



## **Minutes of the March 12, 2009 MAGHA Board of Directors Meeting**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Board of Directors of the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association met as scheduled on Thursday, March 12, 2009, at the Selfridge Military Air Museum. A quorum being present, BG Rudolph called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Members present were: MG Bartholomew, LTC Crawford, Mr. Dopp, Mr. Handleman, Maj Hogan, Mr. Krings, LTC Nigro, MG Pochmara, BG Rudolph, LTC Veara, and CMSgt Viterna

Members represented were: Maj Leon by Mrs. Nuttall

Members excused were: Mrs. Errington, Ms Yokich

Guests present were: None

### **AGENDA**

Lt Col Nigro asked that a discussion of the 2009 Boat Storage situation be added as an item of New Business. A motion was made by Mr. Dopp and seconded by MG Pochmara to approve the agenda for this meeting as amended. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

### **REVIEW OF JANUARY 8, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

Lt Col Nigro had a correction to the published January 8, 2009 meeting minutes: Lt Col Crawford and Ms Tracey Yokich should have been shown as excused. A motion was made by Mr. Krings and seconded by Mr. Handleman to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2009 as corrected. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

### **REPORTS**

**SPAD Project** (Krings): As of 12 March 2009, Mr. Krings reported that construction of the SPAD is approximately 99% complete. To date, LTC Nigro has processed \$19,009.35 in donations to the project and expended \$67,828.95 towards completion of the SPAD and the SPAD Hangar leaving a negative balance of \$48,819.60. The SPAD Hangar building was completed in December 2007, the doors and the HVAC system were installed in April 2008, and the SPAD was moved from Bldg 1008 to the new SPAD hangar in May 2008. Appropriate and cost-effective display security measures are under discussion. Once the SPAD is complete and security measures are in place, the area can be opened up for viewing by guests. The SPAD will be formally dedicated at the 2009 Selfridge Air Show. A motion was made by LTC Crawford and seconded by Maj Hogan to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**MAGHA/Air Museum Financial Report** (Nigro): LTC Nigro presented and explained the current financial reports for MAGHA and the Air Museum, current as of 11 March 2009. Although checkbook plus CD assets available (“liquid assets”) are approximately \$97,289.00, current known liabilities are approximately \$7,611.00 giving us an encumbered checkbook & CD fund balance of approximately \$89,678.00. *Images of Aviation, Selfridge Field* history book profits as of 11 March 2009 are approximately \$7,134.00. A motion was made by MG Bartholomew and seconded by MG Pochmara to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Active Museum/Air Park Improvement Project Status** (Nigro): LTC Nigro presented the current active Museum and Air Park improvement project status report. A motion was made by LTC Veara and seconded by LTC Crawford to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**MAGHA Membership** (Nigro): LTC Nigro briefed the Board that MAGHA membership as of 11 March 2009 is 630, an increase of six from the 624 member count reported on January 8, 2009. A graph of the membership history and a complete list of current and expired MAGHA members were presented to the Board members present. President Rudolph will send a personal letter to select members encouraging them to upgrade their membership category. A motion was made by CMSgt Viterna and seconded by MG Bartholomew to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

**Adopt-A-Plane Program** (Nigro): The program’s current sponsor list was provided to the Board members present. LTC Nigro noted that most of the 2008 sponsors have committed to 2009 sponsorship and he has more than enough groups on the sponsorship waiting list to fill any gaps. A motion was made by Maj Hogan and seconded by CMSgt Viterna to receive and accept the report as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**Facilities Plan** (Nigro): **NO CHANGE.** Due to the costs involved and the safety of weekend docents, the plan to turn Bldg 1008 into a Visitor’s Center, Gift Shop, and Research Library has been significantly changed. To create more space within Bldg 1011 for displays, the plan is now to move just the Research Library to Bldg 1008. **OPEN** (Nigro)

