

Minutes of SHSU Military Science Alumni Club Board of Directors

Date: 23 September 2017
Time: 1300 hours
Place: 8843 Trin Lady Park Road, Trinity, Texas (Hal-Topia)

Attending: Rich Mills, Bobby Penry, John J. Adams, Larry Booth, Hal Werlein, Buddy McCaig, B.J. Harrelson, Gonzalo Correa, Gerald Stoemer, John Barfoot, Mark Davis

Larry gave a report from Gary Cataldo, a graduate of New Mexico State University, and their Military Science Alumni program. They have had approximately 1680 graduates commissioned since 1924, the year they began. They do not have a formal alumni club such as MSAC, but are an informal group. Their contact list is between 350 and 400. Their functions have only about 20-25 alumni attend (similar to our last one). We will share ideas with them on how we set up MSAC and will use some of their good ideas in our work.

John Barfoot gave the Treasurer's Report. Rowdy Inman Scholarship currently has \$12,203 on hand; Schuder's Best Ranger Award has \$750 on hand; and, SHSU Best Range has \$750 on hand. There is a fund for Schuder's Rangers handled by the PMS that is not part of our funding.

Bobby reported that we need members to send in pictures and information to him, for forwarding to the Alumni Assoc for posting on our webpage. Also, any local news releases or events concerning our MSAC members would be good to have. Sam Houston's Own yahoo account and the Heritage Project Wiggiog account will both go away. We need a site for storage of all the profiles, photographs, and other information currently being held in both those locations. Action items are set out below.

Larry reports that we have 443 active contacts on our membership/contact list. We have confirmed 189 deceased. Our oldest contact is COL (Ret) Kenneth Barkley, Cadre of 62-63. LTC Mark Davis has made contact with most if not all current active duty alumni, and will assist further in contact.

Discussion was had on the informal AAR conducted about the Spring Gala. Consensus is that future events will be less formal, probably done close to SHSU so that cadets can attend. We will explore regional events potentially in Dallas/Ft. Worth, Ft Hood; and San Antonio. Most comments from the field indicate that the members believe our greatest contribution to the membership is the contacts and contact list, coupled with the Heritage Project.

Tailgating was discussed. Gonzalo will be taking the lead for helping with Homecoming Tailgate. Possible opportunity exists for Battle of the Piney Woods Tailgate in Houston. No action items were generated.

Homecoming this year will be 21 October. Tailgate will happen. Two MSAC members will be honored at Homecoming Alumni Gala and game: Rich Mills as Distinguished Alumni, and Buddy McCaig as Distinguished Service.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4 November. It is set as an electronic meeting but Buddy will poll the Board to see if we: a) want it in person; b) want it electronic; c) want a combination; or 4) do not need a meeting at all.


Date for Gibbs Ranch cleanup is tentatively set for the weekend of December 2/3. Members who can attend will work to help clean up, mow, move brush, and other manual labor. Rich and Hal plan on bringing tractors and heavier equipment for some of the work.

LTC Davis briefed us the upgrades planned for the MS facilities and the renovation of obstacles at Gibbs Ranch. His goal during part of the reno of the building is to create a center or place to hangout for the cadets. Getting new PT shirts and gear so it will all match. He is getting help getting a recruiting video put together that will be top-notch. The University is being pushed to get the building upgrades done, but there is more work to do.

LTC Davis advised that he has 20 tickets per home game that he can pass out to MSAC members. All we need to do is ask.

In comments, it was brought up that MSAC should step up to buy boots for the top 5 cadets who do the Lone Star Trail hike. Consensus is that is a good idea. Cost is about \$150 per pair.

In comments, Gerald Stoemer reported on Operation You Are Not Forgotten, a USO program for donations of various items for USO use and distribution, in support of service members deployed overseas. A flyer is attached to these minutes.


Buddy McCaig
Secretary

ACTION 1: Buddy scan our three contracts and send to Larry Booth for delivery to Gary Cataldo at NMSU

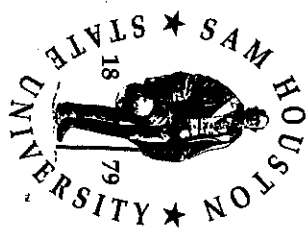
ACTION 2: Buddy draft letters for Rich's signature for both Charlie Vienne and Darlene Andrews, thanking them for all their help

ACTION 3: Buddy will send minutes of meetings to Justin Haynes for posting to the MSAC webpage

ACTION 4: Larry will send a message to MSAC contact list telling them to send in pictures and news items to Bobby Penry

ACTION 5: Gonzalo will explore either a separate website or an expanded Alumni webpage for housing all the Sam Houston's Own and Wiggio information; and, will work with CPT Troy Yard and Brian Leighton recover the information on hand.

ACTION 6: Larry Booth will send out a message to the membership to see who will support buying boots for the top-5 cadets.



Operation "You Are Not Forgotten" Donation Drive

In support of Service Members Deployed Overseas

Supporting Organizations
SHSU ROTC
Houston USO
SHSU Honors College
SHSU Veteran's Services

Campus Veteran's Association
H.E.A.R.T.S. Museum
Numerous Huntsville Community
Donors and Veterans

We are asking for donations on the wish list to be delivered to H.E.A.R.T.S. Veteran's Museum starting on 6 NOV and culminating with a special day of activities to celebrate Veterans and package all the items on 10 NOV 2017. Through this effort over 1,000 packages will be shipped to deployed Soldiers, Airmen, Marines, and Sailors before Christmas.

If you know a Service Members currently deployed overseas, please give us their name and mailing address when you drop off your items, so we can get them a box too!

Thank You from the Coalition for Soldier Support



To assist with the donation effort, please sign up to volunteer or to pledge support by visiting:

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Date: 10 NOV 2017

Time: 1200-1900

**Location: H.E.A.R.T.S.
Veteran's Museum
463 State Highway 75 N
Huntsville TX, 77320**

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