



COMMEMORATIVE AIR FORCE

GENERAL STAFF MINUTES

June 25, 2021

The General Staff met in a regularly scheduled video conference at 1:00 p.m. on June 25, 2021.

General Staff members participating: Neils Agather; Steve Barber; Philip Beegle; Jordan Brown; Deena Clausen; Bob Lawrence; Kathy Mizell; Mark Novak; Doug Rozendaal; Dennis Schell.

General Staff members not participating: Taylor Stevenson

Others present: Hank Coates, President; David Oliver; Lance Linguist; RozeLyn Beck; Jim Lasche; Leah Block; Nancy McGee; Craig Tuminaro; Don Johnson; Kim Pardon; Gerald Oliver

CALL TO ORDER

Rozendaal called the General Staff meeting to order.

QUORUM CALL

Rozendaal assured a quorum was present.

MINUTES

Motion by Mizell to approve the minutes of May 14, 2021. Second by Beegle. Motion unanimously approved.

Audit presentation

David Duree, Stefon Fleming and Flo Soto of Weaver presented highlights of the 2020 audited financials and governance letter.

Motion by Clausen to approve the audit for year end 2020 as presented. Second by Agather. Motion passed.

American Airpower Heritage Foundation (AAHF) Report

Agather reported that AAHF board approved the Gift Acceptance Policy.

American Airpower Heritage Museum (AAHM) Report

Agather reported that three new board members were approved for the AAHM: Rodney Burchfield, Dennis Fennessey and Charles Lipscomb. The AAHM also approved the Gift Acceptance Policy.

Motion by Agather to approve the addition of Rodney Burchfield, Dennis Fennessey and Charles Lipscomb to the AAHM board. Second by Beegle. Motion approved without objection.

Nominating Committee Report

Due to conflicts, the Nominating Committee could not attend the meeting.

CAF Hall of Fame Nominations

The board was presented four living nominees and four posthumous nominees. After discussion, the board decided to vote on each category separately.

Motion by Barber to induct Neils Agather and Bill Coombes as living members of the CAF Hall of Fame. Second by Beegle. Motion approved without objection.

Motion by Barber to induct General Paul Tibbets as posthumous CAF Hall of Fame member. Second by Beegle. Motion passed with Mizell voting against.

Review and Approval of Gift Acceptance Policy

One consistent gift acceptance policy for all four corporations was presented. The policy is consistent with the current CAF Gift Acceptance Policy. (The current policy can be found on the CAF Website.)

Motion by Agather to approve the Gift Acceptance Policy. Second by Mizell. Motion passed.

MONITORING REPORTS

CAF Financial

Linguist made a report on the financial performance of the CAF, which reflects solid financial performance. Later in the meeting Linguist reported on the financial position of the AAHF and AAHM.

Operations

Coates reported on the status of the fleet: 175 Aircraft, 120 Flying, 26 in Maintenance, 28 in Restoration and 1 static. The operational rate is 84%. Hours flown to date in 2021 is 2,240. Hours may be lower this year, compared to 2019, because Tora is only flying four shows. A new targeted Unit (New Unit Initiative) is in Nashville, Tenn. – the Music City Wing. A newly purchased PT-19, N1263 will be assigned at the AAHFM meeting July 13. The Hammond, Louisiana group has officially formed as the Bayou State Escadrille. Another new Unit going strong is the Comanche Peak Sponsor Group. A Unit is forming as the New England Wing and there is a possible 5th Unit forming.

Recently reviewed the aggregate hull policy with Charles Lipscomb. Still working on subject of self-insurance.

Membership

Coates introduced Craig Tuminaro, new vice president of membership. Beck presented the Member Services report. Membership continues to grow. Much of the increase in Colonel membership is due to the New Unit Initiative. With more attention being paid to the NAEC by the Units, there is increased interest in building Cadet programs. A webinar for Adjutants is coming up mid-July. Tuminaro added that he intends to continue the focus on Retain and Regain, work to redesign the Supporting Membership, and create the membership program for the NAEC.

Development

Beck reported from her Development Dashboard. Donations continue to trend up. Upcoming campaigns in direct mail should prove to be successful. Outstanding bequests are at 42 with an estimated value of \$3M. The San Diego Air & Space Hall of Fame will induct the CAF on November 20, 2021.

Marketing

Block discussed her marketing dashboard. Tracking her goals, she finds increased awareness across all media. The Units are very busy. The public is ready to get back out and social media will be increased to meet demand.

Education

McGee reported that they have received many requests to rent the facility. A beta test simulation will take place in the Home Front on July 8. Summer interns are onsite and working hard. Summer Aerospace Camp registrations have been slow. First camp is August 12. Mark Duebner brought his City of Dallas Aviation staff by for tours recently. The NAEC submitted two vendor applications to Dallas Independent School District that were approved. Installation for displays and the theater will occur the week of Sept. 30.

NAEC Fundraising Update

Beck stated that \$299K has been raised toward the \$500K matching gift incentive from Ray Foundation. The first NAEC direct mail launch is in July. The grand opening for the facility has been scheduled for November 11, 2021. The Tippie family, along with Dallas Mayor Eric Johnson will attend.

CEO Report

Coates reported that last year much energy went into getting the NAEC built and next year he plans to focus on the Units.

Hank asked for approval to spend \$65K to purchase a new aircraft for the New England Wing.

Motion by Beegle to approve HQ spending of up to \$65K to purchase a new aircraft for the New England Wing. Second by Barber. Motion passed with Novak voting against.

The request will go to the American Airpower Heritage Flying Museum July 13.

OLD BUSINESS

Next General Staff meeting is Sept. 24-25 in Dallas. Saturday might be for board education and/or strategy.

Rozendaal asked to add annual goal planning to the September agenda.

Motion to adjourn by Clausen. Second by Agather. Motion approved without objection.

Respectfully submitted,



Lance Linguist
Chief Financial Officer