

Minutes from the Meeting of the 452d Alumni Association on 2 May 2015

Date: 2 May 2015

Place: Cloisters/Residence of James Sperl

Time: 1130 hours

Attendees: Anderson, Drellos, Kingsbery, Lovering, Nicoud, Mehring, Preston, Richtmyre and spouse, Scheeler, Sperl, Wadina, Ufnowski, and Ziemendorf: Total: 14

A. Roll Call:

President: Mehring

Vice President: Nicoud

Treasurer/Administrative Assistant: Preston

Historian: Nicoud

B. Reports:

1. President's Report:

- 20th anniversary of the association (formed 7 March 1995). Read portion of the bulletin from the first meeting.

- There are presently 69 members. There will be 70 in the near future.

- The gathering held at the Cloisters on 5 December 2014 substituted for a December meeting of the association.

2. Vice President's Report: None.

3. Secretary's Report: Minutes from the meeting of 11 October 2014 were read and were accepted without additions or corrections. Minutes are posted to the association's website (www.452cshalum.org) as opposed to being sent via e-mail or separate mailing.

4. Treasurer's/Administrative Assistant's Report:

- (Treasurer)

1. Currently there is \$4491.27. In the past whenever the was in excess of \$2000.00, a CD had been purchased. As the rates of interest are very low, none will be purchased.

2. A separate folder, one for each of the association's 20 years, has been maintained. These folders contain the financial transactions for that year.

3. The association was assigned but does not use the federal EIN for tax purposes. This is based upon unofficial advice from an IRS officer as it is not worth the time spent on tax implications.

C. Old Business:

1. 452d Historical Pictures (Nicoud and Richtmyre)

- There are 20 albums, 449 pages and 700 pictures. This spans the years up to 2000. There are no pictures after 2000.

- There remains quite a lot of work yet to be done. Many soldiers from the early years of the hospital could not

be identified. Help is needed in this regard.

- There remains enough space on the alumni's website to continue the process. All association members are encouraged to pass along the website address to others who have interest in 452d Alum activity.

2. Membership: This was mentioned in the president's comments above.

3. Guest Housing (catalog/website) (Preston)

- There is a catalog for information on guess housing which can be obtained through the PX. Usage of online/website services is encouraged as the catalog may not be up to date.

- Only bonafide housing is non-taxed. Much of the housing is not managed through the armed services as many military reservations are outsourcing accommodations to IHG(InterContinental Hotels Group) private hotels. All wishing to make a reservation are advised to asked about room rates/taxes.

- Use google to check military guest housing at whatever post/installation you will make reservations. Check the lead times for reservations as these may vary i.e., as retired reservists, they may require making reservations no more than 120 days prior to arrival.

- Open telephonic discussion with a post/installation on the availability of accommodations is encouraged as opposed to website reservations or the military branch generic number.

D. New Business:

1. Brewers Game 25 June 2015 (Kingsbery and Gormley)

- There were fourteen tickets left. There was an increase in the price. The cost of attending the tailgate only is \$15.00.

- Based upon the motion of the membership, there will be no change on the cost charged to guests. Guests are persons other than a member's spouse. A discussion of the cost charged to guests in later years was deferred.

- Any non-purchaed ticket(s) will be paid through the association's treasury.

2. Annual dinner 10 October 2015 (Mehring)

- The annual dinner will be held at the North Hills Country Club. A \$200 dollar must be made to the club prior to 15 July 2015.

- A previous reservation for 12 September was cancelled.

- Cost will be \$32.00 per person. This was an increase from the \$25.00 cost in 2014.

- Menu was read. A motion was made and approved to eliminate popcorn and pretzels served in the lounge area. This was an additional \$2.00 per person at the 2014 dinner and can be reconsidered for next year.

3. New Event - Pritzker Museum, Chicago

- The Pritzer Museum is a military museum. Members could form a committee to manage this event. Members could meet in Milwaukee to take the train to Chicago. The museum is approximately a one mile walk from the train station. Cab service is also available. There are several restrauants along the way, which could be considered for a meal. A committee is needed to investigate. No committee was formed.

E. Discussion:

- There are discounts available to the association's members. Among these are the Museum of Science and Industry and Menards. Members are encouraged to ask if a discount is available wherever they go to a business or place for entertainment.

F. Good of the Order Membership:

- COL Cook has moved to Harbor Village (60th and West Grange Avenue). Visits are encouraged. It is requested that members call Mr. Anderson prior to making a visit. He notifies COL Cook's niece so that there are no conflicts with COL Cook's schedule.

- A committee composed of Ms. Nicoud, Ms. Kingsbery, and Mr. Anderson to visit the possibility of a potluck social and visit at LTC Klassen's residence, possibly in July.

- There is a military day in Madison, Wisconsin prior to the first Badger football game this Fall. No further details were available.

- There will be no Heritage Days at the VA Hospital, Woods, Wisconsin this year.

- There is no known military appreciate day at the Milwaukee County Zoo.

G. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. No date was announced for the Fall, 2015 meeting.