**Strategic Plan** (Nigro): **NO CHANGE.** At a previous Board meeting, Mr. Handleman requested that a strategic plan for MAGHA and the Selfridge Military Air Museum be developed to insure the organizations codify how they plan to acquire, develop, and allocate their resources (human, financial, and physical) in a way that advances their mission and sustains their financial viability. A motion was made by Brig Gen Rudolph, seconded by Mr. Handleman, and approved by the Board to task Lt Col Nigro to begin the development of this plan for presentation to and input from the Board of Directors at a future meeting. Lt Col Nigro presented the Board with the American Association of Museum’s expectations regarding institutional planning, noting this is a very comprehensive and detailed process and can only be accomplished when time and other tasks will allow. **OPEN** (Nigro)

**2009 Golf Outing** (Pochmara): The MAGHA 2009 golf outing will be on Friday 26 June. There will be a 10:00 am shotgun start and the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing has agreed to be a co-sponsor. Our goal will be to get 23 teams of 4 (18 holes +5 double ups on par 5's). We will give out at least three team awards for the lowest scores and awards for closest to the pin, longest and straightest drive. Our goal is to make rules that give all/most teams a chance to win one of the awards. We will give stroke reductions based on age and gender. In the past there have been complaints about teams made up of non military "ringers". We could make additional handicaps for non-military teams. In order to encourage hole-sponsorship, we will give a stroke off for their sponsoring a hole. We need to over communicate to the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing, Team Selfridge and our membership. No recommended additions, deletions, or changes were submitted to Lt Col Nigro by the 31 January 2009 suspense date so distribution of the flier will begin immediately. Mr. Krings noted that, weather permitting, the SPAD will be on display at the Golf Outing and asked that information about that display be added to the flier. **OPEN** (Pochmara)

**Security Concerns** (Nigro): **NO CHANGE**. The 127<sup>th</sup> Selfridge Security Forces Squadron has concerns about security issues expressed by Vulnerability Assessment Inspection inspectors as it relates to the Museum and the operations of the Michigan Transit Museum (MTM). The Wing Commander shares these concerns and, at a special meeting on 13 November 2008, the following was decided: (1) the MTM will not be allowed recurring access to the Base during their November/December Polar Express event but Security will open the west train gate for the initial departure and final return. This is not an issue for the Museum as they do not stop at the Museum for this event. (2) Security Forces will examine the possibility of the MTM and the Museum cost-sharing a Security Officer to vet train passengers before boarding, accompany the train during its operation on and off base, and open/close the west Train Gate for their normal summer schedule. (3) Security Forces will review the MOA between the MTM and the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing for required changes. (4) Lt Col Crawford and Lt Col Ward (the Base Civil Engineer) will be examining the option of fencing the Museum area such that it is "outside" the Base. If the MTM can no longer operate their June thru October train rides to the Museum, we anticipate a 20% reduction in the number of guests that visit the Museum and the consequent loss of income from those guests. If the Museum can be sequestered from the Base, we anticipate an increase in the number of guests. Lt Col Nigro has requested a meeting with the Vulnerability Assessment inspectors to discuss options to allow the MTM operation to continue. This inspection/meeting is scheduled for May 2009 but may be deferred until October 2009. If it is so deferred or the security issues cannot be resolved at the May 2009 meeting, the MTM will not be permitted to bring guests to the Museum in 2009. **OPEN** (Nigro/Crawford)

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resignation of Board Member, Col John Theisen** (Nigro): Col John Theisen was a member of our Board of Directors as a consequence of his assignment as the 127<sup>th</sup> Wing's Historical Property Custodian (HPC), a designation required by the National Museum of the USAF and one that must be held by an active status member of the military. Col Theisen has retired from the military, accepted a position with a private company, and can no longer serve as a member of our Board of Directors. Lt Col Nigro is working with the Wing Commander to designate a member of the Wing staff as the new HPC. Once the Wing Commander designates a new 127<sup>th</sup> Wing HPC, Lt Col Nigro will bring that individuals' name before the Board as a proposed new member of our Board of Directors. **CLOSED**

**Review of Executive Director Position Description** (Nigro): One of the requirements for professional certification is, among other things, a formal Position Description for the Executive Director's position. Lt Col Nigro developed such a position description, patterned after one in use by the American Association of Museums and modified to meet our needs and structure. This proposed position description accompanied the agenda sent out two weeks ago and was provided to the Board members present. After discussion, a motion was made by MG Pochmara and seconded by LTC Veara to approve the position description as presented. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved. **CLOSED**

