

2016 Truxtun Association Business Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2016

Santa Fe, New Mexico

At 1500 hours MDT Truxtun Association President Steve Rovin called to order the 2016 Truxtun Association Business Meeting in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Nominations:

President Steve Rovin opened the floor for nominations for the 2017-2018 Association Officers.

Nominations were made and accepted for:

President: Skip Ryan
Vice President: Patrick "PJ" Byrne
Secretary: Ted Poremski
Treasurer: Dave Holland (Incumbent)

Nominations were closed and above individuals were elected by the membership.

Congratulations Gentlemen!

Reunion Cruise Discussion:

Jordan Gmach made a presentation on the possibility of a Cruise Reunion and the cost of a cruise verses a land based reunion. He received only 14 responses to his e-mail questionnaire.

Some of the factors for consideration were:

Cost increasing with length of cruise;	Type of cruise i.e., Ocean vs River;	Port of departure;
Travel Costs to the Cruise Port;	Cost per Person;	Timing of cruise;
Cost varying with room location;	Additional cost of shore excursions	

Comparison: Santa Fe reunion costs were approximately \$1000 per couple (not including travel to and from the reunion) while a cruise of the same length was approximately \$1200-1600 per couple without excursions.

Following the discussion a vote was taken with only four (4) members in favor of 2018 being a reunion cruise. Therefore, it was determined that the 2018 reunion will be land based.

Steve Rovin and Dick Cummings will do some additional pricing research for a Reunion Cruise option just prior to the 2018 reunion and present it at the next Association Business Meeting. Additionally, they will talk about the option of doing a cruise not as the Association's formal two year Reunion, but instead as an Association event in the year in between Reunions for those that might be interested.

2018 Truxtun Association Reunion Location Selection:

Since it was decided the 2018 reunion will be land based, following a discussion it was decided that it would be held somewhere in the Western United States. President Steve Rovin solicited recommendations from the membership for potential 2018 Reunion locations and the following nine cities were suggested (alphabetical order):

Bremerton, Washington; Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; Idaho Falls, Idaho; Las Vegas, Nevada; Long Beach, California; Phoenix, Arizona; Portland/Vancouver, Oregon; Sacramento, California; and San Francisco, California.

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Another vote was taken to limit the cities to four and the following were chosen for research. Portland/Vancouver, Oregon (19 votes); Bremerton, Washington and Phoenix, Arizona (tied at 16 votes); and Long Beach California (15 votes).

President Rovin then asked for volunteers to form 2018 Truxtun Association Reunion Planning Committee under the direction of Skip Ryan the Association President. This Committee is charged with gathering information on the four potential cities and selecting one for the next Reunion. The following members were selected:

Bremerton, Washington	Jerry Lane
Portland/Vancouver, Oregon	Tim Gallagher
Phoenix, Arizona	John Redler
Long Beach, California	Howard Bergh

After the Committee has submitted their research, the 2017-2018 Association President, Skip Ryan, will review all the data, select the location and dates for the 2018 reunion, and announce the decision to the membership. Jerry Lane provided some thoughts and ideas for gathering information when researching potential cities for a reunion.

Past Presidents Steering Committee

At the request and suggestion of multiple Association members, President Rovin recommended the creation of a group of Association members that resemble a “Board of Directors” whose responsibilities would include, but not be limited to:

- Supporting each current Truxtun Association leadership team.
- Recommending ideas, changes, and business decisions that ensure continued viability of the Truxtun Association.
- Ensuring the Truxtun Association continues to meet the needs and expectations of its members.

Following a short discussion, a decision was made to establish a permanent “**Truxtun Association Steering Committee**” to implement and achieve these goals. The Committee consists of the past (and future) Truxtun Association Presidents. See the list of Committee Members at the end of this document.

