-47 display.

7. There being no further business, motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1500. The next meeting will be on 16 June at the SSFCU boardroom at 1330.

Respectfully Submitted,

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FTVA Secretary