

# **Minutes of SHSU Military Science Alumni Club**

## **Board of Directors**

Date: 12 May 2018  
Time: 1500  
Place: Hal Werlein's place; Trinity, Texas

Attending: Rich Mills, Hal Werlein, Gonzalo Correa, Buddy McCaig,  
Larry Booth, Bobby Penry

Prior to the meeting, at Noon at the Military Science Building on campus, the group met in an informal Hail & Farewell for the incoming and out-going PMS. LTC Mark Davis is moving on to command the Northwest area Recruiting Battalion, stationed in Seattle, Washington, covering all the Northwest including Alaska. LTC Joe Contreras is coming in as PMS and provided us a good overview of what he hopes to continue and accomplish.

The board meeting was held at "Hal-Topia" on Trin-Lady Park Road, Trinity, Texas – out in the deep Piney Woods. Thanks to Hal for a great meeting place.

At the beginning of the meeting, student leaders of the SHSU Marksmanship Team gave a presentation on the history of the team, operational status, its relationship to ROTC, its goals, and other information. Cadet Devin Kamyk is president; Cadet Wesley Wood is vice-president; and, Cadet Prescott King is Sergeant at Arms. Membership is open to all SHSU students; not just ROTC. There are currently 23 active members, 13 of whom are cadets. The team has 40 AR-15 variant rifles for practice and 5 Rock River Arms competition rifles. The range on Hal's place is taking shape and should be operable in the near future. Considerable dozer work and construction has been done and is planned for creation of a 300-meter, multi-lane range, with range-house. You may get more information off the Team's Facebook page; SHSU Marksmanship Team.

Rich Mills opened the meeting with welcome and announcements. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved. A status report was given on the following action items from the previous minutes:

Gonzalo Correa: Flickr Account	Already set up and operating
Larry Booth: Digital Information to Alum Assoc	Completed
Buddy McCaig: Verbiage for landing page	Completed

John Barfoot provided a treasurer's report: Rowdy Inman Scholarship fund has \$11,483.00. MSAC Schuder's Best Ranger has a balance of \$250.00. SHSU Best Ranger has a balance of \$750.00.

Bobby provided a scholarship board report. Joe Kirkland, Randy Underwood, and Jimmy Dinkins sat on the Board. Bobby sat as alternate. Six cadets were scheduled with one no-show. Cadet Jose Arriaga received the Spring scholarship. A discussion was had about putting some rules in place for the board so there will be consistency. Bobby will work on that.

Discussion was also had on whether we can or should increase the number of scholarships awarded each semester. The high quality of the cadets has caused most board members to wish for more opportunities to spread the wealth. The general membership will be asked to provide any comments or input to that discussion and decision when Larry sends out the next news.

Hal reported no change to our active members list. We have 109 official, voting members of MSAC, meaning that all 109 are dues paying members of the Alumni Association and qualify for and have registered with MSAC. We still have a good supply of coins. It was determined that there are quite a few Alumni Association Life Members who, although qualified for MSAC, are not included on our affiliated list. Larry will obtain the list and provide the information to Hal so that we can include those Life Members in our active club member list.

As a follow-up on the meeting with the Alumni Association on 6 December 2017, we determined that some progress on the webpage had been made but it is not yet what we are looking for. There appeared to be a disconnect between what Buddy sent back in January, and what the IT department is working on. Buddy will send the information again. Larry will continue to liaise with Justin Haynes on getting the site working correctly.

Larry Booth reported that The Military Heritage Project team has now accounted for almost 800 people. Included in that number are 520 on the active contact list and 196 deceased alumni. The work continues. There is quite a bit of work to be done in rewriting a lot of the biographies to make them compatible with the webpage work being done.

Gonzalo corrected the perception that Flickr was going away; it is not. It is being bought out and may change. It was determined that even if there is a small fee involved we will keep our Flickr page. There are almost 2,000 items and photographs currently on the page. Visit it at:


[www.flickr.com](http://www.flickr.com)

name: militarysciencealumni

Rich reported on the prior discussion on a Professional Reading Program for the cadets. Right now, such a program is not viable in light of the commitments already being required of the cadets. This topic will be revisited in the near future once LTC Contreras is fully in the saddle.

The next meeting date has not been fully determined due to major conflicts with board members and officers. It will probably move to October 14<sup>th</sup>, but that will be determined in the near future and the information will be sent out by Larry. Larry Booth offered his place as our meeting site. All members are welcome to attend board meetings.

It is time to consider officers and directors elections. Todd Platzner had previously done yeoman's work on setting up the correct schedule and Buddy will pull that out and provide to Larry to circulate among the membership with the next news update. If any member has a suggestion for officers or directors, please send them in. We need officers and directors who are willing to work and attend the infrequent meetings.

  
Buddy McCaig  
Secretary

TASK LIST:

Continue Webpage coordination	Larry Booth & Gonzalo Correa
Send Webpage info to Justin	Buddy McCaig
Life Member List to Hal	Larry Booth (already done)
Confirm October meeting	Rich Mills
Schedule Fall Scholarship Board	Bobby Penry
Pull Todd Platzner's election material	Buddy McCaig
Written rules for Scholarship Board	Bobby Penry & Buddy McCaig