

SOCIETY for COMBAT SEARCH and RESCUE
Minutes – Business Meeting, 19 May 2007
Kirtland AFB, NM

The Business meeting was called to order by Jim Beggerly, our Exalted Grand Pooh-bah at 1422 hours, 19 May 2007 in the Kirtland AFB O-Club, there were 23 in attendance – see attached list.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review of Minutes from last meeting:

The minutes from the 20 May 06, Nellis AFB, meeting were reviewed and there were no changes nor open issues. Jim Beggerly motioned for approval; seconded by John Morse and the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Tax Status: The question was asked of the tax status as reflected in the old minutes. It was confirmed that we decided to not pursue any type of tax status and this item is closed.

3. Financial Statement:

a. Mary Carlson reported that from last time we had \$4064.98 and she hasn't added up all of the expenses at this time, but there should be enough to pay for one of the two lunches from our receipts so only one lunch needs to come out of our funds. A motion to accept the Financial Statement was made by Rick Atchison and seconded by Doug Horka and unanimously accepted. We recognized Mary for her most dedicated support she has provided our organization over the past years.

NOTE: Subsequently after our reunion, Mary again did an excellent and timely calculation of our Financial Statement for this seminar, which is attached, and reflects after all expenses have been paid, we have a cash balance of \$3566.57.

b. Rick Atchison related to a previous authorization from our last business meeting for an allowance of \$500.00 to supplement any cost there may be in his efforts to investigate the best site for the preservation of Combat Search and Rescue History. Rick requested that we waive this need; we are most indebted to Rick for all of his efforts and time he has invested in this project.

c. Jim Beggerly made a call for anyone having any outstanding cost towards this seminar to make it known. The only response was that George Marrett had expenses for plaque and presentation materials, which were previously agreed that he is allowed to do this – standard and accepted pre-expenses. Mary stated she will see that George is paid. It was noted that George deeply regretted missing this event as he was stepping on the plane – serious family problems evolved preventing his attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Renaming our Web Site and Continuing With the Same Host Discussions:

Rick Atchison suggested we move the hosting of our CSAR website (www.combatsar.org) from where we have it now to Texas Tech. Univ. (TTU) (<http://vietnam.ttu.edu>) which could involve a name change. We were honored to have two representatives from TTU; Steve Maxner and Ty Lovelady, who were very informative on all aspects of the TTU Vietnam Project. Discussions by several persons were:

a. Suzi Morgan, our current Web Master sees no reason this can't be done without changing our name as she can just as easily access TTU using our current name. This would entail simply having our Host link to TTU.

b. There is a quota on our current site (per Suzi) that can be increased at additional costs, but with the large amount of archival materials, even an increased quota could soon become overwhelmed. On going to TTU's History Archival location, we would simply link to TTU' server using our

www.combatsar.org URL. TTU's History Archival has almost an unlimited quota and their quota won't affect ours. Our site would still keep our timely announcements and other pertinent information.

c. The on-going cost we pay for our Web site, per Mary, are: a) We pay \$150.00 per year to Eagle Graphics for hosting our name, which is paid through July 07. This cost will go away should we move to TTU; and b) We pay for our Combatsar.org domain name every 3 years in the amount of \$74.97 for the 3 years; it is due 18 Jan 2008.

d. In summary, there doesn't appear to be any reason to change our site name, which eliminates the confusion of the public by re-naming as we can link through TTU, should we go there. Rick Atchison motioned that we re-new and retain our name for the 3 years and if there is a more economical package, then we authorize up to \$300.00 to spend. **Suzi agreed she would research any cost benefit for renewing for longer than 3 years and get back with us.** The motion was seconded by Al Roberts and unanimously approved.

