

Participants: *(not sure this is accurate, but the voices I heard during the telecom)*

Al Major
Jim Henry
John Wilson
Ray Root
Cindy Stowell

Meeting convened at 1200 by Al Major, who requested reunion status update from John Wilson.

John:

- Reunion prep is going well
- 90 members + 86 guests are registered for reunion (207 total per hotel). Some are registered at hotel, but not for the reunion. Al may send out email blast to members to register for the reunion.
- 170 registered for banquet. Discussed program. Al will present Gaffney award. John will finalize program. Jesse McLeod will do invocation.
- 141 are signed up for the air show at Nellis AFB. John is working with Nellis regarding transportation and security procedures. May have to bus to NASCAR track for security screening, then to Nellis via USAF buses. John is trying to abbreviate the process.
- Parade plans are set. Capacity for riders is maxed out.
- Hospitality room is excellent.
- Working with Anheuser Busch distributor for beer donation.
- Expenses are currently \$25K of the \$26 K allocated, so reunion will be in the black by \$1K, not counting additional income expected from Silent Auction and donations.

Jim:

- 50th Commemorative pin packets (90) and flag sent to John last week. Will bring additional pins/packets to the reunion.
- Reunion 2018. Have been in contact with Ben Smet, who provided list of potential hotels in St. Pete. Passed the list on to Armed Forces Reunions. AFR received quotes from 2 hotels in the Tampa area, with room rates of about \$129 plus BYOB hospitality room and 2 comp'd suites. Other T&C were consistent with previous years. They're waiting for quotes from St. Pete hotels. BYOB hospitality room is a sticking point with many FL hotels. Will provide update during 2017 Business Meeting.

Al:

- Powerpoint package is in work for the business meeting and will be sent to BOD members for review prior to the reunion.
- Asked group if it would be useful to send another Welfare Check email to members in CA who may be affected by the recent fires. Will consider and decide by end of week.
- Will have another Telecom about 1 week before the reunion to identify any final actions needed.
- Meeting adjourned.