

**MIAMI UNIVERSITY NROTC ALUMNI ORGANIZATION**

**MINUTES QUARTERLY VIRTUAL MEETING 15 August 2009**

President Marty Hill called the virtual Quarterly Meeting of the NROTC Alumni Organization to order at 11:03 PM EDT. Board members present were: Don Gerber, Don Harrington, Marty Hill, Jim Maynard, Steve Maynard, Dave Miller, Mike O’Neil, Chris Ryder, Marc Goodman, Loren Heckleman, Ken Camut, Ken Glass, JJ Morrow, Jim Bodmer, and Carl Stein. Also present were CAPT Stephen Johnson, NROTC Unit Commanding Officer and LT Tim English, USN, Associate Professor of Naval Science.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were approved as distributed.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:** Carl Stein reported the balances as follows:

Treasurer’s report of account activity since last meeting:

Last Report:	\$ 16,884.07
Deposits:	\$ 245.00
Debits:	
CO’s Funds:	\$ 9,806.08
Alumni Funds:	\$ 7,182.99
Grand Total:	\$ 16,989.07

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Alumni Weekend (18-21 June 2009)
  - Don Gerber reported that 60-70 alumni attendees were hosted. The event included informal discussions, and a 30 minute brief by the Commanding Officer, Miami University NROTC Unit.
  - The event was deemed as very successful, and it was noted that the AFROTC unit did not have a corresponding event.
  - The names of parties visiting the unit were recorded, and will be entered in the NROTC Alumni Tracker database.

- Souers Award Committee
  - Chris Ryder reported that he had forwarded a revised Souers Award Recommendation letter to Marty Hill and Lt English.
  - Upon their approval, he indicated he would forward it to the Miami University Alumni Association for posting to the website
  - Despite the best efforts of all parties to be concise, the letter was 2 pages in length
  - Lt English was identified as the recipient of all Souers Award nominations, with the nominations coming via Email
- Constitution and By-Laws
  - Ken Camut indicated that the effort was underway, with the following major focus areas:
    - Change in purpose
    - Expansion of membership
    - Revision of the financial connection to Miami University
    - Changes to the governing body
    - Change to the definition of quorum
  - Ken indicated that the revised package would be distributed via Email prior to the next meeting, and it would be a subject of discussion at the next meeting
- History Project
  - JJ Morrow reported that he was not personally satisfied with his progress on this project due to workload issues
  - JJ Morrow is working with Lt English, and Jim Maynard on this effort, and identified 2 current challenges:
    - The need to build the unit history from a variety of disparate data sources
    - The alumni historian
  - A discussion ensued, and there was a request for class historians
  - Also, it was determined that the way to gather data was to start with biographies of alumni members
- Military and the Media
  - The event will occur on 10-11 November, in the Marcum Center onboard Miami University, with Professor Cheryl Heckler as the lead
  - Steve Maynard will represent the NROTC Alumni Association, and will support the event
  - World War II veterans will be interviewed by journalism students
  - Chris Ryder will contact Honor Flight to assist this effort
  - Jim Bodmer will identify this event at the “Hornets” breakfast club to raise awareness
- Linked In
  - Loren Heckleman reported that he has had 28 replies to his Linked In requests, and that he was awaiting response from 23 other invitations.

- Lt English requested that all postings for the Webpage be in MS Word format.
- Calendar Scheduling:
  - The Navy – Marine Corps birthday is tentatively scheduled for 14 November for the unit, with 7 November being the alternate date.
  - Lt English indicated he would check on April 17, 2010 as the date for the Presidential Review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Needs of the Unit
  - Lt English identified the following:
    - He indicated the need for PT uniforms no longer existed due to a pending change within the Department of the Navy on PT uniforms
    - He identified a need for \$220 in replacement cold weather wet suits for the sailing team
    - He identified a need for \$2730 for the Sentries and Sailing team event at the University of Wisconsin
    - He indicated \$739 from the Commanding Officer's Discretionary Account would be applied to the Freshman Orientation Dinner, and that \$1930 from the same source would be applied to needs of Parent's Day weekend
    - Additionally, \$230 from the Commanding Officer's Discretionary Account would be applied for the purchase of an American flag flown over a palace in Iraq
    - The board approved the request for the \$220 in replacement cold weather wet suits for the sailing team, and the need for \$2730 for the Sentries and Sailing team event at the University of Wisconsin
  
- On 12 November, the Miami football team will play a Thursday night game that will be dedicated to the US Armed Forces.
  - Marty indicated we would discuss this in detail at the next meeting
  
- Change of Command/Retirement
  - The Change of Command will occur on 21 August, 2009
  - Freshman orientation will commence on 16 August, 2009
  - Capt Johnson's retirement ceremony will occur on 30 Sep 2009 onboard the USS Vicksburg at Jacksonville, FL.
  - Col Andy Solgere, USMC will assume command of the NROTC Unit, Miami University from Capt Johnson. Col Solgie is currently the CO, Recruit Training Regiment, MCRD, Parris Island, SC.

**COMMENTS OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER:**

Col Solgere will arrive at the unit on 16 August.

Classes start on 24 August.

38 incoming freshmen are committed for Freshman Orientation.

- 32 scholarship students and 6 non scholarship students
- 6 women are included in this incoming class.

Of note is the fact that the incoming class does not have any MECEPs, but does have 3 Navy Officer Candidates.

**PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS:**

President Marty Hill concluded the meeting at 12:15 PM ET, and included a discussion of the next meeting date.

**NEXT MEETING:** Saturday teleconference, 24 October 2009 @ 1100 AM EDT.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,

Approved / as Corrected

Mike O'Neil  
09 / 10 Secretary

CC: Directors  
Col Solgere  
LT English