

**Minutes**  
**Chennault Aviation & Military Museum**  
**State Governing Board Meeting**  
*12 April 2012*

**Members and Guests in Attendance**

Nell Calloway - Director  
Jerry Hicks - Board President  
Tom Schedler - Secretary of State  
Dr. Bob Webber  
Lee Estis  
Bobby Heflin  
Carey Walker  
Landon Miles  
Gail Myers  
Bo Shaw Jr.

**Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance**

By Jerry Hicks

**Director's Report**

- 1) There will be a visit by a film crew from Taiwan to the Museum.
- 2) Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient, Sammy Davis, will be our speaker at the May Friends meeting. It will be at 6:00pm, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at Ouachita Parish Junior High School on Kansas Lane
- 3) The "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day" was a real success.
- 4) The Friends are sending letters asking for donations for the "Vietnam Moving Wall". The Wall will be here for our Veteran's Day weekend in November.
- 5) Nell has been contacted by Major General James Whitehead, Chairman of the Board of the Flying Tigers Heritage Park in Guilin, China. The General asked if we would be interested in a partnership between our museum and his. During the conversation Nell told the General about Ken Williams, an architect from Austin and Gary Miller, former director of the 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Museum. These two men have been talking to Nell about a Chennault Traveling Exhibit which would be shown in Museums in China and the United States. The General was very excited about this and wants to partner in this endeavor. Nell would need to get Friends Board and possibly the State Board's okay before we go ahead with Ken and Gary's plan.
- 6) Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 4:00pm, Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall on Forsythe Ave. We have partnered with the Northeast Louisiana Veterans Organization for this. Nell feels that one community wide event will be more effective than several separate events.
- 7) The Museum got a fire alarm installed thanks to the Secretary of State's Office. Cost of the system was \$880.00 plus \$60.00 a year monitoring fee.
- 8) Nell stated that we really need to reach the 2000 member mark for the Friends Organization. That number is a good baseline for our membership.

- 9) The following items continue to be concerns:
  - a) Landscaping
  - b) Increased security system
  - c) Sprinkler System
  - d) Hangar Building
  - e) Real P-40 for static display

### Secretary of State's Office Remarks

- 1) Tom reiterated that he thought that Nell is doing a great job as our Director.
- 2) Tom informed us that his FY 11/12 Budget will be \$81.5 million and his FY 12/13 budget will be \$69.9 million. The new 12/13 budget will begin in July, 2012. He thinks that as long as we have a strong Friends membership and with the Friends history of financial support our Museum should be okay.
- 3) The FY 12/13 budget has a \$2.3 million allotment for the museum system.
- 4) The FY 12/13 budget means a 50 to 60 people will be cut in the whole Secretary of State organization. Many of these folks will be part-time people
- 5) Tom stated two things that would save the SOS office money:
  - 1) Privatize the SOS's security details.
  - 2) Stop printing the names, in the local newspaper, of the people being removed from the voters rolls. Buying this newspaper space is very expensive, \$175,000 per year could be saved by not printing these names in the newspapers.
- 6) Tom is not filling vacancies when the SOS people leave.
- 7) The Corporate Annual Fee Division is the only moneymaker in the SOS office.
- 8) Tom and Jay Darden agree that there is no money savings in combining the Lt. Governor's and the SOS's museum systems. Tom does think that some of his museums need to be closed. He now has the power to do just that.

### New Business

- 1) Nell has been invited to a Memorial Day ceremony in Washington DC.

There being no other business, Bobby Heflin made a motion to adjourn.