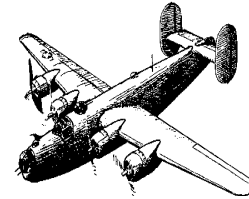


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Greetings From Your Vice President:

Our annual “Christmas Membership Meeting” will be on December 17th at the Williamsburg Country Club in Williamsburg, Virginia. Your Board of Officers and Directors believes that this is a fairly central location, considering that many members reside in the “Tidewater” and Richmond areas. For those of us who live further away, this could be an opportunity to come and stay overnight in the Williamsburg area during the Christmas season. For the ladies, shopping is available there, of course. Many stores specialize in, and stock, fantastic Christmas decorations, as well as other merchandise.

This meeting and luncheon will provide members from other areas of the state an opportunity to just socialize and get to know each other better, as we don’t plan to have a formal program and guest speaker. Jim Trask has arranged for the luncheon menu and it is included in the meeting notice on page 3 of this letter. We will need to know how many members and guests to plan for, so please call one of the members listed at the bottom of the meeting notice, or mail in your reservations to Col. Trask at the address listed. Directions to the Country Club, which is on Route 143 east of Williamsburg, are also included in the notice.

As I write this letter, our President, Bob Noziglia is hospitalized in McGuire’s Hospital in Richmond, and may not be well enough to attend and/or chair the upcoming Chapter meeting. In that case, your Vice President, Lew Burke, plans to substitute for Bob to the best of his ability.

The Next Virginia Chapter Meeting Will Be At The Williamsburg Country Club In Williamsburg, Virginia On December 17, 2005. See Meeting Details on Page 3. Get Your Reservations In By Tuesday, December 13th.

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BOARD MEETING – 17 SEPTEMBER 2005

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The Virginia Board of Directors met on 17 September 2005 at the Virginia Air Museum. The following members of the Board were present: Bob Noziglia, Paul Adams, Lew Burke, Rob Gates, Pat Grillo, Monique Pitts, and Jim Trask.

President's Report: Bob Noziglia led a discussion of the purpose of the 8th AFHS and of the Virginia Chapter. He also identified several initiatives that he wants to focus on: (1) cleaning up the membership roll, (2) planning recreational events for the next two years, (3) solicitation of *Plane Talk* inputs from Chapter members, and (4) attendance at the National Convention.

Vice President's Report: Lew Burke discussed his review of membership data. He noted that Virginia Chapter bylaws require that members be current in their national dues in order to attend meetings and vote. Lew suggested that Chapter bylaws be amended to require that members also be current in Chapter dues in order to attend meetings and vote. A motion to that effect was made, seconded, and approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The current balance in the Virginia Chapter account is \$4036.74. President Noziglia observed that the Chapter should use the money in the treasury rather than just letting it grow. Jim Trask suggested that the Virginia Chapter send \$1000 to the Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum. It was decided to postpone action on the proposal until more information was gathered at the National Convention and from John Pearson.

New Business: Bob Noziglia led a discussion of the upcoming National Convention and, in particular, who would attend and what we wanted them to learn. Bob Noziglia and Jim Trask both indicated that they planned to attend some part of the convention. Bob plans to talk to other chapters in order to find out what they've done to keep their members active. Rob Gates suggested that they see if it's possible to have other chapter newsletters sent to the *Plane Talk* editors. There was a discussion of plans for the number and location of future social meetings. Jim Trask raised his concern that two meetings per year were too few to keep the Chapter active. No action was taken on this suggestion. Pat Grillo suggested that the Coast Guard Station in Yorktown would be a good place to hold Chapter meetings. Pat and Bob Noziglia will look into it. The next meeting will be held later in the fall. Pat Grillo will look into the possibility of holding the meeting at the Coast Guard Station. Monique Pitts suggested that the spring meeting be held in Chesterfield and coordinated with the visit of the vintage aircraft to Chesterfield Airport.

