

# 17 Sep 2018 187<sup>th</sup> AHC BOD Teleconference 1830 hrs CDT

Attendees: Jim H, George, Ray, Woody, Ken S, Ben S, & Ron; started @1833 CDT

Teleconference: 605-475-4700, PW: 661145#

- 2018 Reunion:
  - Registration & Hotel numbers
    - Volunteers for Desk: Wed Ken has students & others
    - Sunset party will be pointed out by the registration people to go out to the beach (some Clearwater chamber of commerce people)
    - Welcome bags will be provided by Clearwater-St. Pete people
    - Name tags are under control; 2 hook arrangement
    - 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration pins - Jim will send them to Ken & Ben
    - Welcome letter & packet bag is OK
  - Hospitality Room
    - There's plenty of beer lined up
    - Coffee urns & water will be there too
    - Donuts will be there too
    - Soda? Ben to check with Johnny Wilson
    - Ray sent a spreadsheet with all information about the last 5 years
    - Need people to keep the things stocked and refilled (ice, wine, beer, soda) – Ben has students doing this (he gave them free rooms)
    - Bulletin board on an easel – Ben has that covered
    - Craig Bond is having a continuous showing on a laptop; Ben has a large flat screen TVs (2 of them) in there. Craig is working on some kind of video history into one place for the unit; and some post production work
  - Kickoff Party
    - Welcome party squared away: beach & penthouse suite views
    - 1 free drink as people come out with snack foods
    - Dinner in one of the hotel restaurants
  - Guests of Honor Day (Fri)
    - Busses are ready; bus captains needed
    - Veteran's history sessions; Ben wants another mass email (2 weeks before) to ask how many people want to go downtown & to the interview sessions
    - Mayor of St. Pete Beach plus politicians
    - Procession to somewhere (walking 7 blocks) with the politicians speaking; there will be rides for this for those that can't walk
  - Memorial Service
    - Room all setup with projector, etc.
    - Jim has the presentation all set to be displayed
    - Past Presidents will read the names

- Jesse McCloed will do the opening prayer and dedication
    - Missing Man table with Color Guard (Marines) is all set
    - The Hotel is providing all of the audio/video setups
    - Ben will handle all printing / copies
    - Ballroom, then split up for Women's & Men's lunches
  - Silent & Live Auction (Sat)
    - Seating & Table space, speaker system
    - Same space for all on this day
    - We don't have the whole room booked for Sat night – via the contract
    - Jim will send the auction paperwork to Ben – notepads, forms
    - Ben is still looking to his sponsors for items to be donated in the auction
  - Business Meeting
    - Jim has this under control (projector, audio system, screen etc.)
  - Ladies' Luncheon
    - Jim has a backup plan for Ben
    - Jim is recruiting some entertainment (MCs: Michelle Strait & Florence Gantt)
  - Banquet
    - 122 signed up today
    - Cash Bar & Cocktail hour before the dinner
    - Ben is trying to get a couple of Green Berets to speak
    - Ben is putting together some band of entertainment
    - Joe Emerson is doing the Missing Man Ceremony
    - Jim is doing the Gaffney Award presentation (Ian is having surgery)
  - Company Store
    - Space (conference room) is all set with keys to lock it; WiFi; Electric hookups; possibly a room with a scenic view
    - Put the location of the store on the bulletin board in the hospitality suite
    - Plan on a daily meeting with the hotel staff to keep things lined up
  - Jimmy said that we have about six people coming via the Steiger fund
  - Phone Bank had a lot of changes
  - Doc Solieu is out of the hospital and doing great
  - Welfare check emails have no response from any members
- Other Items
  - The BOD members are so much "in love" with how Ken & Ben are doing. I don't so!
  - I guess I should send out nominations for BOD positions at the end of September – need the positions that are open (VP, Sec, Treas, etc.) I'll get in touch with Ray.

- Ken is still harping on this magic 90 number of rooms because of the business contract that he & Ken made with the hotel for all of the other gratuities that we'll receive.
- Telecon ended @1955 CDT