

Minutes of SHSU Military Science Alumni Club

Board of Directors

Date: 13 January 2018
Time: 1300
Place: 148 Indian Shore Drive, Livingston, Texas

Attending: Rich Mills, Hal Werlein, Gonzalo Correa, Bill Hutcheson, John Barfoot, SFC Matt Moates, Buddy McCaig

The meeting was held at Bill Hutcheson's place on Lake Livingston. Great thanks to Bill and Janet for a great meeting place, great food, and great fellowship – and the view is remarkable!

Rich Mills opened the meeting with welcome and announcements. He reported on “Operation Bush Hog” which was the cleanup at Gibbs Ranch. Rich, Hal and Larry Booth provided equipment and sweat, in conjunction with members of the Cadre and Cadets, for cleanup operations at Gibbs Ranch. SFC Moates reported that it was a great success and a lot was done. Apparently, very little blood-letting and few injuries took place.

While absent with the Flu, Bobby Penry provided a scholarship board report. Six cadets were interviewed on 17 November 2017, and MS II Cadet Devin Kamyk was selected for the Fall Semester. Board consisted of Rich Mills, Buddy McCaig, Jimmy Dinkins, and Bobby Penry. Mr. Derr reported that the Spring Board is tentatively set for 20 April 2018. Bobby will poll the membership for board members in early March.

Hal reported that we have 109 official, voting members of MSAC, meaning that all 109 are dues paying members of the Alumni Association and qualify for and have registered with MSAC. We still have a good supply of coins.

John Barfoot gave the treasurer's report: Rowdy Inman Scholarship fund has \$11,353.00. MSAC Schuder's Best Ranger has a balance of \$250.00. SHSU Best Ranger has a balance of \$750.00 Schuder's is a Spring Award and SHSU Best Ranger is a Fall award, although both will receive their knives and plaques at the Spring award ceremony. John reminds all members that we have the ability to give online through the current website, but to be careful that you designate which of the three awards you are giving to.

Buddy, Gonzalo and Larry (via email) reported on the meeting held with Charlie Vienne and Justin Haynes of the Alumni Association on 6 December 2017. CPT Troy Yard also attended on behalf of the Department. A Memorandum report of the meeting is attached to these minutes. The bottom line is that we are well on our way to having a usable, multi-page web-page integrated within the Alumni website. Great progress is being made on the page. Gonzalo has established a FLICKR account for all our digital photographs and news clippings so that we will

have a secure storage site for all that information. The FLICKR site will be linked to the webpage. When the site is completed, online giving will be greatly streamlined, as will the ability to search for alumni and members.

Larry Booth reported via email that The Military Heritage Project team has now accounted for 671 people. Included in that number are 465 alumni, 10 associate members, and 196 deceased alumni. The work continues, especially in light of the progress being made on the webpage.

A lengthy discussion was had on a Professional Reading Program for the cadets, sponsored by one or more MSAC members. One member in particular wants to sponsor "This Kind of War" by T.R. Fehrenbach for all MS IV cadets. SFC Moates and BG Mills will confer with LTC Davis to see what kind of program could and should be promoted. In general terms, MSAC is greatly in favor of such a program. The form of the program that will best benefit the cadets is still under discussion.

SFC Moates gave us all some good news! The Marksmanship Team is being re-established. It is a University club but right now is primarily MilScience Cadets. Moates is the team sponsor. They have 38 AR-style rifles and several thousand rounds of ammo on hand. Right now, finding a range that is usable and close enough for the cadets to get to is an issue. Individual members are working the problem. If anyone reading these minutes has a good range out to 300 meters, please let me know and I will pass the information on to SFC Moates.

Spring Awards ceremony will be 27 April. Please attend if you can.

The April Board meeting may be moved to 14 April at Gibbs Ranch in order to better fit in with the 13-15 Schuder's Rangers Q-Course and tabbing. Also, 21 April has several conflicts. Announcements will be made when confirmed.



Buddy McCaig
Secretary

TASK LIST:

Construct two Knife Plaques prior to 1 April.	Hal Werlein
Discuss Reading Program with LTC Davis	Rich Mills
Recommend 300 meter Ranges in vicinity of SHSU	Members
Confirm April meeting	Rich Mills & Buddy McCaig
Webpage activities	Per attached Memorandum

Memorandum (revised 15 Dec 2017)

Date: December 13, 2017

Subject: Military Science Alumni Club Webpage; The Military Heritage Project; Project Outline Meeting

A meeting was held on campus on 6 December 2017 between a group from MSAC and the leadership of the SHSU Alumni Association. Attending for MSAC: Larry Booth, Gonzalo Correa, Buddy McCaig; for MilScience Dept: CPT Troy Yard; for AA: Charlie Vienne, Director, and Justin Haynes.