The following are the initial activities assigned to the **Truxtun Association Steering Committee** by the Association members attending the Business Meeting for their attention and resolution by the noted dates:

1. **Truxtun Association’s Bylaws** - Review and update the Association’s Bylaws. A draft of the updated Bylaws shall be ready for review by the 2016 Truxtun Reunion attendees by June 30, 2017 and by as many of the association members as possible by December 31, 2017. The final revision of the Bylaws shall be approved by the Steering Committee on April 30, 2018 and made available to the general membership by May 30, 2018.
2. **Truxtun Association Website** - Update and enhance the Truxtun Association’s website to meet the current needs of the membership. A Website Update Team led by David Pivin and supported by Jerry Kosowski and the Truxtun Association Steering Committee was appointed. David will provide the initial recommendations and concepts to the Committee no later than March 30, 2017 and the final concept will be approved and ready for implementation by June 30, 2017. Any Association members interested in helping on this project should contact David.

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3. **Social Media Outlets** - Determine if and how the various social media outlets, i.e., Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat, etc. should be used to promote the Truxtun Association. Currently the Truxtun Association does not have a specific social media outlet that it controls though there are several USS Truxtun social media outlets operated by individuals but not for the specific benefit of the Association. This task will initially be evaluated by the Truxtun Association Steering Committee and then turned over to an implementation team. Any Association members interested in helping on this project should contact Steve Rovin.
4. **Truxtun Association Dues** - Review the overall subject of “Association dues” and determine if:
1) They are required; 2) If required, how much, how often, lifetime, how to collect them, accountability for not paying dues? Steve Rovin volunteered to put a “white paper” together by June 30, 2017 for review by the Truxtun Association Steering Committee discussing the pros and cons of each of the questions posed and possible recommendations and solutions.

For the Good of The Association:

Ted Poremski informed the Business Meeting attendees that every veteran with a Honorable Discharge is entitled to a Military Funeral Ceremony. It is important that your next of kin know your desire to have the Military Ceremony performed if that is what you desire. The funeral director should ask the next of kin of a veteran if they desire a military funeral. If the funeral director does not ask, the next of kin should remind him/her.

This ceremony may be performed by an active or reserve military unit, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, or the Disabled American Veterans. A good idea is to add this request to your will.

Closing Remarks:

Prior to the close of the meeting, President Rovin stressed that each person should ensure their e-mail and postal address are updated whenever there is a change. Until the website update project is complete, please send any changes to Skip Ryan the 2017-2018 Truxtun Association President.

The Business Meeting was adjourned at 1700 hours MDT.

Past Truxtun Association Presidents

Dave Holland
Jerry Lane
Jordan Gmach
Ted Poremski
Charlie Bethea
Steve Rovin

Attachment: 2016 Truxtun Reunion Attendees

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2016 Truxtun Reunion Attendees

Last	First	Spouse	Rank/Rate	Years on Board	Hull Number
Amundson	David	Maralou			
Bergh	Howard	Irene	ETR2	1967-1969	DLGN-35
Bethea	Charles	Janice			
Butery	James	Pamela			
Byrne	Patrick	Deborah	OS1	1976-1980	CGN-35
Cummings	Dick	Maureen	IC2	1966-1969	DLGN-35
Flomerfelt	David	Linda			
Gallagher	Tim	Janet			
Gmach	Jordan	Chris	BT1	1965-1969	DLGN-35
Harrell	Jeffrey	Judy	CPO-OSC	1986-1991	CGN-35
Holland (video)	David	Gloria			
Huisingh	Kent (Harvey)	Jane	MM2	1966-1968	DLGN-35
Humlicek	Duane	Denise	MM1	1980-1984	CGN-35
Ikstrums	Ivars	Linda	LT	1981-1983	CGN-35
Jackson	Russel	Thomas			
Lane	Jerry	Shirley			
Margis	John	Maureen			
Martin	Charles	Marji			
McClelland	Michael	Becky	GMM2	1969-1972	DLGN-35
McCurley	Hugh	Kathleen			
Moore	Roy	Donna	SMC	1987-1982	CGN-35
Pivin	David	Lovina	FTM1	1968-1970	DLGN-35
Poremski	Thaddeus	Gloria			
Ramsey	Fred	Cathy			
Redler	John	Shari			
Rovin	Stephen	Sandy			
Ryan	Skip	Anna			
Sagami	Calvin		ET2	1967-1969	DLGN-35
Schmermund	George	Karen			
Shatto	Miles	Connie			
Shea	Donald	Debbe			
Smith	Doug	Margaret	CDR	1970-1973	DLGN-35
Stoute	James	Penny			
Targ	John	Evie			