**2009 Boat Storage** (Nigro): MAGHA has received approval to open the Selfridge Marina for the 2009 season with the understanding that the facility will likely transition to the EUL Developer or one of the DoD component services sometime during the season. If this transition occurs as expected, Lt Col Nigro is prepared to recover those physical assets purchased by MAGHA during the 2008 season and transfer funds from MAGHA to the new Marina provider based on the date that entity assumes responsibility. If the facility does not transition as expected, MAGHA will continue to operate the Marina for the remainder of the season, unless the NGB were to mandate its' immediate closure. Should the latter occur, LTC Nigro is prepared to refund the unused portion of the maintenance fee to the users and recover those physical assets purchased by MAGHA during the 2008 season. Lt Col Nigro noted that if the NGB mandates closure, users will be placed in an extremely tenuous position as all commercially available storage areas will have long since been reserved, leaving our occupants with probably no place to go. Lt Col Nigro will continue to advise the Board of any changes in the status of the Marina. **CLOSED**

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by MG Bartholomew and seconded by Mr. Dopp to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 pm. Ayes: All. Nays: None. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted  
Louis J. Nigro, Executive Director

#### **FUTURE MEETINGS**

Thursday, May 14, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, July 9, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, September 10, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

Thursday, November 12, 2009, 2:00 pm, Air Museum Multi-Purpose Room

# Michigan Air Guard Historical Association/127<sup>th</sup> Wing

## 2009 Golf Outing and Reunion

Friday, 26 June 2009  
10:00 am Shotgun Start  
Best Ball Scramble Rules  
at



\$80.00 per person for reservations NLT 15 June  
\$85.00 per person for reservations after 15 June  
\$35.00 per person for dinner only

### *INCLUDES:*

- 18 Holes of golf and golf cart  
(2 carts per team of 4)
- Four persons per team
- Beer/soft drinks on the course during play
- Hot dog/chips/soft drinks at the turn
- Door prizes
- Free range balls available at 9:00 a.m.
- Dinner & cash bar @ 3:30 pm
- 50/50 drawing: \$2.00 per ticket or 6 for \$10.00
- Special display (weather permitting)

### AWARDS

- Lowest Team Score (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places)
- Highest Team Score
- Closest to the Pin, Hole 11
- Longest Drive, Hole 15
- Straightest Line, Hole 5

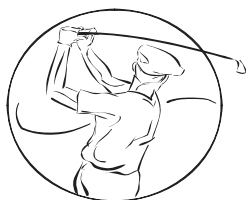
To encourage competition and to give everyone a chance to win, handicaps will be assigned based on gender and the average age of the team.

Make Your Reservations Early  
Space is Limited

## *Reserve by 22 June*

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# Michigan Air Guard Historical Association/127<sup>th</sup> Wing

## Golf Outing and Reunion

### Sign-Up Information

### *Reserve by 22 June 2009*

- 4 Person teams (at least two current or former Air Guardsmen/spouse per team)
- Single registrations will be grouped into teams
- Tax-deductible hole sponsorships available (\$100.00...max of 4 names on sign)
  - Each sponsor gets one free 50/50 ticket and a one stroke deduction for putting on their sponsored hole
- Make checks payable to: MAGHA
- To reserve your space, or if you have any questions,

**Contact:** Lt Col Lou Nigro 27333 C Street, Bldg 1011  
Selfridge Military Air Museum Selfridge ANG Base, MI 48045  
(586) 239-6768 127airmuseum@miself.ang.af.mil

*For those of you unable to attend who still wish to donate to the Michigan Air Guard Historical Association and/or the Selfridge Military Air Museum, please contact Lt Col Lou Nigro. Your donations are tax deductible and very much appreciated.*

- I regretfully cannot attend but have sent the enclosed donation for \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I will be attending the reunion and dinner only and have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I will be attending the golf outing and have enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for:

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Age on 26 Jun 08 \_\_\_\_\_

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Age on 26 Jun 08 \_\_\_\_\_

Please list a point of contact for each team

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_