A Project Outline had previously been provided to the AA. Both Charlie and Justin were very positive and very favorably disposed toward this project. There were few concerns expressed about privacy and disclosure of information, although our Project Outline clearly stated that we understand some of those limitations. We all expressed a desire to keep the project in full compliance with University and legal disclosure standards.

Charlie advised us that there is a University Archive Department in the library, headed by Barbara K. Mason. There is a wealth of information on each year of the University's history, including names and other background information, including graduation. Email is **lib_bak@shsu.edu**. We had been previously unaware of the department, and this will be a great search resource.

In general terms, we all agreed that the MSAC webpage would be a sub-page in the overall AA website. We would have a landing page that contains a short statement of our mission, and then several easy to see and use tabs or squares that will take visitors to pages such as Club Organization, Officers & Directors, Minutes, and such; Scholarships & Awards; How to Donate; The Military Heritage Project; and others. A total of about 7 main categories can go on the landing page. One example is that on the Scholarship and Awards page, we would have tabs for our main Inman scholarship, and the two Ranger awards. The Military Heritage Project would have the names, pictures, biographies, histories, and other germane information. We are looking at something easy to navigate.

Larry and Troy outlined all of the work that had been done to date, and how we had produced and stored the information we have. Frankly, when we mentioned that we were approaching 500 contacts, plus 200 deceased commissioned graduates, I think the AA was a bit surprised. I think they were thinking in terms of about 10% of that. Once the AA saw what we have, and how Larry, Troy and Todd have been putting it all together, they were quite on-board for working with us. I came away from the meeting with a very positive sense.

We looked at the "Where are they now" page on the AA website and saw how a person's name and brief bio can be included. Charlie and Justin will contact IT (of which Gonzalo is a part) to

get to work on putting a data page together so that folks can enter their information for inclusion. Alternatively, with the information we have, the MSAC can also fill out a person's information and get it hosted on the site. While this is a work in progress, the names will be likely listed both alphabetically, and by year group.

We will also have a link on our webpage for members and researchers to request contact information on other members who have elected to not have their personal information made public. This will protect all parties, even those who wish to conceal private information, yet allow them to consent to individual contacts from friends, year-group members, or others looking for them. The contact will be made through a third-party person – either club member or AA staff – who will broker the contact attempts.

A Flickr page was set up to house all of our photographs, historical documents, news articles, and other archived items. By using Flickr, the digital items will be preserved, accessible for all MSAC members and interested persons, and provide a means of adding to the files as we gain more documents, photographs, and such. Gonzalo set up the page. Troy Yard transferred all has put together over to Gonzalo, and the page is already getting some use. We will link the Flickr page to our MSAC webpage for easy navigation. The Flickr page can be found as follows:

www.flickr.com

Log-in name: militarysciencealumni

Password: ShSu@lumni

The MSAC group volunteered all the current Board of Directors and Officers for use of their profiles in setting up a Beta-test for the University IT department to use to get the landing page and sub-pages set up correctly. If any officer or director has not set up their bio with Larry Booth, please get that done so that we can have an adequate test base. If you need to get a form from Larry, contact him at larry.booth@msn.com

While additional items will be added as the overall project develops, the identified missions and tasks from the meeting are as follows:

<u>ACTION PERSON</u>	<u>ACTION</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Gonzalo Correa	Set up Flickr account and publicize	Already done
Troy Yard	Continue as liaison with MSAC and MilScience; transfer digital information to Gonzalo for adding to Flickr	Mostly done and continuing

Larry Booth	Send data sheet to Justin so that the information for The Military Heritage Project can be compiled	
Buddy McCaig	Provide verbiage for landing page	
Buddy McCaig	In conjunction with others, provide suggested tabs for overall website	
Charlie Vienne	Provide leadership guidance and influence to the project	Continuing
Justin Haynes	MSAC's point of contact for working with IT and web development	
Officers & Directors	Make sure you have filled out your Military Heritage Project data page with Larry	


Buddy McCaig

Club Secretary