

USNA AA – St. Louis Chapter Board Meeting April 15, 2019 Minutes



Location: Fandango's Sports Bar & Grill
2940 Dougherty Ferry Rd, Kirkwood, MO 63122
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Invited:

- Dave Turnbaugh, CO – present
- Josh Rich, XO – present
- Joe Piganelli, Treasurer – present
- Raese Simpson, Secretary – absent
- Gary Thompson, Web Master – present
- Josh Gann – absent
- David Noble – absent
- Chris Vansickle – absent
- Mike Carnes – present
- Mike Dunham, Memorial Day – present
- Kent Higginbotham, Memorial Day – present

Agenda:

- Memorial Day Update (Mike Dunham and Kent) – remembrance @ JB is Saturday, 25 May 2019 at 10 a.m.
 - RADM Chuck Williams is keynote speaker, limit speech to approx. 10 minutes
 - Event is rain or shine
 - Kent will be emcee
 - Finalizing names of Academy and local Veterans who have passed
 - Briefly discussed artificial wreaths vs. buying real each year, no interest yet
 - Issue: Dr. Lori who has been our bugler and assisted with rifles for many years has a medical issue and will not be able to attend. Mike and Kent are attempting a work-around and others are ready to assist however we can. Kent is checking with Jefferson Barracks to see if they can accommodate. Mike Carnes will check at Scott AFB for availability. Rock Verochi (USMA grad) is still a GS on Scott and might have connections.
- Treasury Update
 - Army-Navy dues payments = 25 (\$500)
 - Other fundraising = \$405 (50/50 & football squares that did not pay out)
 - Additional dues collected since = 16 (\$320)
 - Dave to send Chapter blast as a reminder with quick calendar events

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- Shaw Park shelter is reserved for summer picnic (same shelter / location as last year) – adjacent to play ground and connected to restrooms!
- USNA ICOF (Dave)
 - Mike Carnes attending, Joe Fagan '89 is Mike's POC at National for questions / concerns
- Shipmate Update (Raese) – n/a
- Summer Picnic (Josh & Josh)
 - XO will take the lead, will ensure enough food and beverage
 - If anybody can arrive early (approx. 0900-1000 to assist with staging supplies it would help)
 - A 2-wheel dolly, wagon or cart would also be helpful
 - Reminder to go out after Memorial Day Remembrance
- Football Season (XO)
 - Brew Hub loved us for Army-Navy and everybody in the crowd has a great time! Parking a plus, food was great, only problem = Army won...
 - The Post (Creve Coeur) will remain as the standard game watch location
 - Suggest Air Force & Army to be at Brew Hub (XO contacted Diane to ensure dates are available)
 - More details to follow after the summer picnic
- Overall Chapter Status (Dave)
 - 357 on roster
 - 270 have email (75% reachable, assuming emails on record are valid)
- Blue & Gold Officer (BGO) update:
 - Kent is now BGO for St. Louis (metro) – Missouri area
 - 8 accepted direct appointments
 - 1 NAPS offer (not yet accepted)
 - 3 on waiting list (2 USNA, 1 NAPS)
 - 8 for 8 this year (offers / acceptance)!!!
 - Mike briefed Illinois numbers
 - 5 accepted direct appointments
 - 3 at NAPS now, no NAPS accepted for next year (yet)
 - New BGOs signed up:
 - Tim Noonan '88
 - Steve Hassel '88
 - David Minifie '93
 - Parents can also be BGOs, the more = the merrier for school contact, etc.
- Other Items:
 - It was suggested, motioned and approved that Kent Higginbotham '76 become a Board Member at Large; thank you Kent for your continued support of the Chapter, being the Area BGO Coordinator as well as your additional contributions!
 - Plebe Recognition Luncheon is June 8, 2019: save the date, additional details to follow when formally announced
 - New Parents' Club (co) Presidents = John & Winkler '85 and Kathy
 - Website has been very well maintained by Gary Thompson '57 (thank you sir!), we have now purchased the domain = www.STLUSNA.COM which will allow more folks to easily find us!
 - The Jack Taylor Conference Center for the Naval Institute on The Yard is scheduled to break ground in 2019 and be completed in 2020. Additional details can be found via a quick Google search.
 - Our oldest alumnus, Calvin George '39 recently passed (<https://www.usna.com/find-an-obituary?story=5638>). Fair winds and following seas...