

16 May 2018 187th AHC BOD Teleconference 1830 hrs CDT

Attendees: Jim H, George, Ray, Woody, Ben, Ken, Jerry, & Ron; started @1832 CDT

Teleconference: 605-475-4700 PW: 661145#

- 2018 Reunion Items – Share Information
 - Ben's Summary
 - Chamber of Commerce Benefits:
 - Clearwater-St. Pete has offered plenty of services; buses; town welcoming at the airports; number of room nights in hotels (\$200); mailings (FL postcards) & emails out; number of volunteers to stuff bags and registration & welcoming
 - Two verbal \$500 commitments of donations, more donations & sponsorships coming (\$2000)
 - Welcome Party on the beach
 - Party boat holds about 49 people (\$1000 or \$15 per person
 - \$200 booze cruise maybe free plus beach chairs
 - Jet Skis, Parasailing, Fishing Charters (\$600-\$700)
 - Downtown St. Pete – Museums, etc.
 - Friday Expo on campus for all veterans via buses; USF will have free lunch
 - Fisherman's wharf kind of thing is also available
 - Quotes for golf courses will be available (an hour & a half from the beach)
 - Jim will get the beer guy's contact information to Ben
 - Ben's brother is a local liquor distributor & will help
 - Hotel & Beach renovations are going great – beer cans on beach is okay
 - For welcoming party on the beach, the hotel will be providing bartenders & drinks (keep good relationship with hotel)
 - Jim stated that we can put prices on the website
 - Jim wanted to know if we need a license for alcoholic beverages in our hospitality suite – Hotel will be handling some of that; we can have our own beer/wine in the suite; beer in cozies on beach is permitted
 - Ben's hoping that a greater interest in the 187th AHC will come out of our reunion
 - Ben has an AARP woman friend can donate \$10000 and come solicit
 - Ben has another Marine friend Realtor/Lender that would donate \$2000 to solicit – give those guy the microphone to speak about their business cards in the welcome packet at the welcome beach party
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 - Jerry Fine applauds Ben's efforts
 - Beer prices from Jerry Melick or Joe Emerson

- Nov 10 Check-in / Reception
- Nov 11 there will be a parade (get on buses at 0730, 0800 assembly, 0930 parade); Memorial service on the capital grounds at 1100
- City River cruises are available
- Nov 12 memorial service (0900-1000), Business meeting at 1000, Ladies Luncheon at 1100; Silent Auction at 1930
- Nov 13 Free time, Golf Outings, Secondary Tours in Downtown; Banquet in the evening (1900)
- Nov 14 Checkout & Go Home
- Visitor's Bureau is going to help the reunion
- Holiday Inn – Austin Midtown
 - Older but clean facility especially the hospitality suite
- Everything is going well at this point
- Jim thinks that both reunions are on track
- George says that water view hotel rooms will cost you an extra \$20 or \$30 per night for this year – call the hotel rather than use the form
 - Ben will make the changes to the website documentation accordingly
- Jerry asked: Is there some way to honor the sponsors in banners, etc.? Ben will look into that
- Jerry needs to talk to George about the tax free status issues
- Jim has several requests for the 50th anniversary pins
- Old Business: None
- New Business: George just volunteered to host the 2020 reunion
- Other Business:
 - None; Telecon ended @1927 CDT