



USAF Combat Camera Association 2017 Annual Meeting Colorado Springs, Colorado



14 Oct 2017/0900

Attendees:

Voting Members

Guests

Willie Best	David Long		Dee Candia
Mario Candia	Jose Lopez		Mariana Diaz
Herb Cintron	Ken Marifke		Sue Diomedes
Mike Daniels	Joe Ramirez		Irene Gray
Rick Diaz	Isaac (Pancho) Reyes		Judy Martin
D.J. Diomedes	Renée Tyron		Genevieve Virgilio
Barb "Zimm" Eagan	Jesus Villabos		
Bob Gray	Anthony Virgilio		
Frank Kennedy			
Paul Kennedy			
Patrick Knowles			

Call to Order

The USAF Combat Camera Association 2017 Annual Meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM, 14 Oct 2017 by the Association President, Patrick Knowles in the Hotel Elegante in Colorado Springs, Colo. The minutes were recorded by Renée Tyron. Pat welcomed everyone to the reunion and expressed his hope that everyone was enjoying the reunion.

Approval of 2016 Meeting Minutes

Due to printing issues, hard copies of the 2016 minutes were not available to hand out. Renée Tyron summarized the 2016 meeting minutes from an electronic copy which was made available for anyone who wished to review in its entirety. Barb Eagan made a motion

to approve minutes as written. Pat Knowles seconded the motion and the minutes were approved.

Old Business

1. Treasury Report:

- a. Pat Nugent was not able to attend the reunion or meeting due to last minute personal reasons. At the time of the meeting, the balance in the account was \$9000 in checking and \$1927.51 in bench fund donations. This balance did not include outstanding 2017 reunion revenues or expenses.
- b. Currently, there is also an outstanding \$500 expense to D.J. Diomedes for the San Diego hotel deposit.
- c. Mario Candia requested a written Treasury Report and Mike Daniels suggested that the report be sent out to the entire membership. A finalized Treasury Report will be presented to membership at a later date once all bills and revenues have been reconciled.
- d. Without a completed Treasury Report, there was no motion to approve.

2. Museum Updates

- a. Jose Lopez briefed the membership about the demise of the old Norton AAVS building which was demolished in Sept 2017. The exterior emblems were donated to the Norton Museum; however the museum is looking to refurbish the Ernie Eagle emblem and are accepting donations.
- b. Barb Eagan made a suggestion to donate some of the remaining bench funds for the refurbishment. She encouraged all to visit the Norton museum if in the area.

- c. San Antonio Airmen Museum: Pat Knowles relayed that the San Antonio museum is still looking for AAVS/Combat Camera memorabilia. Roger Kramer is our boots-on-the-ground leading the effort.

New Business

1. 2018 Reunion

- a. D.J. Diomedes is the host for the 2018 reunion. Per the 2016 vote, the 2018 reunion will be held in San Diego, Calif. from 20 – 24 Sep 2018.
- b. D.J. briefed the members regarding current plans for the 2018 reunion:
 - i. Hotel: Best Western Plus Island Palms Hotel and Marina; Shelter Island; www.islandpalms.com. Phone (619) 222-0561
 - ii. Hotel Cost: \$150/night plus tax; includes free parking, free WiFi and Breakfast
 - iii. Rooms: 35 rooms blocked; Use code 22G; there is a 72 hour cancellation policy
 - iv. Hospitality Room: Santa Barbara Suite (2-story Suite)
 - v. Association obligated to minimum \$5000 food and beverage expenditures; includes breakfast cost. With Icebreaker and Banquet, we should not have a problem making this.
 - vi. Tours: D.J. is NOT organizing any tours; however, if anyone would like to volunteer to take this on, he has no objection. Possible tours to plan could include touring Navy Combat Camera on Coronado Island, USS Midway Aircraft Carrier, Maritime Museum of San Diego, SeaWorld, San Diego Zoo, Harbor Cruise

2. 2019 Reunion

- a. Pat Knowles opened the floor for possible 2019 reunion locations. He reiterated if you suggest the location, you must be willing to be boots-on-the-ground coordinator.


