

Modern Interpretive Department Minutes – at General Meeting –

11.09.2013, 10:19 AM through 12:00 Noon -

**Attendees:** Richard Tucker, Gretchen Tucker, Leo Tucker, Dave Bernier Sr., Kathy DiMartini, Mike Heenan, James Dassatti, Scott Greb, Vance Anderson, Sarah Bennett, George Kapotas, Joseph Kruszewski, Eric Roberts, Ben Tracey, Peter Keenan, and Jesse Holschuh.

**Secretary's Report:** No report because secretary couldn't attend the meeting. Richard Tucker tried to do an audio recording for transcriptions but it didn't come out good. Discussed Vietnam event, Vietnam wall participation, talked about upcoming WWII tactical and WWII timeline in the future.

**Era Reports:** 1898 through modern/current -

- **Great War:** Mike Heenan will be working with Scott Greb (Rhinebeck) talking about doing a weekend for an event. Jim interjected who would organize it and get the event going. Scott Greb volunteered himself because he knows the owner directly. Mike Heenan also has a contact person and says between the two of them they could make it happen. Scott Greb says September is the suggestion.
- **WWII:** End of December (Liquid Planet Amusement Park in New Hampshire) event. Also GAP 1 (January 28-February 2) later this year. February – Newville, Pennsylvania. March – GAP 2 (March 2<sup>nd</sup> – changes annually due to base training). LHA WWII tactical (suggests 300 acre space in Townsend, Massachusetts – Vance will find out more about that by April. Naft Meeting will take place February in Boxboro, Massachusetts (Leo Tucker stated we cannot select any modern dates until we get the meeting results to avoid conflict). George Kapotas suggested that we give some dates to present to the Naft meeting staff to better coordinate events. Mike Heenan suggests doing a WWII display at the Matterhorn Inn. 914/WD – Christmas Party in Natick, Massachusetts on December 8, 2013.
- **Korea:** *Nothing to present.*
- **Vietnam:** Involved in Vietnam Wall (Walter Hansen's display got great feedback), had a Vietnam Weekend at the Matterhorn (we have to let Joe know ahead of time for advertising purposes), will be actively involved in the Traditional Timeline, would like to have a Modern Timeline event, and have a Vietnam Weekend (would like it to be in September.) Leo asked if others who do Vietnam to please give us their contact information so we can network with other Vietnam era reenactor.

**Proposed LHA Modern Events:**

- I. **Vietnam Weekend** – Matterhorn Inn – September (suggests the 26-28<sup>th</sup> to not conflict with other WWII events).
- II. **Departmental Timeline & Spring Social (display) Spanish American to Modern** – Matterhorn Inn or Howe Field – (enhance festivities can do it inside if weather is bad but if the weather is good we can do it outside) – April 26, 2013.
- III. **All Inclusive WWII. Tactical** - site options: Candia, Howe Field, Matterhorn, or Townsend – (May 30-1).
- IV. **WWI Event** – Matterhorn Inn - (August 29<sup>th</sup>)

**SOPs:**

- I.) – G1 – 3 meetings decided. Must reference the stipulated financial submission date stated by James Dassatti.
- II.) – accepted as written.
- III.) – Jim suggests – to send the financial records must be submitted to Jim by January 31<sup>st</sup> of every year.

**Elected Department Officers (2 year post):**

Chairman – Richard Tucker

Vice Chairman – Mike Heenan

Secretary – Gretchen Tucker

Treasurer – Eric Roberts

Safety Officer – Scott Greb

Alternate One – Vance Anderson (will be assisting Scott Greb in Safety).

Alternate Two – Jesse Holschuh

**Membership and Marketing:**

Must be clear financially for record keeping, election (planned and with proper notice). Leo Tucker suggested 'word of mouth' and social media for advertising. James Dassatti forwarns proper notice of meetings or participation or department will be disbanded. James Dassatti suggests putting information on the website (Rick references the meeting with Betty Murphy about technology).

**Steve Kapotas Award:** Richard Tucker suggests it akin to the 'Day Iverson Award' either for WWII or Modern. We should create the criteria of the award. We would like Steve Kapotas to receive the award the first year. Leo Tucker suggests a committee should be formed to create the criteria for the awards. Jim asks if we should make the 'best overall interpretation' award or 'best effort' award at the timeline. George Kapotas and Kathy DiMartini suggest that Steve would prefer it to be an all-inclusive award encompassing all eras.

**Award Creation Committee:** Leo Tucker, Mike Heenan, James Dassatti, Kathy Dimartini, Vance Anderson, Sarah Bennett, and George Kapotas.

**Old Business:** *None.*

**New Business:** *None.*