

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING



World War II

315th Troop Carrier Group

Association - U.S.A.A.C.

19 MAY 2006

The Board of Directors Meeting was called to order in the Hospitality Room of the Settle Inn , in Branson , MO by President Leonard Thomas at 16:45 . Members present: Brown - Thomas - Zartman - Cloer - Ford - Ertel - Knight - Pence - Watkins . Newsletter Editor Mary Lynn Schwietz and Web Master Miles Hamby. Absent: Scott - Reading - and Kowalchuk and Riechman (who had not arrived yet) Valerie Smith , Marc Sandall , Gayle Barnard , and other 2nd generations members sat in on the meeting and said they would all be glad to help in anyway to keep the old 315th going to honor their Dads.

As there was no Agenda presented - the meeting turned into a long meeting that covered many subjects, Reading of the minutes of the last Board Meeting was waved - - Treasures Report ; Ford reported that as of the last day of April , the balance was \$6590.60 . What is the future of our 315th Reunion Assn. That is one of the first things we have to decide , The Newsletter is the one item that keeps us informed and together. Mary Lynn said she would continue as Editor if we would pay Cathy Beck to do the computer work for the letter. This was agreed on by the Board. Now to fill the new Board members and Officers. Cloer had asked to be replaced as Secretary and Newman Riechman had asked to be replaced as Alternate Board Member. All members now serving on the Board were asked to continue serving and to take on an extra two year term. Michael Knight agreed to serve as our Secretary. Marc Sandall agreed to take Knights place on the Board. Gary Ertel will take over the Office of Vice-President and Valerie Smith will take his place on the Board of Directors. Gayle Barnard volunteered to fill in as the Alternate Board Member. Evelyne Kowalchuk talked her son , Peter into taking her seat on the Board. This is now a great set of Officers and Board member , many who are sharp second generation who are interested in the future of the 315th Association.

Cloer said that he had a few drawers of old orders - records - letters - and etc., that he would like to get rid of while he can still send them on. He had suggested sending them to the Silent Wings Museum in Lubbock Texas or the Dover AFBase Museum. Many other suggestions were made - Air Force Museum at Dayton - 9th Air Force records - Dr. Oldson at Florida State University - - etc. - etc. Past President Bernard Brown suggested the 315th Air Lift Wing at Charleston AFBase. They were interested enough to send their Historian to our reunion. The one thing that all agreed on - we did not want all of this old information just to-be stored away in some boxes in some basement. It should go to a facility that would store them electronically and make it available to anyone who was interested. (We later checked with T/Sgt. Glenn A. Todd and found that they had the records for the Korea 315th and he had just finished doing the records for the 315th Viet Nam time period. They are stored electronically and are available to anyone interested Our records will be set to the 315th Air Lift Wing.)

Cloer said that we ought to get back to the subject - Are we going to continue to operate a 315th Reunion Accosiation and continue to have Reunions ?

Our new incoming President, Jamie Zartman said that he would like to see the reunion organization keep going as a memorial to his father , and the other members of the WW II 315th. Marc Sandall agreed, He said that he felt that the organization should keep going to honor what the members of the 315th had contributed to this country during WW II .After much - much discussion , it was decided that we would continue to hold the reunions as long as there were any old WW II members who were able to - and wanted to come to reunions. At that time it was felt that as the second generation was filling all of the Officer and Board Board of Directors slots, it would be up to them whether they wanted to keep the organization going as a tribute to what the men of the 315th had contributed to WW II.

Chip Hamby said that we now have a web site that we ought to be recording more of this old information and war stories on so it would be available to to the younger generation. Jamie Zartman said : thats great , but you have to capture it before you can put it on the Web. Is anybody going to record the nurses program tomorrow night ? Nobody seemed to know. Should be a lot of good information.

Dick Ford made a motion that when Doc found the appropriate place to have our records preserved that the our organization pay for the transportation cost. Seconded by Evelyne Kowalchuk. Passed and the bill is to be forwarded to Ford.

Leonard Thomas told about the 315th Airlift Wing Reunion Organization and thought that maybe we should join in with them. H said the whole town is involved with two and three generations of former 315th Reserve members. When they have a reunion there will be from 1500 -2000 attend. Most felt that our old members go to a reunion to see their old Buddies that the served with and would get lost down there.

After about 45 more minutes talk on where we should with the old records and where our next reunion should be held - - with nothing voted on - - a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 18:00.