- b. Herb Cintron volunteered to host in Las Vegas; discussion followed regarding a previous reunion where our events competed with other Las Vegas attractions. Herb assured the membership that he would be able to plan a memorable reunion there with his city contacts. Rick Diaz offered to help with venue contacts as well.
- c. Renée Tyron volunteered to host in Charleston, SC; discussion followed. Some people not eager to go back to Charleston again. Renée reminded membership of discussions at Wright-Patterson reunion regarding recruitment of new and younger members by holding reunions in San Antonio, Charleston and Southern California. She reiterated that a large number of former Combat Camera alumni from the last 30 years were assigned to Det 7, 1361st AVS or 1st Combat Camera Sqdn (CTCS) and those members have indicated to her that they prefer and would be more likely to attend a reunion in Charleston vs other locales. Additionally, 1 CTCS has hosted a Combat Camera workshop the last 2 years in conjunction with the reunion. Logistically and fiscally, it's easier to conduct in Charleston.
- d. Other venues were proposed but no one volunteered to host.
- e. Willie Best motioned for vote on 2019 location.
 - i. Las Vegas received 11 votes, Charleston received 6 votes.
 - ii. Las Vegas, NV carried for the 2019 reunion with Herb Cintron as Reunion Coordinator.

3. Board Elections

- a. Elections were required to elect a new President (one-year term), Secretary (two-year term) and two members-at-large (two-year term). Additionally, Pat Knowles announced that it was possible that Pat Nugent may have to resign as Treasurer due to personal reasons.
 - i. Pat Knowles was nominated for President; no others nominated. Pat Knowles elected by acclamation.

- ii. Dee Candia volunteered to act as Secretary and she was nominated. No others volunteered or were nominated. Dee Candia was elected by acclamation.
- iii. Marianna Diaz volunteered to act as Treasurer in the event Pat Nugent was no longer able to fulfill his duties. No others volunteered or were nominated. Marianna Diaz was elected by acclamation.
UPDATE: Pat Nugent has agreed to stay on for another year so this vote is null
- iv. Paul Kennedy and Ken Marifke volunteered and were nominated to be members-at-large. They were both elected by acclamation.

4. Other Issues

- a. Website: Patrick Knowles relayed that he had received numerous complaints about the USAFCCA website not working properly. Members were not able to access the private site with their user name and passwords. Since Jim Pearson, our webmaster, was not in attendance, Pat said he would reach out to him to remedy the issue. ***UPDATE: Jim Pearson was not able to pinpoint any issues with the website. He reminds everyone that you MUST log in with a user name and password to access the private site which gives you access to make comments, look up other members, etc. If you do not have a user name and password, please click the  icon on the homepage to email the webmaster. If you have forgotten your user name and password, click the "Lost My Password" link to reset your password.*
- b. Photo Wall: Barb Eagan brought up the issue of continuing to construct the photo wall for every reunion. Constructing it is time-consuming and funds for shipping photo cases and purchasing wood each time comes out of the Association budget. Alternatives have been displayed at the last two reunions (Charleston and Colo Springs) with electronic displays that showcase a greater array of images and motion imagery than we could ever display on the wall. In Charleston, we were able to tap into personal equipment to display a running show (with stills and videos) and we did not

have a photo wall. However, the photo cases were on hand for people to peruse. In Colorado Springs, Jose Lopez brought his personal equipment from California and set up a three monitor display, and Mario Candia spearheaded the photo wall construction. Mario Candia felt that having the photo wall in the Hospitality Room is one of the best things we do. The discussion was tabled until the 2018 reunion. Mario has volunteered to construct the photo wall in San Diego and Mike Daniels is researching alternatives.

- c. Reunion Dates: For the third year in a row, dates and locations of reunions was discussed. A number of suggestions were brought up regarding biannual options, specific months, mid-week options and locale. Bottom line is that finding someone to *host* the reunion is the most important hurdle. As proposed and agreed upon at the 2016 meeting, it should be left up to the host coordinator to determine reunion dates with the approval of the Association Board. *(2016 discussion: Zimm brought request by DJ Diomedes for members to revisit moving the reunion back to September to coincide with the AF Birthday. Renée brought up that the October reunion dates were moved to October to accommodate those still working in government who could not come because of end-of-fiscal-year spending as well as to mitigate the hotter weather in locations such as SoCal, South Carolina and Texas. The membership voted in 2012 to move the reunions to October starting in 2014. In a review of past reunions, most were held between 18-30 September. Three (now four) reunions have been held in October. Further discussion suggested that the dates should be left up to the boots-on-the-ground host as to which dates work best for hotel and event availability. Zimm made a motion to allow host to determine reunion dates with approval from the board. The motion was seconded and approved by the members.)*

5. Adjournment

- a. With no new business, Renée Tyron made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Barb Eagan.

- b. The USAF Combat Camera Association 2017 Annual Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.

Patrick Knowles
President

Renée Tyron
Member at Large/Recorder