

A101 Aviation Association Annual Meeting
1800 Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at The Orleans Hotel & Casino, Las Vegas, NV

In attendance at this meeting were Chuck Slezak, Paul Cauley, Richard Bittle, Curt Bodin Jr., Ken Pelfrey, Dana Luce, and Chuck Petty. Minutes were electronically recorded by Paul Cauley, transcribed here by Victoria Bittle.

Richard called meeting to order. Read the last year's minutes and the 2014 yearend financial report. Paul Cauley made a motion to accept both reports. Motion seconded Chuck Slezak, motion is unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Discussion about our CPA's, Bettinger Mifflin Rich; Richard said they give us a deal of \$600.00 a year to do the final yearend report. However in the last few years we have not received the CPA report until July/August of each year. It was pointed out that Victoria does the yearend on Quick Books anyway which generates a yearend report we are now providing the CPA for her to generate her report. A question by Ken Pelfrey of why then do we need a CPA anyway? It's not a requirement in New Jersey. Richard said we use a CPA because he felt that it provided someone to oversee Victoria and his accounting of association funds. Kenneth Pelfrey is also a CPA; he volunteered to work with Richard and Victoria to provide our associations yearend reports and IRS filings starting 1/1/2015. This will save us \$600.00 a year if we accept Kenneth Pelfrey offer. Chuck Slezak made motion to have Ken Pelfrey take over the CPA services for A/101 Aviation Association, Inc. Paul Cauley second, Motion passes unanimously by trustees present.

An update of our current QuickBooks financial report was presented by Richard. \$44,938.00 was reported as being out total association assets as of 10/21/2014.

Discussion about starting a Bright light committee for giving money to A/101 Aviation veterans who want to attend our reunion. Action item for follow-up by trustees.

The 101st Airborne Division Association is holding their 2015 reunion at the Nashville Airport Marriot Hotel, Nashville, TN July 29- Aug 2, 2015. It was agreed that our 2015 A/101 Aviation Association business meeting should be held during that reunion also.

Open discussion about anyone having ideas about how we get Desert Storm era veterans and others interested in our joining our organization? Curt suggested taking out an ad in the Screaming Eagle magazine. Action item for follow-up by trustees.

Discussion about Victoria Bittle has taken over the association merchandise. She currently selling our merchandise on our web site as we have always done. She is planning to start selling our merchandise online on EBay as soon as she can get it set up. Victoria pays for all the shipping cost now, she keeps a list of all monies spent. She will be giving us a statement for reimbursement of total cost of postage due her as of the end of year 2014. Motion made by Paul Cauley to repay Victoria for Postage. Chuck Slezak seconded, motion is unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Discussion about two signatures currently being required on all association checks. Richard said two signature checks are no longer necessary as our original intent of this requirement. The effort to send

checks back and forth between the president and secretary by postal mail for signatures on each check is expensive, burdensome and time consuming. The majority of our transactions are now done with the debit card. We currently use the debit card for most association expenditures. If this requirement is changed we will need to order new checks to reflect only one signature. The board of trustees vote on all expenditures, therefore the need for the two signature oversight on association checks is not needed. There is a motion and trustee vote prior to each expenditure the association makes. Paul Cauley made a motion that the association change our bank accounts to a single signature only requirement, notify the bank of the requirement, and further motions that we purchase new association checks with a single signature. Motion seconded by Chuck Slezak, motion is unanimously approved by those in attendance.

2014 Election- Twenty ballots have been received and counted. The result of the election is Chuck Petty and Paul Cauley has been voted as trustees for three more year terms.

A/101 Aviation Association, Inc Board of Trustees and terms
Mr. Richard A. Bittle, Trustee/President (term of office 2004-2015)
Mr. Gilbert Jones, Trustee/Secretary (term of office 2006-2015)
Mr. Curtis Bodin Jr., Trustee/Vice President (term of office 2008-2016)
Mr. Chuck Slezak, Trustee (term of office 2004-2016)
Mr. Paul Cauley, Trustee (term of office 2011-2017)
Mr. Charles E Petty, Trustee (term of office 2011-2017)

Connor Frederick Thompson has been chosen as the 2014 A/101 Aviation Memorial Scholarship award. Connor Frederick Thompson is a son of Fred Thompson who served 1970-71, as a SGT with A 101 AHB in RVN. This will be a \$4000.00 scholarship, payable in four (4) \$1000.00 annual installments, as the eligibility requirements are met. Connor Frederick Thompson is registered to attend Montana State University in the fall 2014 semester.

Discussion on the current A/101Aviation Association, Inc scholarship fund bylaws - The Trustee's need to clarify the scholarship bylaws to read, "Current Elected trustee's family are allowed to apply for scholarship and be awarded a scholarship while the trustee is serving in office, however trustee cannot vote on that scholarship award." The final wording of these bylaw changes will be voted on at the 2015 Annual meeting in Nashville, TN. Changes won't take place until after that vote. Richard will work on this section of the bylaws after consulting with scholarship author Tom Halligan and our legal advisor.

Further discussion on Scholarship- Curt Bodin Jr pointed out the difficulty recipients is having returning their required college enrollment paperwork back to A/101Aviation Association in a timely manor. Richard Bittle is continuously requesting this information from the sponsor and having to chase down the paperwork each year. After debate of this issue the majority felt that we need to set a deadline date for the transcripts to be received by us. Paul Cauley made a motion to change Scholarship requirement to state, "A Certificate of Enrollment from the University is required to be sent to A/101Aviation Association (current address) no later than September 30 of the following years." Seconded by Curt

Bodin Jr, motion is unanimously approved. This information will be included in our correspondence with scholarship award winners.

Discussion of how we pay the scholarship award. Curt Bodin Jr said Instead of one Annual award payment, make it twice a year. If a student drops out of school we would not lose the funds. Curt Bodin JR made a motion to change our Scholarship Award from one payment of \$ 1000.00 a year, to a new payment schedule of \$500.00 per semester, beginning the fall semester of 2015. Seconded by Paul Cauley, motion is unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Discussion on the news of 159th Aviation Brigade deactivation in 2015... Curt Bodin Jr is taking the lead on finding out what is going to be done with all of the A/101 memorabilia and colors when the Brigade is deactivated. Curt Bodin Jr will contact First Sgt. Owens for more information on this matter. Our association may need to rent a storage area. Action item for follow-up by trustees.

Paul Cauley motioned to adjourn meeting. Ken Pelfrey Seconded, motion is unanimously approved by those in attendance.

Meeting adjourned.