**VIRGINIA CHAPTER MEETING
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2005**

Members of the Virginia Chapter of the Eighth Air Force Historical Society will meet at the Williamsburg Country Club in Williamsburg, Virginia on Saturday, December 17, 2005. The WCC can be reached from the Newport News/Hampton/Virginia Beach area by following Interstate 64W. Continue beyond Lee Hall to Exit 243B. Exit left and merge into Route 143W. Follow 143W towards Williamsburg. The WCC is .8 mile beyond the merger, on the right. From the Richmond/Western Virginia and Northern Virginia areas, follow Interstate 64 East to Williamsburg. Continue beyond Williamsburg to Exit 243B. Exit right and merge with Route 143W and go .3 of a mile towards Williamsburg. You will see the WCC on your right. From the Coleman Bridge in the Yorktown/Gloucester area, follow Route 17 east (towards Newport News) to Fort Eustis Boulevard. Turn right and proceed to its intersection with Route 143. Turn right on to 143W and follow for about 10 minutes or until you see the WCC on your right.

Members are encouraged to gather between 11 a.m. and Noon for a pre-lunch Social Hour. Lunch will be served at 12 Noon The luncheon entree will include London Broil with Merlot Sauce, Roasted Red Bliss Potatoes, Green Beans Almondine, and Rolls & Butter. Dessert is Carrot Cake. Cost of the luncheon, including gratuities and taxes is \$14.00 per person, payable to Treasurer Paul Adams or to Assistant Treasurer James Harvell, on the day of the meeting. Luncheon reservations must be received by Tuesday, December 13th..

The formal meeting will follow. President Noziglia, or Vice President Burke, if Bob is unable to attend the meeting, will share with the membership a number of concerns voiced by the Chapter Board of Directors about the future of the Society and the Virginia Chapter.

Reservation Form

Name.....**Phone**.....

Address.....

Guests (including spouse) In Your Party.....

Return Reservation Form No Later Than Tuesday, December 13th

Please Return To: James E. Trask

1184 Jamestown Road, Apt 35

Williamsburg, Virginia 23185

Or Call To Reserve: Jim Trask (757-229-9453), Bob Noziglia (804-794-8709), Lewis Burke(703-631-0510), or Rob Gates (540-663-3068).

Virginia Chapter Meeting - 14 May 2005
Williamsburg Country Club; Williamsburg, Virginia

President James Trask called the meeting to order at 1205. There were 27 members and guests in attendance. John Pearson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a silent prayer.

The meeting reconvened after lunch with Chris Bowers' presentation of the Nominating Committee report that proposed a slate of officers for the coming year. President Trask accepted the report, presented the ballot, and asked for other nominations from the floor. There were none and John Pearson moved that nominations be closed and the slate presented by the Nominating Committee be adopted by acclimation. The motion was seconded by Dick McClune and accepted unanimously.

The new officers are: President - Bob Noziglia, Vice President -Lew Burke, Treasurer - Paul Adams, Secretary - Robert Gates, Directors - Ordway Gates, James Harvell, Abe Firestone, Monique Pitts, and Pat Grillo.

The incoming President, Bob Noziglia, called Lew Burke forward to present Jim Trask with a clock and plaque in recognition of his service to the Virginia Chapter.

President Noziglia offered his thoughts on the purposes of the Virginia Chapter of the 8th AFHS – to support the purpose of the National 8th AFHS and to perpetuate the memories of the 8th AF from 1942 to the present. He also described his priorities – to validate the roster and to use the money in the treasury rather than continuing to save it. He also indicated his plans to attend the National Convention this fall to see how other chapters are handling the age issue. He also urged members to attend since it will be held in Washington, D.C.

Jim Trask presented the Treasurer's report for Paul Adams. He reported that the Chapter ended 2004 with a balance of \$3280.16 and, as of 31 March 2005, had a balance of \$3418.84. Sixty-seven members paid dues and the Chapter received a \$113 rebate from National.

President Noziglia concluded his remarks by noting that *Plane Talk* continues to be excellent and indicated that he will work with the editors. He also expressed his desire to have two general meetings per year (May and December) with one in Richmond and one in Williamsburg/Langley AFB.

Chris Bowers asked if the Chapter had any records of past members and whether or not we needed to consider an annual bill for dues. Vice-President Lew Burke responded that he sent a letter to members who were believed to be behind on their dues and received some response. He will volunteer to the Executive Board to formalize the billing process.

Several members took the opportunity to tell the members of items of interest. Ordway Gates updated the members on the health of former President Ed Ewing.