

MID WINTER CONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

BEGIN DATE: 18/JAN/2019 | **TIME:** 1900 | **PLACE:** EMBASSY SUITES, NORTH CHARLSTON, SC.

- **MEETING CALLED BY:** Association National President, Terry Aubrey
- **TYPE OF MEETING:** Regular Mid-Winter Conference of the 173rd Airborne Brigade Associate
- **FACILIATATOR:** President Terry Aubrey
- **NOTE KEEPER:** Secretary Michael Cunningham
- **TIME KEEPER:** Secretary Michael Cunningham and Treasurer Proxy Tim Austin
- **ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:** President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer VIA PROXY Tim Austin **Treasurer David Williams was in attendance by phone.**
- **TOTAL ATTENDEES:** See Attached 1

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1901

AGENDA ITEM 1 – OPENING CEREMONIES

TIME ALLOTTED: 15 MIN | President Terry Aubrey Presided.

An invocation was given by the association Chaplin, Chaplin Joe Marquez. The pledge of allegiance was led by the Sgt-At-Arms Joe Carmody. Attendance was accounted in the form of a roll call given by the Secretary Michael Cunningham, see attached.

ITEM CLOSED: 1914

AGENDA ITEM 2 – READING OF MINUTES & OFFICERS REPORTS

TIME ALLOTTED: 1 HR | President Terry Aubrey Presided

The Presidents report was delivered by the President, Terry Aubrey. In the report President Terry Aubrey discussed what has happened and where he and the executive board would like to see the association move to in the next coming two years. The Vice President's report was delivered by the Vice President Tommy MacMahon, in which he affirmed what the president had previously delivered but kept it short. The Secretary's report was delivered by the Secretary, Michael Cunningham. He thanked the board for bringing him on and spoke very briefly about bringing in younger Sky Soldiers. The Treasurer's Report was delivered by the

Treasurer proxy Tim Austin. He read of the report previously prepared by Treasurer David Williams in which detailed the expenses and revenue for the association, Treasurer David Williams affirmed this by speaker phone, also adding information about Amazon Smile and how to use it. President Terry Aubrey delivered the Web Master's report in place of Ryan Shipley.

Meeting minutes from the previous meeting we're neither present nor read, a motion was made by Wambi Cook to accept the minutes, this motion was seconded by Sam Maslowski, the motion passed by vote from the board.

ITEM CLOSED:

AGENDA ITEM 3 – SKY SOLDIER FOUNDATION

TIME ALLOTTED: 45 Min | President Terry Aubrey Presided

The Sky Soldier Foundation Report was delivered by Foundation President Ray Saikus. In the report he detailed the changes he was making and the vision he saw for the future of the foundation. He also gave details about the meeting the foundation conducted the evening prior, details of which can be found in the foundation's minutes.

ITEM CLOSED: 2128

RECESS CALLED AT 2129

MEETING WAS SCHEDULED TO RETURN AT 0900

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 1911

AGENDA ITEM 4 – THE VALOR ADMINISTRATION PRESENTATION

TIME ALLOTTED: 40 MIN | President Terry Aubrey Presided

Members of the Valor Administration, which was started by a 173rd alumni, Paul Reed. Paul Reed deployed with the 173rd to Vietnam and returned with a ruck sack that he had taken from opposition forces post engagement. After some time of being back in the United States, Mr Reed was inspired to search through the ruck sack. Inside the ruck, Mr Reed found personal effects belonging to an opposition soldier, among the items was a journal. Mr Reed had the

journal translated and read it. He was taken back by the affinity he felt by the opposition soldier's sentiments, how the soldier missed his wife and hated the war. He decided to bring the journal back to the soldier to whom it belonged. In doing so, throughout the process of traveling and getting to know the soldier he was overcome with a strange sense of relief. The journey had helped Mr Reed overcome a lot of issues that had stemmed from the war. Noticing an improvement in his life, he began to wonder if there was any chance that it might do the same for others. And so, he decided to create this organization in the hopes to bring others over and offer them the same chance to heal as he did.

ITEM CLOSED: 1010

AGENDA ITEM 5 – COMMITTEE & CHAPTER REPORTS

TIME ALLOTTED: 6 HRS | President Terry Aubrey Presided.

