



4 FEBRUARY 2013

**AFCC 7 JANUARY 2013 BOD MEETING MINUTES**

Prepared by: COL(MA) Dean Saluti, Secretary

**ATTENDEES:**

MG(MA) Joseph Carter, MG(MA) Robert Davenport, COL Thomas Finn, COL Richard Matlak, COL Robert Soldani, COL William Wood, COL(MA) Dean Saluti, COL(MA) John Silva, LTC Allen Aldenberg, LTC Brett Conaway, LTC Catherine Corkery, LTC Lawrence DiNardo, MAJ Bryan Pillai, CPT Christopher Cunningham, CW3 Edwin Stedman, CSM Brian Branley, CSM Bill Davidson, John O'Brien, Gus Niewenhous, John Beale, Dr. John Christoforo, John Cunningham

**NOT PRESENT:**

BG John Hammond, BG(MA) William Hurley, COL(MA) Len Wolfe, LTC Michael Finer, Charles Fazio, Ron Brennan, Arthur Burt, Craig Brown, Paul Mendonca

**MEETING REPORT:**

Opening:

The AFCC Board Meeting opened at the Museum at 1830hrs with the Pledge of Allegiance led by AFCC President,  
COL Thomas Finn.

Secretary's Report:

COL(MA) Saluti presented the AFCC 5 NOVEMBER 2012 BOD Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were reviewed and approved without corrections.

Treasurer's Report:

CW3 Stedman reported that there was \$12.1K in the AFCC Operating Account, and that all bills were paid. He stated that there is \$8.8K in the restricted Unit Family Fund and that there is \$4.8K in the restricted Unit Morale Fund.

He presented a Cash Movement Operating Statement for 2012 which reflected an \$8K deficit. He reminded the Board that \$10K was transferred from AFCC investments to the Operating Account during 2012 to cover the deficit. There was discussion concerning funds earned through growth in investments in 2012 that were not reflected in this Statement in that the Statement was for Cash Movement only. The Treasurer's Report was unanimously approved.

Active Unit Report:

LTC Aldenberg presented the Active Unit Report detailing Unit activities and status. An update was given on Active Unit deployments. The 972 Company has now completed 60% of its deployment tour overseas. The Unit has prepared a design for a "deployment coin." Also, the Unit will be preparing a "yearbook." A motion was passed to approve funding for these efforts from the restricted Unit Morale Fund, not to exceed \$600. The Active Unit Commander will provide oversight on these expenditures.

There were 123 Active Unit personnel deployed to NYC that assisted law enforcement agencies in security operations for Hurricane Sandy. AFCC Finance Committee Member CPT Cunningham commanded this effort and he was recognized by LTC Aldenberg for a job well done. Also, the Active Unit has just learned that the HHD and the 747 Company will be deployed to Cuba in 2014.

LTC Aldenberg reported that a plaque will be prepared for the “SGT Miller Award” recipients that will be updated each year and exhibited at the Active Unit HQ. A motion was made and approved to fund two plaques from the restricted Unit Morale Fund, not to exceed \$300. One plaque will be displayed at the Active Unit HQ and the other will be displayed at the Museum.

#### Museum Report:

Craig Brown, the Curator, was not present, but had emailed a Museum Report to the AFCC Secretary, who printed and distributed this Report. The Curator’s Report stated “I am currently clearing out unwanted/unusable exhibit materials and dealing with whatever else may turn up in the process.” There was much discussion concerning Museum materials/holdings that could be lost/destroyed in this process. A motion was made and approved for the AFCC President to prepare a formal letter to be sent to the Curator stating that the AFCC BOD would provide oversight to the “clearing out” activities.

#### Finance Committee:

COL Soldani presented the Finance Committee Report. He stated that the AFCC holdings were now at \$423K. He stated that even though the market was down, the AFCC holdings were relatively stable. He reminded the AFCC BOD that this has been accomplished through LTC Finer’s ongoing evaluation of the mix of the AFCC holdings (investment model) and the implementation of aggressive investment changes when necessary. It was noted that the AFCC holdings have increased by \$27K during 2012. This was an increase of 6.8%. There was some discussion concerning the \$27K investment increase and the \$8K cash operations deficit, realizing a total organizational gain of \$19K for 2012. The Finance Committee Report was accepted unanimously.

#### Membership:

LTC Conaway gave the Membership Report. He stated that there were 5 new member applications that have been received since the last AFCC BOD meeting. AFCC President COL Finn acknowledged that, according to the AFCC Constitution/Bylaws, the Membership Committee has now been expanded to include LTC Conaway (Chair), COL Sullivan, COL O’Malley, Gus Niewenhous, Paul Mendonca, and Jack Cunningham. LTC Conaway was instructed by AFCC President COL Finn to immediately work with his Committee to approve/reject applicants and to apprise the AFCC BOD of the results. LTC Conaway is scheduling a New Member Meet and Greet for March 2013.

#### Website Committee:

COL Matlak reported that the AFCC website is progressing on schedule.

#### Collections Committee:

COL(MA) Silva reported that he and COL Wood have nearly completed the Smith and Wollensky inventory of loaned AFCC holdings. He stated that there were very few items that have not yet been accounted for. He and COL Wood are planning to complete the inventory within the next week. COL(MA) Silva stated that pictures were taken of all loaned items on display at Smith and Wollensky. The last inventory was conducted in 2009.

LTC DiNardo discussed the Smith and Wollensky loan agreement and expressed that once the inventory is completed, the agreement will need to be updated. LTC DiNardo stated that the new agreement should include provisions for change of Smith and Wollensky ownership and insurance requirements.

#### Constitution/Bylaws Committee:

Gus Niewenhous presented the Report on the AFCC Constitution/Bylaws update. He stated that the Committee has nearly completed all proposed updates and that these updates will be presented to the AFCC BOD for approval at the FEB BOD meeting. Once approved by the AFCC BOD, the revised

AFCC Constitution/Bylaws will be mailed to the entire AFCC membership in early March for approval at the April AFCC Annual Meeting.

House Report:

John O'Brien gave the House Report and stated that there were no important points to be discussed at this time. However, he did state that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts elevator inspection will be taking place soon.

Events:

COL(MA) Saluti presented a recap of the Annual Veterans Recognition Event held on 11 NOV 2012, which had a \$10K profit. He then presented a recap of the Annual AFCC Holiday Party held on 9 DEC 2012, which had a \$3K profit. These events, held less than 30 days apart, brought in \$13K in operating funds to the Museum.

There was discussion between COL Wood and COL(MA) Saluti concerning the First Corps Band's performance at the AFCC Holiday Party. AFCC President COL Finn directed COL(MA) Saluti to poll AFCC members who attended the Holiday Party for their views on the First Corps Band. He then asked that the AFCC Activities Committee (COL(MA) Saluti, CW3 Stedman, CSM Davidson) report on the results of this poll/fundraising events at the May AFCC BOD meeting.

President's Report:

COL Finn gave the President's Report. He reviewed his AFCC Goals and Objectives and the 2013 Calendar of Events.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

**The next meeting** will be held on Monday, 4 FEBRUARY 2013. **Meeting adjourned at** 2000 hrs.