Minutes of SHSU Military Science Alumni Club
Board of Directors

Date: 21 October 2021
Time: 1700
Place: Zoom

Attending: Rich Mills, Hal Werlein, Larry Booth, Mike Whitten, Jimmy Dinkins, Buddy McCaig, and LTC Joe Contreras. Bobby Penry provided input but could not attend.

The meeting was conducted remotely due to COVID implications and by a recent poll of the officers and directors.

Rich Mills welcomed the group and provided an update on upcoming events as well as recent happenings concerning MSAC. November 13th, the Department will host the Rowdy K. Inman 5K run on campus. Following that, MSAC will assist the Cadets with tailgate duties beginning at 0900 hours. The Department is providing two cooked briskets that MSAC will need to slice and put together sandwiches for the tailgate.

Rich discussed teaching the MS IV cadets with the subject of The Army as a Profession. On that day, Rich met with MG Dave Glasser (Ret), recently joining the University staff. He also met with the ROTC Brigade CDR and CSM. They were very interested in how MSAC came about and what it does.

Rich gave a brief overview of the endowment process needed in order for MSAC and the Department to have room naming rights. Generally speaking, the Inman Scholarship must attain a balance of $25,000 and maintain that balance in order to establish that right. (The Treasurer’s Report will cover more of this.)

Buddy McCaig received information from Bobby Penry on scholarships: The Inman Scholarship board will meet on 3 November with members Buddy McCaig, CPT Michael Akeroyd, and Christion Bionat. (On 22 Oct Akeroyd had to back out due to mission commitment) with Tom Gaston as alternate (now moving into slotted role).

Hal Werlein reported 184 active, current members of MSAC. We have plenty of coins on hand for additional members as well as our usual “coining” activities.

Jimmy Dinkins reported on the fund balances in all three scholarship accounts, as of 19 October as follows:

- Rowdy Inman Memorial Scholarship: $18,961
- SHSU Best Ranger (Ranger challenge) $926
- Schuder’s Best Ranger $2,126
UPDATE: As of 23 October, the Inman Scholarship has $21,661. However, an additional $5,000 donation was received that date that is not in the balance.

Larry Booth was asked to place the giving information in the next MSAC news distribution that goes out. It is as follows:

By mail: Office of University Advancement  
P.O. Box 2537  
Huntsville, Texas 77341-2537

Mark on your check or in your letter which fund to apply it

Online: SHSU.edu  
click “Alumni”  
click “Find a Club”  
go to “Special Interest Clubs” and find Military Science  
click “Scholarships”  
find and click on “Give Now”  

On the form, click as student scholarships, but in the comments section be very sure you designate the fund you want your money to go into

Buddy McCaig presented the proposed Officer/Director slate of nominations for 2022. It is attached to these minutes. A discussion was had on how the list was accumulated. McCaig moved to approve and Mike Whitten gave a second. Unanimous approval. The slate will be sent out to the general membership by Larry Booth for a vote. McCaig will provide the instructions for voting and input.

Rich addressed the group about doing another Riverside event for MSAC in late winter or early spring; preferably late February. The Alumni Association will fund the rental and the food so that there will be very little cost to any individual. Rich, Buddy, and Hal will cook the meat. It will be BYOB on adult beverages. Day only with no overnight. Larry will send out a poll of the general membership with the next newsletter to get a feel for the likely commitment.

LTC Joe Contreras joined us as a convalescent, having had recent surgery. He reported several great items of interest to the group and membership.

1. We have the most cadets in the program now than since 2015; 108.

2. 43% of last season’s MS IV class attained Distinguished Military Graduate status, which is only accorded to the to 20% of cadets nationwide.

3. The Ranger Challenge team will be at Tarleton State for competition. The team includes three dedicated and qualified freshmen, which is remarkable.
4. $3,000 has already been raised for the Inman 5k run.

5. LTC Jay Johnson, FA, active duty will be on hand for the 5k and the homecoming game. He has been designated a Hometown Hero and will carry the U.S. Flag onto the field at the game on 13 November.

6. MSG Mitchell is retiring. He will be greatly missed, but congratulations to him.

In other comments and significant dates:

1. Rich Mills and his son, COL Travis Mills, recently attended the battalion FTX for an overnighter. They observed and assisted as cadets prepared and delivered OPORDERs, and other tasks. The MS IVs were observed mentoring the younger cadets and doing a great job of it.

2. Jimmy Dinkins reported that the Bay Area Alumni Club will hold a Veteran’s Day event at NASA on 11 November.

3. Mike Whitten announced that the “Lunch Bunch” consisting mostly of SHSU military grads from 68, 69, and 70 will hold their monthly lunch on 4 November at The Honor Café in Conroe, beginning at 11:30. All are invited. If you haven’t heard of The Honor Café, look it up. It is worth the effort to go there.

4. Buddy McCaig is doing a Veteran’s Day breakfast keynote for about 250 folks at Weston Lakes on November 12.

There being nothing further to discuss or report, the meeting was adjourned.

Buddy McCaig
Secretary

TASK LIST:

1. McCaig will make himself available to the Brigade CDR and staff to discuss the originals and formation of MSAC.

2. Larry Booth will send out the scholarship contribution information in the next news letter.

3. Larry Booth will send out the slate of Officer/Director nominees for 2022.

4. McCaig will provide Larry with voting information.
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**Officers and Directors of the Illinois State University alumni Club**

**State of Nominations for 2022**

**PLEASE VOTE**: Email to Buddy McAlpine your vote of FOR or AGAINST the slate of officers and directors. Ameical@gmail.com