



AFCC 20 MAY 2019 BOD MEETING MINUTES

24 JUN 2019

Prepared by: COL(MA) Dean Saluti, Secretary

ATTENDEES:

President Gus Niewenhous, COL William Wood, COL Thomas Finn, COL Brett Conaway, COL(MA) Dean Saluti, LTC Bryan Pillai, MAJ Anthony Ortega, MAJ Christopher Cunningham, CPT Angela Cincis, WO1 Benjamin Cohen, John O'Brien, Michelle Abrams

NOT PRESENT:

MG(MA) Joseph Carter, BG John Hammond, COL Richard Matlak, COL Robert Soldani, COL Michael Finer, COL(MA) John Silva, LTC Lawrence DiNardo, CW3 Ed Stedman, CSM Bill Davidson, Richard DeVito, Dr. John Christoforo, Paul Mendonca, Arthur Burt

MEETING REPORT:

1. Opening: The AFCC BOD Meeting, led by President Gus Niewenhous, opened with the Pledge of Allegiance at the AFCC HQ and Museum, Boston, MA at 1830 hrs.
2. Secretary's Report: COL(MA) Dean Saluti presented the 25 MAR 2019 AFCC Meeting Minutes. The Minutes were reviewed and approved.
3. Treasurer's Report: CW3 Stedman was not present and will provide financial data at a future meeting.
4. Finance Committee Report: The balance is \$997,756.85 in the Craig Brown Funds, and a balance of \$523,431.38 is in the Investment Account, with total holdings of \$1,521,188.23. Some equities were sold and moved into the money market account. The Finance Committee Report was approved unanimously.
5. Collections Committee Report: COL Wood again thanked LTC Pillai and the Curator for work done to date. LTC Pillai discussed the 30 APR 2019 Collections Committee Meeting. Another Craig Brown auction is expected. A draft of the Museum Policies and Procedures was passed out to be approved by the BOD at a later meeting. The draft of the Museum Policies and Procedures is in line with the standards of the American Museum Association. The Museum store is now open online and in-house. A Facilities Space Management Plan is still underway. Museum entrance fees for school field trips remain in discussion. An updated Museum brochure is in development. The Fund Free Friday, 30 AUG, was approved by the BOD. In analysis are the pre-Revolutionary War pikes, the 2nd Massachusetts colors, and digitalization of the Boston University archives.
6. Museum Report: Curator Michelle Abrams gave the report:
 - The museum has over 215 Items in PastPerfect
 - Free Friday preparations are underway
 - The Museum has launched the Museum Volunteer program and has contacted the individuals who participated in the PastPerfect training.
 - An exhibit evaluation for the Museum displays will be conducted by the Curator
 - The Museum presented more policies
 - There was further discussion about the fifth-floor renovation project
7. House Report: John O'Brien gave his report:
 - The air conditioning system is receiving its annual maintenance.
 - The flooring has been installed on the fifth floor.
 - All other building maintenance is ongoing.
8. Prudential Committee Report: No formal report was given.

9. Active Unit Report: MAJ Ortega presented the Active Unit Report. Note the following:

- 13 to 14 APR 2019. The battalion focused on policing operations training and M9 weapons' qualification in preparation for the Boston Marathon Security Operations support.
- 15 APR 2019. The battalion provided State Active Duty support as the National Guard Reaction Force for the Boston Marathon. This is an annual battalion requirement. 287 manned Military Police and Security Force postings were utilized throughout seven (7) communities along the marathon route.
- 17 to 19 MAY 2019. The battalion conducted its May drill. The 747th Military Police Company focused on Night Vision Goggle/Driver's Training required for its National Training Center Rotation at Fort Devens. The 772nd Military Police Company conducted field training at Joint Base Cape Cod. Unit professional development was conducted at the Bunker Hill Fallen Heroes Memorial, where the First Corps Museum staff joined the battalion command team. The HHD and 972 Military Police Company focused on mission essential training at Home Station.
- 27 MAY 2019. The battalion is conducting seven (7) Domestic Support request missions throughout the Commonwealth to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Additionally, the 747th Military Police Company will provide the Color Guard detail for the Mount Auburn Cemetery alongside members of the Association and CSM Branley, where the names of those who have passed this year will be read for the annual memorial dedication.
- 1 JUN 2019. The Brigade Change of Command, where COL Brett Conaway will relinquish command to LTC(P) Shawn Cody, will be conducted at the Perkins Armory, 149 Speen Street, Natick, MA at 1100 hours.
- 3 JUN 2019. The 972nd Military Police Company will provide the Color Guard detail for the annual June Day celebration, to include up to 10 marchers from the battalion. Additionally, the First Corps of Cadets will participate in the evening AHAC celebration, providing 10 Members from the battalion.
- 14 JUN 2019. The United States Army is celebrating the 244th Anniversary of its creation by the Continental Congress. Flag Day is celebrating its 242nd Anniversary since the adoption of the United States Flag.
- 20 to 23 JUN 2019. The battalion will focus on conducting Support to Mobility Operations and weapons' qualification at Fort Devens. The 747th Military Police Company will depart the following week to Fort Irwin, California for its National Training Center rotation. The remaining units will conduct final mission preparation for the 3-5 July Boston Esplanade annual State Active Duty mission.
- 26 to 27 AUG 2019. The First Corps of Cadets Distinguished Visitor (DV) day for members of the Association will take place during the unit's Annual Training Period at Fort Indiantown Gap, Pennsylvania, to include a staff ride to Gettysburg.
- 7 SEP 2019. The First Corps of Cadets annual Military Police Ball will take place at the DoubleTree by Hilton, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923.

10. Website Committee Report: COL Matlak presented an informal status report.

11. Membership Committee: MAJ Cunningham gave an informal report and introduced WO1 Benjamin Cohen as a new member.

12. Events Report: COL(MA) Saluti gave the Events Report and reminded the BOD of the upcoming Memorial Day and June Day events. The President tasked him to negotiate the Veterans Recognition Event with Spinelli's in Lynnfield.

13. Old Business/New Business:

- There was discussion concerning a large number of members of the Battalion who had an opportunity to tour the Museum for the first time. They were impressed with their First Corps heritage.
- There was continued discussion concerning the DV Day at Indiantown Gap and the trip to Gettysburg. COL Finn announced that several BOD members had done their ROTC summer training at Indiantown Gap and that this would be a nostalgic visit for them.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100 hrs. The next BOD meeting is scheduled for Monday, 24 JUN 2019.