



COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

GENERAL STAFF MINUTES

December 1, 2017

The Commemorative Air Force General Staff convened in a regularly scheduled meeting 12:35 p.m. December 1, 2017 at the Magnolia Hotel Dallas Park Cities, Dallas, Texas. The meeting was preceded by discussion regarding the 2018 budget. (The Finance Committee was not in session.) The American Airpower Heritage Foundation (AAHF) meeting and a presentation by representatives from Barton Cotton and a Development Report also preceded the General Staff meeting.

General Staff members participating: Steve Barber; Philip Beegle; Deena Clausen; Dennis Fennessey; Bob Lawrence; Mark Novak; Gerald Oliver; Kim Pardon; Doug Rozendaal; Dennis Schell; Randy Wilson

Others present: Bob Stenevik, President; Floyd Houdyshell; David Oliver; Steve Buss; Donna Blalack; Bill Shepard; RozeLyn Beck; Leah Block; Jim Lasche; Lindsey Peña; Lawanda Strhan; Buddy Cooksey; Alan Brooks; Jordan Brown; Kent Taylor; Neils Agather; Tom McDermott

FINANCE

Novak led a review of the proposed 2018 budget. Houdyshell explained the requests the CAF wanted to make from the AAHF. (See motions below)

CALL TO ORDER

Rozendaal called the General Staff meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

QUORUM CALL

Rozendaal assured a quorum was present.

MINUTES

Motion by Barber to approve the minutes of September 8, 2017. Second by Pardon. Motion approved without objection.

Motion by Novak to accept a donation from the AAHF the Aircraft Accounts in the amount of \$166,550.50 for operating purposes. Second by Oliver. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion by Barber to accept a donation from the AAHF Aircraft Accounts in the amount of \$333,449.50 for operating purposes. Second by Beegle. For: Barber, Beegle, Clausen, Fennessey, Lawrence, Rozendaal, Schell, Wilson. Against: Novak, Oliver, Pardon. Motion passed.

Motion by Schell to accept a donation from the AAHF Life Member funds to the AAHM in the amount of \$1.3 million with the stipulation that the AAHM will use the funds to pay the advances made to it by the CAF through Oct. 31, 2017 in the amount of \$1,174,707.85 and donate the remainder to the CAF for its operating purposes. Second by Barber. For: Barber, Beegle, Clausen, Fennessey, Lawrence, Oliver, Pardon, Rozendaal, Schell, Wilson. Against: Novak. Motion passed.

Motion by Barber to extend the two notes with CAF concerning loans to the B-29/B-24 Squadron in the amount of \$923,508.55 and the P-40 Sponsor Group in the amount of \$90,000.00 for an additional five years (2027). For: Barber, Beegle, Fennessey, Lawrence, Oliver, Pardon, Rozendaal, Schell, Wilson. Against: Clausen; Novak. Motion passed.

Motion by Beegle to approve the CAF and AAHM 2018 budgets. Second by Barber. Barber, Beegle, Clausen, Fennessey, Lawrence, Oliver, Pardon, Rozendaal, Schell, Wilson. Against: Novak. Motion passed.

A motion from Executive Session was read into the minutes:

Motion by Barber to approve confidential personnel matters. Second by Clausen. Motion passed without objection.

Rozendaal stated that a Search Committee would be formed soon to seek a President/CEO for the CAF. Stenevik spoke to the HQ staff present. He stated that he had committed to stay one year because he thought the CAF had the funds to start Phase 1 of the building project. Since it was now going to be a longer process, he thought it best he step down. He will stay until a new CEO is selected.

Request to Seek Grants

Motion by Wilson to allow the CAF to apply for grants in 2018. Second by Clausen. Motion unanimously approved.

Request Hotel/Motel Grants

Motion by Beegle to allow the CAF to apply for hotel/motel grant funds in 2018. Second by Clausen. Motion unanimously approved.

Audit Firm and Simplified Format of Audits

Motion by Oliver to approve Weaver as the audit firm for 2018 and approve the simplified audit format. Second by Pardon. Motion unanimously approved.

Extend the So. California Wing Loan

Motion by Beegle to extend the So. California Wing note one year. Second by Wilson. Barber abstained. Motion passed.

State Foundations Managing Endowment Gifts

Houdyshell requested a motion that gifts received in the form of an endowment be solely managed by the AAHF.

Motion by Schell to approve gifts received in the form of an endowment will be solely managed by the AAHF. Second by Clausen. Motion unanimously approved.

MONITORING REPORTS

2017 General Staff Election Results

Blalack stated that the three nominees were elected to the 2018 General Staff. The auditor's letter is made a part of these minutes. New members of the General Staff are:

Steve Barber

Jordan Brown

Kent Taylor

High Sky Wing Lease of Commemorative Center (Midland)

Stenevik reported on the progress with the Wing and the Airport.

