

Minutes from the 2010 Blackcats Reunion

June 8, 2010

The 213th Assault Support Helicopter Company Alumni Association met at Best Western, The Academy Hotel, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Association meeting was held on June 8, 2010. Officers present at the meeting were Terry Sanderlin' President; George Haley, Treasurer; Mike Brown, Historian; Thomas Hoopes, Membership Coordinator and Foster Sexton Jr., Secretary. Other Association Members present were Sam Parrish, John Ballenski, Roger Jones, Bill Macdoughall with Robert Allen the other member attending the 6th reunion.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Terry Sanderlin and opened to the floor for business.

Old Business:

Fund Raiser - Blackcat Raffle (Wooden Model Chinook)

Netted by Assoc.-

\$407.00

Winner: Sam Parrish.

The Chinook was donated to the Association by Allene Sexton

Awards:

During our annual dinner at The Academy Hotel, the Black Cat Service Award was presented to member George Haley by our President for his effort in production of the Black Newsletter and support of the Blackcats, . A job well done by George.

New Business/Issues:

Member, John Ballenski gave each Blackcat member attending the reunion, a CH-47 Helicopter Model during the Alumni meeting. Thanks goes out to John for his action. Robert Allen presented a miniature Blackcat Flag to the Association for our president to maintain and pass on to succeeding presidents to keep.

Treasurer Report:

Balance 5/31/2010

2,690.00 Alumni

Assoc. Dues paid:

30.00

Registrar's Report:

None

Blackcat Activities:

The Blackcats Alumni tour and visit to the Airfield on Ft Carson, CO were a resounding success and enjoyed by all. In addition to the tour, we were briefed by the Operations Office on the history and operation of the Fort. The Ft Carson's Public

Affairs Officer stated that when completed, she would mail each member a copy of their next Newsletter.

Well done Ft Carson.

Membership Coordinator:

Tom Hoopes action to contact each member and encourage them to attend the reunion was acknowledges and appreciation was extend by the body.

PX Report:

None

However, Sam Parrish was elected by the body as the new PX Officer. He will take action to acquire items such as caps, t-shirts, patches and cups for sale to the members. In the future, when a member purchase an item from the PX, they will place the order by sending the money to the Treasury and he will notify the PX Office to whom he should mail the items to. Mike Brown stated that he would be available to assist the PX Officer when and if he needed any assistance.

Member, Mike Brown made a recommendation to the floor that the association should donate \$1000.00 to some Veteran Organization. After a lengthy discussion, the president suggested that the membership should research and make a list of the organizations that we could donate to at our next reunion. The president also stated that we should be frugal, when it comes to donating money to any organization or for a specific charity cause. He also stated that the subject matter could be placed on our website for all our members to view. It was stated by the body, that the United Way should not be selected as it provides donated funds across many charities not just veterans.

In addition to the above, Mike Brown suggested that efforts should be made to acquire a Hospitality Room for our group at the next Reunion so that we will have a place to hang out and talk together.

Web problems:

The subject of problems with website were voiced by Mike Brown. After lengthy discussion, the president recommended that the body should contact the Blackcat Webmaster, whenever they encounter a problem with accessing data from our website. Also, Mike Brown suggested that the group photo on the front page of the website should be replaced with a more update picture. After discussion, the body agreed to the replacement with a new updated photo. Members were encourage to mail in group pictures to the President for him to send out to the body to vote for their preference.

Newsletter:

George Haley consented to continue publishing the Blackcat Newsletter.

213th Records:

All members were encourage by the president, to make a copy of all of their records and

mail them to our Historian, Mike Brown.

Reunion 2012:

The president placed on the floor for discussion of a Reunion Officers. No one volunteer for the position. It was further stated that the location of choice is a good tool for getting people to show up at our reunions. Plus, we should think about advertising sooner prior to the Reunion date. The Balloon Races in Albuquerque, NM were mentioned as a future site. The president stated that it would take long term planning in order to get a hotel for that event, like 12 months or more. Numerous locations including New Orleans were discussed without being voted on.

During the subject discussion on the location of the next reunion, the state of Virginia separate was selected as the location by the body, with Williamsburg being on the table as the first choice. The area has many historical site in it's close proximity that is available for visiting. The president requested further member participation in thought process of, other city locations cite to choose from. That is, if they would rather meet in a different area of the state. In addition, All members present were encouraged to take action in the future to help to get more members to come on board and attend our next reunion. Members are encouraged to email any officer, so that all suggestions and information in reference to the next reunion can be published in our Newsletter for all see and vote on.

The election of officers and their participation in the association were elaborated on by the president and body. Members were encouraged by the president to volunteer and work in any position where they felt comfortable in servicing, to help make the organization run more efficient and enjoyable.

Web Networking Officer:

During the meeting, the president that stated we needed some to work within our website and the net to try and locate new members as well as to encourage old members to come onboard and participate in the organizational process. Roger Jones was nominated by Tom Hoopes, seconded by Mike Brown and carried to be our new Web Networking Officer. The president further stated that all Alumni officers individual expenses incurred while performing alumni duties may be tax deductible. under your federal tax code, that the Association is a non-profit organization

A continuation of Officers in the present positions was recommended by President Terry Sanderlin, seconded by Mike Brown and carried by the body.

1. President-
2. Treasurer-
3. Historian-

Terry Sanderlin
George Haley
Mike Brown

4. Alumni Registrar-

Thomas Farley

5. Membership Coordinator-

Thomas Hoopes

6. PX Officer-

Sam Parrish

7. Website Network Officer-

Roger Jones

8. Secretary-

Foster Sexton

The Meeting was closed by the president at approximately 10:00 PM 8 June 2010.

Terry Sanderlin, president

Foster Sexton Jr., Secretary -

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