2. Archival Support for our CSAR History and Moving the Web Site to TTU:

Rick Atchison has expended lots of his time researching the best public location to archive our CSAR history – which we acknowledged his great contribution and very much appreciative of his efforts. Rick's research has concluded that TTU would be the best location for our CSAR archival.

a. Rick pointed out that before we can move the site to TTU, we need to identify TTU as our official archive for our Society of Combat Search and Rescue. Rick motioned that we make the TTU Vietnam Center Archive our official archive – should they accept us; Ron Furtak seconded the motion. Discussion: Darrel Whitcomb suggested that before we vote, we need an official statement from the TTU representatives that in fact we can move it. Ty Lovelady and Steve Maxner from TTU were present and positively confirmed that TTU will accept us. A vote was taken and unanimously approved that we accept TTU as our official site.

b. Rick motioned that we move our Web site to the TTU Vietnam Center Archive as a repository for all of our CSAR history and artifacts; the motion was seconded by Bill Buice. Discussions were:

1) Tom Phillips questioned that should we do this, how will we access the information? Steve Maxner described the situation that there will be a unique name on the TTU server for our information, linked to calls from the previously linked www.combatsar.org. A user can come in two ways, through our site or calling up the TTU name for our archived information.

2) Tom asked why do we really need to have another name other than the TTU link? Suzi pointed out that our current name was well known and we would be losing lots of folks who have their bookmarks set, or not aware what we are now doing. Suzi concluded that it would not be mandatory to have a separate address, but certainly would be nice. When one enters Combatsar, it would automatically go to the TTU archive and be transparent.

A vote was taken and the motion was unanimously approved that we move our Web site to TTU as our official site as we have discussed.

3. Generating a Unique Extension to www.combatsar.org:

Fred Platt suggested we consider including/buying all of the extension, i.e. “.com” “.com2”, “.net”, etc.” for our name, this will prevent someone stealing our name. **Suzi agreed to research this issue** and we agreed that any increase in domain name cost will come out of the previously agreed \$300 and would affect the number of years we can buy. Suzi can e-mail to our key people what she has found out for a vote of confidence if she so desires.

4. Donations to TTU Archival Discussions:

Donations being made to the TTU Vietnam Center may be made directly from individuals; TTU/Steve expressed their desires to work direct with the individuals. Jim Beggerly motioned that individual contributions always include their organization membership, i.e. Society of CSAR or Combat SAR; this is in the interest of the search engine. Motion was seconded by Ron Furtak.

Discussions:

a. Rick pointed out that TTU, upon contacting them, will send you mailing instructions and a Fed-X shipping label.

b. Darrel Whitcomb called for a statement from TTU that they would formally provide us this support as Rick mentioned. Steve Maxner acknowledged with a strong "Yes Sir".

A vote was made and unanimously approved this motion on making individual donations.

5. Location of Next Year's Seminar:

a. Bill Buice motioned that we make TTU our primary location, if they will host us when asked, and Moody as our second choice for next year if TTU turns us down. In going to TTU, Bill suggested we bring all of our artifacts to donate.

Discussions:

1) Darrel Whitcomb supported Bill's motion in that we have been focusing on the younger generations over the past years and we have been very successful in doing just that. Now we have reached a threshold and next year we do something a bit more selfish. Darrel continued by pointing out that Rick has done an outstanding job of putting the TTU package together and we need to rally together to support the TTU cause and give everyone a chance to meet with the TTU support staff like Steve and Ty.

2) Gen. Rock Brett led a discussion that sometime back Davis-Montham claimed to be the center for CSAR excellence. We remembered how they did on our last visit and now they are working hard to recover. They have a Reserve A-10 outfit and an active duty A-10 outfit plus a helicopter squadron there. In the next 9 months, DM is going to have a big CSAR exercise, says Gen Brett. If we are going to consider a military base – consider DM. Mary commented that the last time we were there, we did not have one active duty person involved in our presentations. Gen Rock suggested with the new leadership there, it should be better. Ron Furtak pointed out there are no reserve outfits, but two active duty A-10 and two HH-60 squadrons.

3) Ron Furtak asked if TTU had a place for a Sandy Box? Steve responded rapidly with a "Yes Sir" but a location is to be determined. However, consumption of adult beverages is not as liberal as we may desire – per Steve.

