**St Louis-Gateway Chapter Minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting – 15 AUG 2017**

The St. Louis Chapter, USAFA AOG, quarterly board meeting was held on 15 August 2017 at 1130 at Lester’s in Clayton.
**Members Present**:  Kirk McDonald, John Bugner, Elizabeth Granier, Brian Lindsay, Reed Shafer, Bob Baker
**Members Absent:**  Dawn Hildebrand, Keith Heien, Lee Armstrong
**Other:**  Zach Roberts

**Financial Report:**Brian Lindsey reported a balance of $2375.42 in our checking account. Checks were written to John Bugner to cover the remaining cost of the Founders Day dinner ($1311.27 for the dinner and $100.00 for the guest speaker), $158.96 to Reed Shafer for the Memorial Day flowers, and $10.00 to the Illinois Secretary of State to re-register not for profit status. This leaves a balance of $755.12.  Approval was given to spend $400 to file for Federal Tax-Exempt status and $15 to file with Illinois Attorney General as a Charitable Organization.
**Unfinished Business:**
·        **Tax Exempt Status (Articles of Incorporation):**  Three steps remain on the path to complete non-profit, tax-exempt, charitable status in Illinois.  1) Register with the Illinois Attorney General as a charitable organization which will allow us to receive contributions/sponsorships.   2) File with the Federal Government for tax exempt status.  3)File with IL Department of Revenue for sales tax exemption. Target for completion is prior to our Founders Day dinner.  After these steps, work will be begin to repeat in MO.
·        **Service Projects:**
**The Mission Continues** is holding the Summer Slam event on 19 August, from 0800 to 1600 at Missouri Hills, 13300 Bellefountaine Road in St. Louis.  This item will be posted on our facebook page and in our chapter web site.  Details are at the following link: https://missioncontinues.org/event/details?id=a1l40000004krSUAAY
**Missouri Veterans Home**:  Kirk contaced the director of volunteers to offer our services.  November 11th, Veterans Day, was suggested as a date visit the home.  We are waiting to hear back.
·        **Distinguished Chapter:**  The package was submitted on 10 July.  So far we have not received an acknowledgement from the AOG.  Kirk will contact Bill Preston and inquire as to our status.
·        **AOG Chapter President’s Conference:**The dates are set for 30 Aug – 1 Sep 2017.  Keith Heien and Elizabeth Granier will attend.  Elizabeth will purchase items from the gift shop to use as attendance prizes for our watch parties.
·        **Watch Parties:**We are all set for Saturday Oct 7th from 2;00 to 5:30 pm at the Wheel House in dontown St. Louis  for the Air Force -Navy watch Party.  We should have tables upstairs with a few TVs allocated to play our game.  The notice will be posted on our facebook page and our chapter web site.
Nothing to  report on the Air Force-Army watch party.
·        **Joint Fundraiser with Parents Club:**   The joint fundraising event at Strathalbyn Farms Gun and Riding Club occurred on 16 June, 2017.  Six AFA Grads participated in the event.  So far we have not heard any word on the financial success of the event.  Keith will inquire.
·      **Member Outreach:** Through our outreach efforts, Zachary Roberts '07,  attended our board meeting.  He volunteered and was nominated and elected to fill the open position on our Board of Directors.  He will serve on the board from 2107 to 2019.
**Our Current Board and Officer roster**:
**Board of Directors**
Bob Baker, Elizabeth Granier, 2015 thru 2017
Dawn Hildebrand, Brian Lindsey, 2016 thru 2018
Lee Armstrong, Zachary Roberts, 2017 thru 2019
**Officers**
President                      Keith Heien
Vice President              Kirk McDonald
Secretary                      John Bugner
Treasurer                      Brian Lindsey
·         **Founders Day:**The bills have been paid and the the books closed for the 2017 Founders Day dinner.  Planning for the 2018 event are on the shelf until next meeting.
·         **Memorial Day Service:** Seven grads attended the Memorial Day service at Jefferson Barracks.  It looks like it will be our turn to organize the service next year.
·         **All Service Academy Golf:**  Army was scheduled to host this year.  So far there has been no action to hold the event this year.  Our chapter will plan a golf event for June of next year.
·         **Doolie Brunch:**Six members of our chapter attended the Doolie Brunch at the SAFB Officers Club on 19 June.  Lt Gen Sharpy, class of '87,  was the guest speaker,

**New Business:**
·         **Surplus funds in our checking account:** For the first time in years, we have a “cushion” in our account.  We plan on additional funds from the fundraiser with the parents club.  What to do with money in excess of our operating expenses will be discussed at the next meeting.

**Next Meeting:**The next board meeting will be held on 17 October at 1130 at Lesters in Clayton.

**Adjournment:**  With no other business the meeting was adjourned.

John Bugner, ‘71
Chapter Secretary
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