Tim Austin gave a brief report on the bylaw committee. President Terry Aubrey gave the report for the membership committee on behalf of Dennis Hill, informing everyone on the state of the membership committee and the good work both Dennis Hill and Pete Klausner have done. Vice President Tommy MacMahon gave the report for the historian.

Kaiser changed pace by starting a discussion about the membership of Gold Star Mothers, he recommended that their membership be free.

Kaiser made a motion with Wambi as a second to give free memberships to gold star members. President Terry Aubrey put the motion to vote, the vote was unanimous by the board.

Bill Vose brought up the fact that we need better contacts in Australia and more connection with the chapters out there.

President Terry Aubrey gave the election report at 1035. Discussing how no one had submitted any bids other than the current serving officers.

Wambi Cook made a motion to extend the nomination for election of the office of the President and Treasurer to January 15 instead of 15 November, Jose Seconded. President Terry Aubrey called a vote, the board approved the motion. TIME: 1050

Wambi Cook subsequently nominated Bill Ostlund for President after the motion to extend the election of officers passed. TIME: 1052

President Terry Aubrey made a moved to suspend the agenda, Vice President Tommy MacMahon gave a second. After a discussion, President Terry Aubrey call the vote, the board approved the motion. TIME: 1100

Kaiser Sturbinsky Tim Austin made a motion to nominate Johnny Mayo and BoB Kessler for the 2018 Sky Soldier of the year award. TIME 1115

Tommy makes a motion and Takai seconded to accept Kaisers nomination TIME 1134

The motion was put to a vote and pass unanimously before the board. TIME:1137

Tommy makes a motion to nominate Kaiser Sturbinsky for the brigade association award, Taki seconded. 1140

President Terry aubrey calls to question on the nomination of Kaiser, the vote was unanimous 1149

Tommy makes a motion that the chapters continue to pay for the ROTC medals and the store, Bill Vose seconded 1155

President Terry Aubrey called the question the members of the board voted unanimous in favor of the motion.

President Terry Aubrey called a recess at 1230 for lunch

The meeting was called to order again at 1420

Joe Flesch began a discussion on the Reunion SOP and the distribution of funds, etc. Wayne Bowers, Reunion Committee Chairman continued the discussion to determine what receipts of funds should be considered as part of the split between the Chapter and National. Additionally,

there was some concern that the local Chapter created their own website for the reunion. There was no motion made but it was agreed that the Chairman's SOP would be distributed to the Board for review and comments.

Terry called a recess at 1520

Meeting was called back to order 1534

Tommy made a motion to accept candidate withdrawal with Takai seconding that with the news of Bill Ostlund rescinding his candidacy for president and chose to run at a later time. TIME 1534

Tommy called the motion to question, unanimous vote in favor. TIME 1536

Vic presented on Veterans Service Officer

Tommy made a motion joe seconded, to set up a veterans service officer exploratory committee with Vic as the chair of this committee, Vic will bring on people as he sees appropriate. TIME 1620

Terry put the motion before the board of directors to question, the board unanimously voted it in. TIME 1622

Terry raised discussion on having tax uniformity across the association, after much discussion the board agreed that Terry should discuss the matter further with the association legal counsel.

Bill Terry gave a report on his bid for the reunion to be in Dayton Ohio in 2020 as well as a presentation to accompany.

Tommy made a motion seconded by Takai to have the reunion in Dayton Ohio TIME: 1644

Terry brought the motion to a question the board of directors unanimously approved. TIME 1645

The association chapter presidents gave their reports. Joe Flesch for chapter one started the reports, the next was vic with chapter two, jose with chapter chapter five, takai with chapter six, bill vose gave the report for chapter 7, bob ortiz with chapter ten, wambi cook presented his report for chapter 14 wambi mentioned that his chapter had donated 3000 dollars to chapter 173rd wanted to know what it went to, William Terry presents the chapter 17 report, kaiser sturbinsky present the report for chapter 21, judy carmody presented for chapter 29, cephus bright presented the report for chapter 30.

Chaplain gave a talk at the end.

Bill Vose made a motion to adjourn Tim Austin seconded TIME 1800

The motion was put to a question and unanimously approved by all. 1801

Minutes prepared and presented by Michael Cunningham

SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____/_____/_____