4) On the donations to TTU, Rick emphasized that wherever we have the next meeting, we don't want to slow donations down – we need to build a momentum with our project.

5) Ron Furtak, as a follow on to what Darrel says, pointed out that our Charter establishes that we educate the young folks. Gene McCormack read the provisions from the Charter. Darrel continued in making the point that we still need to pursue the "marriage" of TTU. Additional discussions were made about TTU and the potential problems of logistics, sponsorship, etc.

6) Jim Beggerly exercised his executive guidance by stating his belief that we should continue with our established pattern of going to either; an active duty or a Guard/Reserve base to intermingle with current SAR forces, etc. in accordance with our Charter. Jim suggested we certainly can organize another site visit to TTU if we can get the support.

7) Jim further summarized that the two bases we have under discussions (Moody and DM) are both active duty bases. We have previously had follow-on invitations such as Darrel bringing us Kirtland's invite, which makes it easy for the EGP to work. When we have no follow-on invite, we leave with a list of preferred options for the planning group to work with. Jim would be happy to leave TTU on the list, but at this time, he doesn't feel that it is appropriate.

8) Ron Furtak pointed out that when we left Nellis last, we were informally invited back, also the previous Wing Cmdr at DM invited us back – he is long gone. During a previous seminar, Coach (Col John Allison) had suggested that with the build up of the 23rd at Moody with A-10s and helicopters, Moody is becoming more of the CSAR center. **Gen Rock stated he will be going to Moody on the first of Aug and would be willing to do whatever we want.** It was pointed out that Moody was most receptive and one of our best organized meetings.

9) John Morse motioned that the following locations be considered, in order: Moody; DM; Nellis; and TTU. The motion was seconded by Rick.

Discussions: After John Carlson suggested there may be other options we are not aware of now, Jim Beggerly amended John's motion by adding a fifth option – "Any another location that presents itself as a better alternative." This amendment was seconded by Bill Buice.

With no further discussions, a vote was taken and the motion was unanimously passed.

10) Discussions were held on involvement with other organizations, i.e. Navy, Ravens, etc. and would we be interested and could be brought in with our planned event? Yes we would be interested and Jim pointed out that this year we made the decision on the location relatively early and we were able to send out notices to other organizations. Jim emphasized that wherever we decide to go, the decision needs to be made by late Fall for a Spring meeting.

6. Nomination of Officers:

Jim Beggerly opened the floor for discussions of next year's officer; there were no new volunteers. Gene McCormack summarized the new officer situation with: The President, Vice president and Social Officer do not need to be re-elected as they are serving their two year term; Mary Carlson is hard to, or impossible to replace; There is no way to replace George Marrett considering his talents; and Looks like we are open for a secretary – someone noted we have one.

Jim asked for any nominations to change any of the officers – none were made. Ron Furtak motioned that we retain our current slate of officers; seconded by Rick Atchison. A vote was taken and all were in favor of keeping the current officers; these are:

President.....Jim Beggerly
Vice President.....Rich Hall
Treasurer.....Mary Carlson
Morale Officer and Programs.....George Marrett
Secretary.....Gene McCormack
Social Officer.....Doug Horka (also address list and mailings)

USAF Weapons School Representative.....Col John Allison
Forward Air Controller RepresentativeDarrel Whitcomb
Jolly Green Representative.....John Morse
PJ Representative.....Doug Horka
Air AmericaPhil Jennings
Joint Personnel Recovery Agency (JPRA) ... Darrel Whitcomb
US Navy: Kenny Fields
Mistys: Ed Risenger

7. Nominations for SARs for Next Year; the following were discussed:

a. Jim pointed out that since we don't have a location, we can only forecast what we can provide.

b. Heilborn 20, which was being supported by Don Dineen, would certainly be a good candidate.

