



Chapter 18, 173rd Airborne Brigade Assn

Minutes for April 1, 2017 Meeting Held at the 45th Inf Div Museum

Present: Ed Perkins, Jerry Cooper, Robert "Gus" Gustafson, Richard Perez, Don Walton, Gene Bland, Tim Austin, Maurice McGleish.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, then a prayer was offered by Tim Austin.

Jerry Cooper opened the meeting at 1003 hrs and gave an overview report including the Status Report and Budget for the 2017 Reunion. He also provided handouts of each. There was discussion regarding tickets, registration packets and hotel reservations. He also reported on contracted and current hotel reservations at the Sheraton and Renaissance hotels.

Gene Bland will head up the volunteer team. Maurice McGleish will assist him with late registrations, especially on opening day.

There was no team reports for Hospitality Room and Banquet available at this time.

Don Walton reported on the Vendor's area. There are currently six vendors signed up as of this time.

Discussion ensued regarding busses for Fort Sill, Cowboy Hall of Fame, and 45th Infantry Division Museum. Of concern is ensuring that those attending one or all of the functions are properly accounted for both at drop off and pickup. Bus commanders need to make sure that those individuals on those trips make sure that no one is left at any of the visits.

Maurice reported on Special Activities providing a list that includes fees to attend them. No contact was made with any of those because most of them provide discounts for seniors and/or military personnel.

Tim reported on contacts made by him and Maurice to various vendors in Bricktown requesting discounts for attendees of the reunion. Both of them will be again contacting the vendors to confirm discounts and will report back at the May meeting.

Tim also briefed on the Donut Dollies. He stated that they will be driving their own vehicle to Fort Sill, and their hotel reservations have been confirmed as well.

There being no further business regarding the reunion, the portion of the meeting adjourned at 1153 hrs.

The Chapter 18 meeting was called to order by Ed Perkins. There was discussion regarding chapter raffle and tickets that will be in conjunction with the National raffle on Saturday evening.

A motion was made to approve reimbursement in amount of \$242.00 to Ed for cost of his room at the Midwest Conference. Motion passed.

There being no further chapter business, the meeting adjourned at 1215 hours.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at the same location.