AAHFM and Memphis

Lasche updated the board on the Memphis Sea Fury sponsors request to purchase an AT-6 with the proceeds from the sale of the Sea Fury. The AAHFM had approved the request.

Motion by Barber to grant the request and approve the purchase of an AT-6, when they pay their bills to Headquarters. The AT-6 will be assigned to the Delta Squadron. If they do not remain current financially, assignment of the AT-6 will be withdrawn. And if they choose to purchase a P-51, it will also be assigned to the Delta Squadron. Second by Pardon. For: Barber, Beegle, Clausen, Fennessey, Lawrence, Novak, Oliver, Pardon, Rozendaal, Schell. Against: Wilson. Motion passed.

Normandy Deployment

Lasche briefed the board on the early planning, to include the Normandy Wing participants (Central Texas Wing, Highland Lakes Squadron, Inland Empire Wing, DFW Wing) and the Daks Over Normandy timeline.

National Airbase

David Oliver briefed the board on some of the ongoing discussions. He offered the NAB Guiding Principles for review. He asked that perhaps the CAF could shift the plan once more to build an educational hangar first as Phase 1. He reiterated that he didn't want to throw out the school idea, it just wasn't what we needed to be fundraising for right now.

The board agreed to the architectural change of the Education Center. Agather will take the idea to the AAHM Board.

Education

Shepard followed up Oliver's presentation by talking about the Education Center and the RISE ABOVE Education Vision/Wing.

Membership

Buss updated the board with the most current Membership information. Membership is up over 12,000 total members. There were five new units in 2017. Colonel renewal rate is steady at 82%.

The board recessed for the day.

Saturday, December 2, 2017

The Commemorative Air Force General Staff convened in a regularly scheduled meeting 8 a.m. December 2, 2017 at the Magnolia Hotel Dallas Park Cities, Dallas, Texas.

General Staff members participating: Steve Barber; Philip Beegle; Deena Clausen; Bob Lawrence; Mark Novak; Gerald Oliver; Kim Pardon; Doug Rozendaal; Dennis Schell; Randy Wilson

General Staff member not participating: Dennis Fennessey

Others present: Bob Stenevik, President; Floyd Houdyshell; David Oliver; Steve Buss; Donna Blalack; Bill Shepard; RozeLyn Beck; Leah Block; Jim Lasche; Lindsey Peña; Lawanda Strhan; Buddy Cooksey; Alan Brooks; Jordan Brown; Kent Taylor; Neils Agather; Tom McDermott

CALL TO ORDER

Rozendaal called the General Staff meeting to order at 8 a.m.

QUORUM CALL

Rozendaal assured a quorum was present.

Rozendaal began by summarizing Friday's business. He felt very positive about the day and the board agreed.

Strategic Plan

Stenevik questioned the need for a new strategic plan since there was already a plan in place that was being worked. Discussion followed. The board will have a retreat in February 2018 to complete the work began in February 2017 at Airbase Arizona.

Approve the 2018 General Staff Calendar

The board reviewed the proposed calendar and made changes. They would like to have a meeting at the So. Cal. Wing in 2018.

Motion by Schell to approve the corrected General Staff calendar. Second by Clausen. Motion unanimously approved.

Approve Acquisition Investment in Barton Cotton

Motion by Barber to authorize Headquarters to spend up to \$250,000.00 on Barton Cotton acquisition. Second by Lawrence. For: Barber, Beegle, Clausen, Lawrence, Oliver, Pardon, Rozendaal, Schell, Wilson. Against: Novak. Motion passed.

Other Business

Brooks presented an AAHFM report regarding the P-47, Swordfish and I-16. He was also asked about the Moth Minor.

The board liked the budget format. Some wanted all the details, some did not. It will all be placed in the Dropbox and they can look at what they choose to.

They also liked the consolidated rolled up format.

The board asked for "less data, more information". Clausen will help Peña with details of that. They want to see Barton Cotton information each meeting.

There was a discussion regarding regional groups of units with another level of authority, as suggested by a member. There have been units grouping together organically without any assistance in the last few years. It was agreed the CAF should foster more of this collaboration.

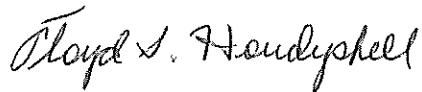
Barber asked if some of the key events through the year could be recorded on video to be shared with the units; events such as the General Membership Meeting or the CAF Hall of Fame banquet.

Taylor reported that the TBM, N53503, is now on the National Historic Register. The process took three years to complete. Each donation toward the aircraft receives a 25% tax credit. He wondered if the CAF should look at other aircraft in the fleet for this. There were varying opinions about the restrictions put on the aircraft because of this designation.

Rozendaal presented plaques to outgoing board members Colonel Kim Pardon and Colonel Randy Wilson.

Motion by Beegle to adjourn. Second by Barber. Motion approved without objection.

Respectfully submitted,



Floyd S. Houdyshell
Secretary/Treasurer