B-52 STRATOFORTRESS ASSOCIATION
BOARD MEETING
7 May 2022
1400-1500 CDT

ATTENDING:
Russ Stephenson, President
Dave White, Webmaster
Tim Hurst, Member
Bob Harder, Member (Scholarships)
Steve Amato, Member (Memorials)
Steve Brown, Member
Clif Banner, Secretary

Not Present:
Jim Bradley, Membership
Rich Nelson, Treasurer
Tommy Towery, Newsletter Editor
Steve Miller, Vice President
James Hooppaw, President Emeritus
Doug Seward (Member)

AGENDA/Secretary’s Minutes:
Russ Stephenson brought the meeting to order at 1405 CDT. The previous meeting minutes (2 Apr 2022) were read with no changes suggested. Russ Stephenson moved to accept; seconded by Bob Harder. The April 2022 BoD Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATUS/Treasurer’s Report:
Rich Nelson was not present. The Treasurer’s Report will be provided at the next BoD meeting. Mr. Nelson is requested to submit pertinent details for this month to amend the minutes,

OLD BUSINESS:
1. 2022 Rendezvous Update (Sept 8-11, 2022):
   a. Reunion Updates from Reunion Brat (Trish)
   b. Providence, RI. Crown Plaza Hotel September 8 to 11, 2022
   c. Thursday, Sept 8th - Welcome party and buffet
         (a) Steve Amato has obtained a bio for Col Ward and will send it to Russ
   d. Friday Sept 9th - Day bus trip to Boston and “The Freedom Trail” tour. Lunch is on your own (1+30), followed by a tour of the USS Constitution in Chelsea.
      (Sorry, Red Sox are at Baltimore during the Rendezvous.)
         (1) Dinner on your own in Providence
e. Saturday Sept 10th - Day Trip to Submarine Museum New London, CT (depart 0830), with lunch on your own at Abbotts. Followed by a tour of “The Breakers” mansion in Newport, RI.
   (1) Alternate trip to Westover ARB (Chicopee MA, C-5 Wing), if enough sign up (this will probably go by the wayside).
f. Sunday Sept 11th - RTB Breakfast and farewell .

2. **Memorial Update – Bench Status (Steve Amato)**
   a. Cold War / South West Asia - Persian Gulf
   The forms are awaiting final approval by the NMUSAF and, once approved, Morrison Monuments will complete the fabrication process for the Cold War and Southwest Asia Memorial benches. Target date(s) for completion and installation is by September 18, 2022, but we are looking for an earlier dedication date.

3. **Possible future use of Association Funds Update – No discussion this meeting.**

4. **New Website and Retail Sales Update**
   Sales have been good. Approximate revenues to the Association have been:
   - March 2022 - $1900
   - April 2022 - $295
   - May 2022 - $271, as of 6 May

5. **WEBMASTER:**
   No business to discuss

6. **NEWSLETTER:**
   No business to discuss (however, next edition is June 2022. BoD members are advised to get information to Tommy Towery soon.)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Notification of Passing of Association members and Rendezvous memorial service.**
   Russ Stephenson proposed a process to be considered by the Board. There was one suggested change, and Russ will amend and propose for approval at the next BoD meeting.

2. **Boeing High-Bay Dedication Ceremony at Oklahoma City.**
   Twelve members of the Association (and a total of 23) attended the dedication ceremony for the Boeing Oklahoma City High-Bay Dedication Ceremony on 15 April. He showed several photos taken at the event.
3. **Vietnam Veterans News – Col (ret.) Ron Bartlett.**

Listen to Mack Payne’s podcast about the Vietnam Veteran News’ “Soldier of the Week” Col Ron Bartlett at [Vietnam Veterans News podcast](#). He describes some of the 80 missions Ron flew in Linebacker I and II. Ron’s story begins about 2:00 into the 7:15 podcast.

Ron was a resident of NY City and flew 80 missions in the B-52. He’s the Treasurer of the Red River Valley Association.

**NEXT BoD MEETING:**
The next meeting will be on Saturday, June 4\(^{th}\) 2022, 1500-1600 CDT / 1600-1700 EDT

**ADJOURNMENT:** The BoD meeting ended at 1559 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Clif Banner**  
Secretary, B-52 Stratofortress Association
Attachment 1 – Agenda for 5-May-2022 Board of Directors Meeting

B-52 Stratofortress Association
Board of Directors Meeting Agenda
Saturday, May 7, 2022
2 to 3:30 PM CDT, Zoom Call

1. Call to Order, quorum present
2. Secretary: Motion to approve minutes from last meeting
3. Treasurer’s Report and Renewal of Charity Status with Alabama
4. Old Business:
   a. 2022 Rendezvous Update (September 8 to 11, 2022)
      (1) Reunion Updates from Reunion Brat
      (2) Providence, RI. Crown Plaza Hotel (Warwick)
      (3) Thursday, Sept 8th - Welcome party and buffet
      (4) Friday Sept 9th - Day Trip to Boston with Lunch
         (a) Dinner on your own
      (5) Saturday Sept 10th - Day Trip to Submarine Museum New London, CT, with lunch
         (a) Alternate trip to Hartford/Westover ARB (C-5), if enough sign up
         (b) Rendezvous banquet at the Crown Plaza. Guest Speaker presentation – “Operation Secret Squirrel” by Col (ret.) Warren Ward
      (6) Sunday Sept 11th - RTB Breakfast and farewell
   b. Memorial Update – Bench Status (Steve Amato).
   c. Notification of Passing of Association members and Rendezvous memorial service (Russ Stephenson proposal)
   d. Possible future use of Association Funds Update
   e. New Website and Retail Sales Update
      (2) Coin and lapel pin retail sales – On the new website: Coins at $13.00ea and Pins at $3.00ea; both for $14.00. Available for sale. On-hand 245 Pins and 100 coins
      (3) First week over $2000 in sales
5. New Business:
   a. TBD
6. Proposed next BoD meeting: June 4, 2022 at 2 pm CDT via Zoom