B-52 STRATOFORTRESS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2021
1500-1600 CDT

ATTENDEES:

Russ Stephenson, President
Steve Miller, Vice President
Rich Nelson, Treasurer
Jim Bradley, Membership
Tommy Towery, Newsletter Editor
Dave White, Webmaster
Bob Harder, Scholarships
Steve Amato, Memorial Structures
Steve Brown
Tim Hurst
Clif Banner, Secretary

AGENDA:

This BoD Meeting Agenda is posted as Attachment 1. Minutes from the prior meeting were read with no changes suggested.

FINANCIAL STATUS:

Rich Nelson presented the Association’s financial report. The Association is in good condition; if someone wants more data, please contact Rich Nelson.

2021 DAYTON RENDEZVOUS RECAP:

Col Stephenson reported some of the key events of the recent Rendezvous in Dayton. 177 members and spouses were present at the main banquet. One key fundraiser was the 50-50 raffle; attendee Jim Campbell won the 50-50 raffle, taking home $460.00, with the Association gaining the remaining $460.00.
Due to change in the Rendezvous banquet venue from the Air Force Museum to the hotel’s ballroom and associated costs, some attendees may have refunds due; affected members may specifically request the $30 refund or make it a donation to the Association’s Memorial Fund. Thanks were acknowledged for USAF Museum Director David Tillotson’s support at the bomber memorial dedication, as well as the services of the 445th Troop Carrier Squadron Color Guard during the ceremony and at the banquet. Lapel pin and coin sales: there were 245 lapel pins sold at $2.00 and 145 Association coins sold at $5.00. These figures have been added to the Association treasury.

**OTHER MATTERS:**

Col Stephenson discussed his attendance at the recent DFC Society meeting. He noted that the Society has garnered multiple corporate sponsors, something the Association should consider developing. He also noted how well the Society’s website sales were run, providing some incentive for the Association to consider emulating. He suggested that sales and other fundraising items be an agenda item for the December BoD meeting.

**NEXT RENDEZVOUS:**

Probably September 2022 – Trish Blanton from the Reunion Brat also asked about venues at Tinker (OK) or Seattle area.

**MEMORIAL AND SCHOLARSHIP PLANS:**

Steve Amato has contacted Morris Monuments and sent some information to USAF Museum. Papers are at Maxwell AFB for review, edits, and approval.

18 Sept 2022 is the 75th Birthday of the US Air Force and the 70th Anniversary of the B-52 aircraft.

Received request for use of Association funds for Castle Museum at Castle AFB in Merced, CA.
Bob Harder mentioned a University of Minnesota scholarship regarding ROTC. He will provide details later.

Clif Banner mentioned his Order of Daedalians Flight #15 has a scholarship fund – believes such scholarships have to be to a 501(c)(3) IRS recognized entity, even if within another organization, such as the Association. He will arrange an introduction between his Daedalians Flight Scholarship chair with Bob. Perhaps, some small committee to discuss scholarships for informational purposes at first. I will introduce you to Maj Gen Eric Nelson, USAF (ret.), our Daedalians Scholarship Committee Chair.

**NEWSLETTER:**

Nothing to report.

**WEBMASTER:**

Nothing to report.

**NEXT BoD MEETING:**

The next planned Board of Directors meeting will be via Zoom on Saturday, 4 December, 2021, 1500-1600 CST.

Respectively submitted

Clif Banner, Secretary
B-52 Stratofortress Association
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Saturday October 2, 2021
3 to 4 PM CDT, Zoom Call

1. Call to order, quorum present
2. Welcome Clif Banner to the BoD
3. BoD Secretary position status and appointment
4. BoD members interested?
   a. Volunteer(s)
   b. Motion to appoint ________?
5. Jim Larkins resigned from the BoD for personal reasons. I will send a letter thanking him for his service to the Association.
6. Motion to approve minutes from last meeting.
   a. Send old copies to new Secretary alone with BoD agenda.
7. Treasurer’s report
8. 2021 Rendezvous recap
9. DFCS Brief recap
10. River Rats Reunion - Dayton
11. Proposed September 2022 Reunion updates from Reunion Brat.
    a. Northeast US
    b. Central US Tinker AFB Oklahoma
    c. Seattle - Boeing
    d. Vote – on location
12. Memorial update – Bench Status (Steve Amato).
    a. Cold War / South West Asia/Persian Gulf
    b. Target date(s) for completion and installation – September 18, 2022 ????
    c. Future memorial site additions
13. Possible future use of Association. funds
14. Coin and lapel pin sales – provided to attending members.
    a. Cost = $2.00 per Lapel Pin/ $5.00 per coin.
    b. On-hand 245 Pins and 116 coins
15. Proposed next BoD meeting December 4, 2021 at 3 pm CST via Zoom