

FREEDOM THROUGH VIGILANCE ASSOCIATION
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1. NOVEMBER 18, 2005, BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING: Chris Cook called the meeting to order at 1330 hours in the SSFCU Boardroom. Attendance roster not available.

2. MINUTES: The Board of Directors October 14, 2005, meeting minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT: The monthly Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. FTVA REUNION WRAP-UP:

(1) **GOLF TOURNAMENT -- Joe Hurst:** Great event, best location so far (Alsatian Course in Castroville), will go back again next year. They allowed us to hang our sponsor's banner up (could not do that on base). Reminder that all active duty personnel are welcome to participate.

(2) **PICNIC -- AJ Harrison:** Great success overall. Ran out of cups, so need to plan for that next year. Money not as good this year as before, not sure why (some ideas were thrown around the room). Booths were great for vendors and customers, should see same or more participation next year. Had plenty of soda left, but ran out of water early. Might want to consider having membership applications available up front when folks pick up a drink (beer, soda, or water). Kudos to Big John Doherty for rounding up the DJ. Discussion was paused to motion, second, and approve to send a \$100 donation to the DJ for services rendered. The younger crowd needs something to do besides sit and tell (or listen to) war stories, get some activities out there next year.

(3) **BANQUET -- Ken Williams.** Great turnout. Need to have the PA system set up before the event, and will also need a wireless microphone. Will have a better script to ensure the sequence of events flows better. The nametags worked out well, having each guest fill out their own.

(4) **HALL OF HONOR -- Bob Sherwood:** Overall went well, but could have had a better turnout. There were some sub-groups represented (Prop-Wash Gang, etc). Need to get the date for next year's even decided soon. AIA is throwing around "week of 20 OCT 06" for consideration.

(5) **REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY -- Marco Aldaz.** Great event. The ceremony, the flyover, the Bagpipes all went very well. Need more bleacher seating for next year. John Doherty was fantastic in his support for this event. Bernie Gavin volunteered to help with this event next year. Discussion was paused to motion, second, and approve to send a \$100 donation to Alsafar Shriners for their outstanding support with their Bagpipe and Drum Corps participation.

(6) **AIA SUPPORT -- Dee Studevint and Joe Wiggins.** Good event all around. Need to deconflict the SENSOR OLYMPICS and golf tournament next year. There is some money left over. There are some challenges regarding AIA/PA participation, but will work to improve that. Gen Koziol has been very supportive, and that will not change. Will work to spread the word better among the active duty folks to hopefully bring new members on board.

b. **WEB LINK POLICY -- Marco Aldaz.** Draft policy has been coordinated, and looks good. Motion made, seconded, and approved to accept the policy as written.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. **EC-47 DEDICATION AT GAFB -- Tom Nurre.** Goodfellow AFB Base Leadership is aware of the FTVA chapter there. The past 18 months have been exciting, and the FTVA Goodfellow Chapter played a major role in the EC-47 display there, with the help of the EC-47 Association. One of their members, Mr Keith Struckman, was one of the original engineers and helped tremendously with schematics, diagrams, pictures, etc. The static display at GAFB was done under contract, and went very well. The display plaque has the Security Service emblem on it. The EC-47 was dedicated to "Living Warriors" to help focus on our folks doing the job on a daily basis in today's fight. Students, faculty, and residents have a better understanding on their heritage, Norma Brown, FTVA etc. It was a great event to market FTVA to potential new members. Thanks for all the help and support.

Follow-up discussion from around the table: Consider writing a Spokesman article -- Joe Hurst. Consider an annual rededication ceremony, to help maintain momentum and focus -- Tom Nurre. Let's invite Tom Nurre to the Spring Social as a speaker, to share this story.

The NCO Academy at GAFB wants to have a USAFSS/ESC/AFIC/AIA Heritage Hall in their building. The Commandant is looking at creating/pricing some banners to hang in the Hall to describe who we are, what we have accomplished, and what we are all about. This will give FTVA a shot at providing input. Will be working with Doug Holden to put this all together.

b. **GRATIS MEMBERSHIPS TO NEW CMSGTS.** Motion was made, seconded, and approved to offer a free one-year membership to all the new 1A8 and 1N CMSgts just selected for promotion.

c. **NSA-CSS TEXAS PRESENTATION -- Jon Koch.** Jon provided a comprehensive update on NSA-CSS Texas status. This facility will be FOC before any of the other RSOCs, for a variety of reasons. Additionally, when planning and negotiations were beginning for this facility, the intent was there all along to continue to use current structures. The main entrance will not be across the street from the Super WalMart. Follow-up discussions covered options to increase membership from among the facility residents.

d. **Air Force Association contribution.** FTVA donated \$2500 to AFA in 2005, and they responded with a hearty thank you.

e. **Maintaining FTVA history.** Marco Aldaz brought up the suggestion to include history from other chapters in the overall FTVA historical archives. This has been attempted in the past, but other chapters have not been consistent in submitting a history input on time. Good idea, we will support if anyone submits.

f. Establishing an FTVA Chapter in Omaha, NE. Great idea, tried before and failed because unable to find anyone to run with it. If anyone steps up to take this on, FTVA will provide maximum support for the effort and idea.

g. 2006 Spring Social. Looking into the clubs on Lackland and Kelly to coordinate date/place for the event. Weekend date is preferred, probably a Saturday. Considering 20 May 2006. Want to bring out active duty participation.

h. Dates for 2006 FTVA Reunion. Trying to determine dates early. Need to coordinate with AIA first. In light of the desire to get the event moving, with dates selected, decision was made to have a December meeting. Meeting set for 16 DEC, same place. Primary reason is to discuss 2006 FTVA Reunion.

6. There being no further business, motion was made, seconded, and approved to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1535. The next meeting will be on 16 December at the SSFCU boardroom at 1330.

Respectfully Submitted,

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