Respectfully Submitted



Robert L. Cloer, Secretary (Retired)



BIENNIAL BUSINESS MEETING

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The Biennial Business Meeting was called to order in the Hospitality Room of the Settle Inn in Branson MO by the President, Leonard Thomas at 9:00 AM. He said this will be a short meeting so all can get to the Showboat Branson Belle lunch cruise by 11:00. He introduced the new incoming President, Jamie Zartman. Jamie said that he was honored that the members had chosen him to serve as President for the next two years and he was looking forward to carry on in the great reputation of the old 315th. His phone and E Mail would always be open for recommendations and suggestions from all of the members. The President asked for a reading of the minutes of the last Business Meeting at Louisville, KY. As the minutes had been posted on the bulletin board for the past two days for all to read, a motion was made and passed to suspend the reading of the minutes. A Treasurers report was asked for, Dick Ford reported with the dues that he had collected so far, the balance at this time was : \$7,114.60.

As so many of the 2nd generation have come forward to offer help and fill offices - - The Old 315th Troop Carrier Reunions will continue - as long as anyone can show up. The one thing that keeps the unit together and going - is the newsletter. Mary Lynn Schwietz said that she would continue as Editor , if she could could have Cathy Beck do the computer work. The Board voted to pay for that assistance.

Michael Knight said that he would take on the job of Secretary and keep the roster up to date. So all address changes - phone numbers - and etc., should be sent to him.

Many War Stories were told at about this stage of the meeting - many were funny - and some really happened. The question came up - - Where will the next reunion be ? This will be decided by the new President , with the approval of the Board of Directors.

Jamie Zartman said that he would be glad to have recommendations from all the membership. He felt that one of the most important things was to be sure that the location was easy to reach for our old membership , one of the problems here at Branson. Another plus would be a location where we had members located that could help plan the reunion.

Past President Bernie Brown said that Omaha , NE has been proposed the last two or three times , and we have not made it yet. He said that we have members who live in Omaha who said they would help and others who live nearby who have volunteered. Reno, NV was another location suggested again. Miles Hamby volunteered again to host a reunion in Washington DC and listed the long list of interesting things to see. The members voted to leave the time and location of the next reunion up to the new President and the Board of Directors.

Maj. Cynthia Camp , from the 315th Air Lift Wing , Charleston, SC said that she thought that some of our old 315th members would find it interesting to see what today's generation is doing with the 315th. If we would like to have a future reunion at Charleston , she would be glad to help. Leonard Thomas explained that the reason that we had to cancel our plans to have the 2006 reunion at Charleston was there are just too many problems going on around the world. As a result , most all of the 315th Air Lift Wing are gone all of the time and no one was left there to help.

Dick Ford said there is a cocktail party tonight at 6:00 and the Banquet will start at 7:00. He would like most to be there by 5:30 so he can start taking the Squadron Pictures, starting with the 34th Sqdn. 43rd - 309th - 310th & Hqs. Leonard Thomas introduced our guest from England, Steve Barker. This was the Gentleman who organized the "Operation Spanhoe" the 60th Anniversary of V.E. Day honoring our WW II 315th men. Thomas and

Dick Ford told about the trip over in that monstrous C-17 that Col. Cook flew them over in. They had installed airline seats on pallets for them and there were two restrooms on pallets. This was a Medical Unit training flight - so they had a medical team aboard to look out for these old WW II guys. Ford said that it was just hard to explain the emotions they all felt when they arrived at Spanhoe. The love , affection , gratitude , shown to us all by the English people was something that brought a tear to your eye. Everybody wanted to shakes hands with you , or have their picture taken with you. It was gratitude meant for ALL of the old 315th. We were proud to be there to represent you and all that were there during WW II.

The nominating committee was as to present the list of Officers and Board Members for the coming years. The list was read and the nomination were open from the floor. There being none - a motion was made and passed to accept the list as presented. Those elected to serve for the following years are :

Leonard S. Thomas	-----	Past President
Jamie Zartman	-----	President
Gary Ertel	-----	Vice President
Michael Knight	-----	Secretary
Richard T.Ford	-----	Treasure
Cathy Scott	-----	Asst. Treasurer
Brian J.Reading	-----	Term expires 2012
Valery Smith	-----	Term expires 2012
Marc Snadall	-----	Term expires 2010
Roland Pence	-----	Term expires 2010
Peter Kowachuk	-----	Term expires 2008
Doug Watkins	-----	Term expires 2008
Gayle Barnard	-----	Alternate Board Member
Mary Lynn Schwietz	-----	Newsletter Editor
Cathy Beck	-----	Asst. Editor
Miles Hamby	-----	Web Master

My old recorder gave up the ghost on this last meeting , that this old Secretary for the past 30 years or so will report. It missed some good war stories - but you know what will be the future of our Great Old 315th. Be sure to send all of your address changed to Mike Knight. !!

Respectfully Submitted,



Rebert L. Cloer, Secretary
(Retired)