



ARMED FORCES HERITAGE MUSEUM PRESIDENT'S UPDATE – DECEMBER 2015

ELECTION OF 2016 OFFICERS

I want to thank Mike Wysong for his exceptional performance as President during the past year. Mike has set a course of fiscal responsibility and focused performance for the museum effort. We plan to continue and expand on Mike's accomplishment. He will continue his service to the organization as a director.

Officers elected at the annual meeting in November are:

President	Bob von Bargaen
Vice President	Bob Dutko
Secretary	Oren Carrol
Treasurer	Joanne Tilghman

Roy Plummer has accepted the position of Chairman of the Board. He will be elected to that role during the 18 December Member/Board Meeting at the Deerwood Country Club.

PRIORITIES

It has become apparent that we must limit our activities to match the people available to do the tasks. As with many organizations, AFHM has a core of volunteers who do most of the work. If we are to maintain our current objectives there must be greater participation from the members. The upcoming Member/Board meeting will establish priorities for the upcoming year. What we agree to take on will be based on the response the members.

FUNDING

Kudo's to General Dutko! He managed a successful Anniversary Dinner at the Deerwood Country Club last month. Bob coordinated the efforts of the team to produce a signature event that highlighted Congressman Tom MacArthur. A journal prepared for the event was a good money maker. The downside of this fund raising activity was the lackluster support provided by AFHM's membership. Hopefully, the lessons learned on this event will lead to an even greater success when we do this again next year.

MUSEUM ON THE JOINT BASE

AFHM's request for land on the Joint Base to construct the proposed museum advanced to the Pentagon. During a conference call with all parties involved the Air Force listed things required to obtain approval and the packet was returned to Air Mobility Command for further staffing. We are preparing a business plan and other documentation to respond again.

This process will be long, involved and very expensive. The quest will take manpower away from other attainable short term objectives. I will be asking the Board of Directors to review our on base museum intentions; and make a decision regarding a full time effort field MiniMO and ultimately obtain a mobile museum similar to the one operated by the New Jersey Hall of Fame.

MOBILE MUSEUM

Our 32' trailer, MiniMO, has been painted and moved to Hecht's Trailers for new tires. We are looking for a space inside a building to construct the exhibit space. Al Buchan and Dave Schill are working on exhibit space design.

John Casey has been working with a Middle School to gain insight into developing exhibits for the mobile museum. We have obtained the scholastic curriculum used by the New Jersey Hall of Fame. It will be used as a template to create mobile museum exhibits. Decisions must be made on the content of future exhibits.

VIRTUAL EDUCATION

Nino De Pasquale continues to work on documentaries and Living History Interviews. The "Nepal" Airlift documentary was shown at the Anniversary Dinner last month and can be seen soon on the AFHM website. The "Blackhawk & NJNG" will be finished soon.

- We will create a review panel to preview documentaries and Living History interviews for accuracy of content.

Living History videos have been completed and being edited. Other interviews are pending.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- **Board of Directors Meeting – Members encouraged to attend – Deerwood Country Club**
 - **December 18, 2015 @ 3:30 PM**
 - The meeting will be followed by an AFHM Holiday gathering in the bar of the Country Club.
(Members are encouraged to attend this, and every Board meeting.)
 - January 15, 2016 @ 10:30 AM – There will be a guest speaker.
 - February 19, 2016 @ 10:30 AM – There will be a guest speaker.

FEEDBACK REQUEST

Your suggestions and ideas for 2016 are welcome. What recommendations do you have? What should we do more? What should be done less? What should be changed? Your input is important to the furthering the mission. Your thoughts?

Please respond to vonbargen@aol.com

Bob von Bargaen