

Chennault Aviation & Military Museum
State Governing Board Meeting

Minutes

January 29, 2014

Attendees

Nell Calloway - Museum Director
Jerry Hicks - Board President
Bo Shaw Jr. - Secretary
Alex George
Terry Baugh
Bobby Heflin
Judge Elvis Stout
Lee Estes - Endowment Board Chairman

Call to Order & Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

By Jerry Hicks

Director's Report

- 1) Nell introduced Judge Stout to the *Board*. He is the acting President of the *Friends* Board. Nell also introduced Gerald Ingram to the *Board*. He will be helping the *Friends*.
- 2) Nell reported that 2013 was a great year for attendance and also for fundraising.
- 3) As of today there are 15 tables left to sell for the "*Governor Edwin Edward's Roast*".
- 4) The *Roast* will be filmed by the *Louisiana Public Broadcast Network*. ✓
- 5) We will have *National History Day* in March. This will be in partnership with the *National World War II Museum*.
- 6) Judge Stout stated that he is looking forward to try to fill the "*Big Shoes*" of the outgoing *Friend's* President Roy Johns. Judge says that *Friends* are planning some good events in 2014.
- 7) Judge suggested that Wendell needs to spend more time in Houston to fundraise.
- 8) Judge stated that we will have another Founder's pinning ceremony soon.
- 9) Wendell & Judge Stout will continue to call on local folks for potential large donations.

Old Business

- 1) Lee Estes gave an update on the *Endowment Fund*. The Fund has approximately \$70,000; of which \$50,000 is in a Wells Fargo brokerage account.
 - 2) Lee stated that *Greenlight* is working with Mr. Chiakind and IICC on a large gift to the Endowment. Chiakind and IICC are out of Houston.
 - 3) If we reach \$20,000,000 in the Endowment then the interest and dividends would be enough to operate the *Museum* without State help.
 - 4) We are working on our presentation and business plan so that we can go to the folks with the money. IICC is the path between us and the potential large donors.
 - 5) Nell briefed us on the state of the *Chennault Room* remodel.
 - 6) Nell also briefed us on her visit to Taiwan. The Taiwan Government has given the *Museum* all of General Chennault's Taiwanese metals.
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New Business

- 1) Jerry called for the election of officers. All current officers were re-elected by motions from Bobby Heflin and Alex George.
- 2) Nell stated that the *Friends* now have an option to buy 2+ acres of land adjoining the *Museum* property. It is a 6 month option for \$197,000 with Charlie Wilkes, the owner.
- 3) There is a possibility that the State will buy the property or maybe the Friends could purchase with money generated by *Greenlight*.
- 4) We will host "Run for the Red, White and Blue" in May during the Memorial Day Weekend. The *Run* will be on Saturday and a service at the American Legion Home will be held on Sunday. The *Museum* will be open that Monday.
- 5) The *Moving Vietnam Wall* will be back this Veterans Day Weekend (November 9th through the 15th). It will cost us approximately \$50,000 to sponsor the *Wall* and associated events.
- 6) The last *Wall* visit generated about 17,000 visitors.

There being no other business, Jerry set the next meeting for April 29th, 2014 at 4:00pm and then he adjourned the meeting.
