

Minutes of SHSU Military Science Alumni Club

Board of Directors

Date: 22 June 2019
Time: 1400
Place: Rich Mills, Bent Oak Lane, Damon, Texas

Attending: Robert Brewer, Gonzalo Correa, LTC Joe Contreras, Jimmy Dinkins, Richard Mills, Randy Underwood, Bobby Penry, Hal Werlein, Richard Davis, Buddy McCaig

Prior to the meeting, the group and many spouses had a great meal of brisket, ribs and all the trimmings. LTC Contreras and his wife attended as our special guests. We all had a great time of visiting and a great meal.

1. Rich Mills opened the meeting. Special commemoration for Russell Maziarka, COL (R), '73, deceased. Russell had a unique and colorful career in the Army. After a long battle with cancer, Russell passed away in his hometown of Chicago earlier this Spring.
2. Bobby Penry gave a scholarship board report. MSAC members Hahn, Platzner, and Dinkins served on the board on 15 April. A very impressive MS-I Cadet, Julie Trejo, was awarded the Spring scholarship. Bobby encouraged all MSAC members to volunteer for the board each Fall and Spring. Three members are mandatory and it would be good to have up to five. A discussion was had on increasing the scholarships to be able to help more cadets. LTC Contreras reported that the Rowdy Inman Run sponsored by the cadets themselves had generated \$500 which was placed into the scholarship fund account. After considerable discussion, motion was made by Buddy McCaig with second by Hal Werlein to add a \$500 award to the Rowdy Inman Memorial Scholarship. Buddy will get with BJ Harrelson and contact Darlene at SHSU to begin getting our contract amended.
3. Hal reported that we now have 165 members who have certificates and coins. We have sufficient coins on hand to continue to grow. Our 165 registered members makes us the largest club in the Alumni Association. Bobby Brown, current AA president, is a Military Science Alumni. Rich, along with Joe Contreras, will be contacting him to be sure we are getting information to him.
4. Formal treasury report was not available as BJ had a death in his immediate family. However, the fund stands at around \$12,000. Discussion was had on efforts to get MSAC members and interested persons to donate just \$10 per month through credit card debits. We will ask Larry to put together an announcement for the next newsletter.
5. Gonzalo reported that our MSAC website is getting more hits per month than the AA website and other clubs combined. With the assistance of Larry Booth and Todd Platzner, Gonzalo has been able to upload over 300 profiles. He has also used a MSAC member of

the month the last two months. The first was BG(R) Richard Mills ('74), in May, COL Jim DeOre ('93), and for June it is COL (R) Russell Maziarka ('73). Gonzalo is doing great work with the website. All board members and officers need to get their profiles completed and sent in to Larry and Gonzalo. If you need the form, get it from the website. Also, the website search will begin to include branch assignment affiliations and experience. This will tie in to the mentorship program for the cadets.

6. While unavoidably absent, Larry Booth provided an update on Membership and data. Currently, 1041 MilScience alum have been accounted for, with about 200 of them being deceased. 1081 have been identified but not yet located or profiled. The online museum has over 3,000 photographs, documents, and news released posted. Our site has had over 4,300 views since being uploaded. Larry was commended for the great work being done.
7. MSAC will support the Homecoming tailgate on 19 October 2019. Details and taskers will go out as we get closer to the event. It is a great experience and all are encouraged to support the battalion in this effort.
8. Hosting an annual event was discussed. It was determined that 29 February 2020 will be our target date. Location to be determined. Jimmy Dinkins knows about a pavilion in the Galveston/Crystal Beach area owned by the Wounded Warrior Project that may be available. We are looking for an informal event location that will lend itself to good times for visiting, a meal, and not be a stuffy or formal affair; probably outdoor and rural.
9. The mentorship program is being well-supported by LTC Contreras. MSAC members need to volunteer and make themselves known to the PMS. We are encouraged to get involved, especially for things like Branch Day. Larry Booth will be asked to put out the word for volunteers on the next newsletter. Board members are especially encouraged to volunteer. Branch Day and the Rowdy Inman Run are tentatively set for 9 November 2019. That date may shift based on other commitments and LTC Contreras will advise if it does. Bearkat Family Weekend is scheduled for 21 September; that is the date when prospective students and their families will have campus visits. Gonzalo will again cook pork butts and this time he will have help. 5 October is Battle of the Piney Woods at NRG Stadium. Randy Underwood will look into what it will take to do a tailgate there, but chances are we will defer until next year to do one—no decision was made.
10. Discussion was had on getting a MSAC seat on the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Rich, Buddy and Hal will set a meeting with Charlie Vienne to get more information. Jimmy Dinkins has had some experience on the nomination process and provided some valuable information on what we may be facing.
11. Significant dates have been covered in the above areas.

12. Discussions continue about having regionally located meetings in the DFW area, San Antonio area, and Fort Hood area. No decisions were made.
13. Hal reported that the SHSU Rifle Team is no longer in its former configuration. The shooting team is now an Intramural Sports program, affiliated with the Scholastic Action Sports Foundation. This is an NRA-level shooting sports program. Hal is the unpaid coach for the team. It is for pistol-only competition.
14. LTC Contreras reported that Building AB3 will have \$2.4million spent on renovations which should be completed in the December/January time frame. It is much more than mere cosmetics with HVAC, asbestos remediation, electrical, paint, floors, restrooms and other work being done. The Bearkat Battalion has had one cadet complete Air Assault School this summer and another is on the way. Cadet Prescott King has set the highest PT scores in the Regiment, and most likely is on his way to greater things. The battalion will most likely make mission for the first time in three years. Things are looking good.
15. The meeting adjourned around 1600.



Buddy McCaig
Secretary

TASKS AND ASSIGNMENTS;

1. Buddy and BJ contact or meet with Darlene Andrews to amend scholarship contract.
2. Rich is to contact Bobby Brown to get him on-board as MSAC member as well as what he is doing as AA president.
3. Larry is to include a request in the next newsletter for folks to consider contributing \$10 a month through credit card debit.
4. All board members & officers are to insure they have a profile filled and filed with Gonzalo and Larry. Larry will encourage all MSAC affiliates/members to prepare profiles with the next newsletter.
5. Buddy and Rich will contact Justin Haynes to begin work on scheduling the Annual Event for 29 February 2020.
6. Randy Underwood will look into the requirements and costs for doing a tailgate at NRG for the Battle of the Piney Woods.
7. Rich, Buddy & Hal will meet with Charlie Vienne to learn more about a seat on the Alumni Association Board of Directors.