**St. Louis-Gateway Chapter of the United States Air Force Academy Association Of Graduates. – 19 SEP 2018**

 **St. Louis-Gateway Chapter Minutes of the Quarterly Board Meeting –Wednesday Sept 19th**
The St Louis Chapter, USAFA AOG, quarterly board meeting was held on 19 September 2018 at 1615  Schneithorst’s Bar, 1600 S. Lindbergh Blvd. of St Louis, MO.
**Members Present:**Kirk McDonald, Elizabeth Granier, Mike Brecht, Keith Heien, Reed Shafer, and Bob Baker. Brian Lindsey arrived around 1700. Mike Ziemann also joined the meeting.
**Members Absent:** Pat Ellis
**Minutes from Previous Meeting:**Previous meeting did not have minutes, Elizabeth was not present at July meeting.
**Financial Report:** Brian was not present at beginning of meeting for financial report
**Unfinished Business:**
**Tax Exempt Status (Articles of Incorporation):**No change to report.
**Watch Parties:** Elizabeth is right now the Navy POC, Army POC will be Mike Brecht
            USAFA vs Navy is Oct 6th, Meeting at 2:30pm. Brew Hub is at 5656 Oakland Ave in St Louis, next to Hampton Inn, across 40 from Forest Park. POC for the Navy group is Joshua Rich with email of joshua\_a\_rich@yahoo.com. Group will plan to arrive around 2pm and we will be doing our Football Squares game to raise money for the Parent’s Club Ball Fund.
Mike has set up for the Army vs USAFA game to be watched at the Wheelhouse, Saturday Nov 3rd, 2018. Game starts at 11am but group will try to meet at 1030.
**Member Outreach/Social Events/Networking Opportunities:**
 Facebook post continue to go out to Members informing them of upcoming events and information. A watch party set-up on Sept 20th for USAFA vs Utah State was sent out on Facebook. This watch party took place Saturday, Sept 22nd 915pm at Global Brew in Rockhill area off Manchester road. In attendance were Reed Shafer, Mike Ziemann, Elizabeth Granier, and Mike Brecht along with friends and family.
Email blast from Keith Heien went to members to remind them of Upcoming watch parties to include Utah State, Navy and Army. This email blast was sent Sept 20th, 2018
**Current Board and Officer Roster:**
**Board of Directors:**
Mike Brecht, Brian Lindsey, 2016-2018
Reed Shafer, Pat Ellis 2017-2019
Bob Baker, Open, 2018-2020
Mike Ziemann was elected to serve in the open position. Welcome Mike!

**Officers: Elected for the 2018-2019 year are the following:**
President:             Keith Heien
Vice President: Kirk McDonald
Secretary:            Elizabeth Granier
Treasurer:             Brian Lindsey

**Founder’s Day:**Planning for 2019 is not underway, but 55 total attendees for 2018. Kirk will be Re-imbursed for his personal check that covered the event.
**Memorial Day Service:**Bob Baker will continue to serve as our POC but it is not our year to plan and organize this event. Event went well and there was a follow-up party for all members at a local VFW hall. Would like to remind grads and families that attend they are welcome to the VFW hall for snacks and socializing.
**All Service Academy Golf:** No report on the potential golf
**Parent’s Club Hosting All Service Academy Ball:**The USAFA parent’s club will host the annual ball this December. The Alumni would like to push a good showing for the event, along with helping the parent’s club raise the necessary funds to host this event. Individual donations are accepted by the parent’s club for any who wish to donate, but the club will donate profits from their football squares money earned at USAFA vs Navy Oct 6th, 2018.
**Watch Party** **Cardinal Baseball:** A small informal social gathering for Cardinal’s baseball did take place 24 July 2018. More to come in 2018-2019
**New Business:**
Burial: John Bugner’s ashes were laid to rest at USAFA in June. Keith and Reed were able to attend and represent the St Louis group.
Parent’s club Cycle-bar fundraiser in July took place and Keith and Elizabeth were in attendance. The group raised ~$1,000 dollars towards upcoming All Academy Ball Expenses
**Annual Conference Repor**t: Kirk attended the Annual Chapter Presidents Conference at USAFA over Labor Day Weekend. Elizabeth mailed the flag and submitted paperwork for 2017-2018 Distinguished Chapter and Kirk was able to pick up the award and flag at the conference. Other items discussed will be an upcoming vote by the AOG to merge all 7 organizations/foundations under 1 entity. This will require a quorum of membership, this also was posted in recent communications with AOG. The 501 C status for a club appears to be important to attain as it really helps clubs with fundraising and donating ability. Club and Athletic activity Calendar will be coming out hopefully soon so clubs can plan to attend USAFA events and competitions. Kirk will get a report to Keith, Elizabeth and Reed so it can be posted and made available to membership through our communication platforms.
**Ball Dec 22nd**, The Parent’s club have set the All Service Academies ball for Dec 22nd in Downtown St Louis. The alumni group will try to attend and hope to have a large enough group to reserve a table.
**Tentative Schedule of Events 2018-2019**

1. Navy/AF Football Game and Watch Party Oct 6, 2018 2pm-5pm Brew Hub near Forest Park
2. Quarterly Meeting Tuesday 30 Oct, 1615 Schnierhorts, St Louis MO
3. Army/AF Football Game and Watch Party Nov 3, 2018, 1030am-2pm Wheelhouse near baseball field
4. All Academies Ball, Dec 22, 2018, Hilton, Parent’s club is the lead on organizing this event this year
5. Annual Meeting/Quarterly Meeting, election of new officers and/or board members Jan 2019, TBD
6. Service related event or project, Kirk is POC, TBD
7. Quarterly Meeting April 2019 TBD
8. Founder’s Day: TBD
9. Memorial Day Service, TBD
10. Social Event May, TBD
11. Quarterly Meeting Jun 2019 TBD
12. Golf Tourney, TBD
13. Chapter President’s Conference, Colorado Springs CO August/September 2018 (Representatives will be selected from Board/Officers)

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 30 Oct, 2018, 1615 at Schniedhorsts at I64 & Lindbergh Blvd, St. Louis MO.
**Adjournment:**With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Fontenot Granier ‘00
Secretary