c. We need to transition to more recent events like Desert Storm, etc. Darrel commented that there still are not many available due to the classification aspect or availability of people involved – many are still on active duty. However there is Vega 31, Lt Col Dale Zelko, whose F-117 was shot down in March 1999, over Serbia. It was a very dramatic rescue. There is Hammer 34, but the pilot is a BG and very busy. **Dale says he will pursue getting hold of Dale Zelko for next year and think about possible others.**

d. Tom Phillips was asked about any Navy rescues that would be presentable? Tom's response was that none he was immediately aware of that would fit the mold of the Air Force rescue taskforce style. There certainly may be some, but he would have to dig them out, and finding some with both rescuees and rescuers who could be recruited would take some digging as well. There were two rescues he could immediately think of which might be of interest. One of a night rescue of AF Captain Vic Vizcarra by a Navy H-2 which resulted in a famous photo of Vizcarra visibly surprised to find himself on a ship whose crew labeled the photo "A ship! I thought I'd been rescued!" Vizcarra is available to debrief but the rescue crew may not be. The second rescue was Navy-by-Navy and the B/N of an A-6 rescued, went back into the water to rescue his pilot when the rescue helo had no rescue swimmer aboard. There are a number of very interesting and instructive Navy rescues, not of the rescue task force style where many of the participants are available. **Tom agreed to research these rescues, or other Navy rescues that may be appropriately briefed, and report back to Jim.**

8. Summary of Discussions and Additional Thoughts:

a. On making contacts, **Gen Brett would contact Moody and Jim Beggerly will follow-up. For DM, Ron Furtak volunteered to research.**

b. The time frame to hold the next reunion was suggested by Jim Beggerly for late May 08, unless there is an ORI, etc. But if there is a CSAR symposium say in April – would be ideal.

c. A suggestion was made to join up with the JG reunion, which is always the first weekend in May at Ft Walton Beach, FL. Perhaps we could do ours following the Jollys and get more of them involved? There were no follow-up actions on this.

d. Logistic issues with this Symposium:

1) We had difficulties of clearing and getting people on Base. Jim says they tried to comply with the requirements. He says next year that he will have his and someone else's cell phone on at all times and there just needs to be better procedures worked out with Base Security. Gene McCormack suggested we use a list and assure the gates have it. This has worked at past seminars as is not practicable to have to locate someone with a cell phone to meet at the gate.

2) The billeting really became frustrating even though the supposedly proper information was passed out in advance. There seemed to be a weak link at the Billeting Office end where there was a "phone tree" that kept going back to a busy signal. Next time, Jim will request that the instant anyone has a problem – send him a notice as we need to fix early as will probably affect others.

The meeting was adjourned at 1610 and all retreated to the Sandy Box in preparation for the Banquet.

Respectfully submitted
Gene McCormack
Secretary

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1. Attendance Roster
2. Financial Statement

ATTENDEES:
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Gene McCormack
Doug Horka
Al Roberts
Darrel Whitcomb
John Morse
Suzi (Buice) Morgan
Sam Flowers
Richard Atchison
Bill Buice
Doug Leavitt
A.G. "Fred" Platt
Barbara (Doc) Dunaway
Ty Lovelady (TTU)
Steve Maxner (TTU)
Mary Carlson
John Carlson
Jim Beggerly
Tom Philips
Dick Diller
"Rock" Brett, MGen Ret
Emie Wakehouse (Friend of Rock)
Dave Thomas
Ron Furtak

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2007 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – KIRTLAND

Beginning Balance \$4064.98

INCOME

Sandy Box Fees Collected	1520.00
Banquet	1710.00
Inventory Sold (2 pins)	<u>10.00</u>
Total	\$3240.00

EXPENSES

Banquet (KAFB Club)	\$1262.80
Gifts (Marrett)	154.01
Bar/Food/Supplies (Carlson)	<u>1451.60</u>
Total	\$2868.41

2007 KIRTLAND INCOME \$3240.00

EXPENSES	<u>2868.41</u>
PROFIT	\$ 371.59

OTHER EXPENSES PAID

(5/17) Lunch at Munchies	\$450.00
(5/18) Lunch at 58 SOW	<u>420.00</u>
Total	\$870.00

CSAR! CASH BALANCE \$3566.57