

TCA-AOG MINUTES — May 19, 2026

MONTHLY BOARD MEETING

Location: Fred Babcock VFW

1. Pledge of Allegiance

- a. Meeting convened by President Curt Brown at 1730

2. Establish Quorum

- a. Board quorum established
- b. Board members in attendance (7): Curt, Denny, Mike, Tom, Pete, Tony, Terry, Jamie

3. Introduction of Attendees

- a. Others in attendance: Bruce, and Stacy (Parent's Club)

4. Approve Minutes of Last Meeting

- a. April 21, 2026 meeting minutes approved unanimously

5. CURRENT / NEW BUSINESS

a. Heritage Dinner Debrief — Event Summary

- i. Approximately 130 attendees; smaller than prior years but still a solid showing
- ii. Held at Greg's hangar; venue and food received very positive feedback
- iii. Mark Hille attended and greatly enjoyed the evening
- iv. Stacy noted limited attendance by families of new Appointees
- v. Final financial numbers pending from CVET

b. Heritage Dinner — Event Feedback

- i. Dinner was excellent; all comments were positive; Silent auction performed well
- iii. Wine pull underperformed — possible marketing and/or layout issue
- iv. Denny: setup was great; good assistance from TCA-AOG members
- v. Minor delivery issue with Ultimate Events noted

c. Heritage Dinner — Key Improvements for Next Year

- i. Audio system concerns — feedback issues and poor sound in back rows
 - Consider better speaker placement and/or Bluetooth speakers for rear coverage
 - Improve microphone placement to reduce feedback
- ii. Wine pull should be relocated closer to silent auction area
- iii. Streamline PowerPoint presentations into a single file
- iv. Add US Space Force song alongside Air Force song in program
- v. Improve table-by-table dinner process flow with clearer serving order instructions

d. Heritage Dinner — Costs & Logistics

- i. Rental costs: ~\$3,300 (down \$700 from prior year's \$4,000)
- ii. Saved \$250 by not requiring porta potty (hangar has bathroom)
- iii. Total event cost: ~\$7,700 vs. \$9,060 in 2025
- iv. Airport requests escort service for all vendors due to recent security incidents

e. Scholarship Awards — 2026 Recipients

- i. Jack Olson (son of John Olson and Georgetta)
- ii. Joey Doherty (son of Sally Doherty)

f. Scholarship — Selection Process

- i. Selection committee: Jamie, Jason, Terry
- ii. Final weighting adjusted to 90% merit / 10% need (from original 75/25 plan)
- iii. All 5 candidates were strong; decision was difficult
- iv. Jack Olson sent a thank you card to the selection committee

g. Scholarship — Policy Clarification

- i. Question raised: if recipient receives USAFA waiver, should scholarship be returned?
- ii. Board elected to establish a return policy for this scenario
- iii. Backup candidates should be notified of this possibility upfront at time of award
- iv. Note: A similar issue occurred at West Point with a parent contesting the return

h. Board Elections & Governance

- i. Skip offered to step down from the board
- ii. Georgetta does not wish to join the board
- iii. No new nominations received; no change to board composition — remains 10 members
- iv. Officer elections (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Legal Advisor) scheduled for June

i. Upcoming Luncheon Speakers

- i. June 17: VA representative (pending confirmation — Tom to confirm)
 - Sign-Up Genius and promotional write-up needed prior to event
- ii. July 22: Michael Johnson presenting the story of Les Schrank
 - Les Schrank: WWII 8th Air Force veteran and POW
- iii. Future speaker prospect: Jim Rasmussen (WWII navigator, B-17, age 102; knows Les Schrank)
 - Terry to coordinate timing given Jim's advanced age

j. Website

- i. Website is current and up to date (Georgetta has done exceptional work maintaining the site)

k. Summer Newsletter

- i. Tom is working on content and Jamie will publish

l. ALO (Academy Liaison Officer) Update

- i. Waiting on any remaining waivers and last-minute appointments

ii. Appointment Deadline: May 31, 2026

m. Parents Club Picnic

- i. Date/Time/Location: July 18, 4:00pm @ Lake Ann Park, Chanhassen
- ii. Action: Stacy to send flyer for distribution

6. FINANCIAL STATUS

As of May 19, 2026 — Wells Fargo

a. Business Checking (...7803):	\$10,220.54	
b. Business Market Savings (...1631):	\$805.59	
c. Business Market Savings (...7049):	<u>\$3,000.07</u>	[Rick Knoll segregated funds]
Total Balance:	\$14,126.20	

- d. Significant changes expected due to Heritage Dinner expenses and scholarship payouts
- e. Rick Knoll funds (...7049) are segregated; recipient designation pending
 - i. Action: Pete to coordinate with Terry on Rick Knoll scholarship recipient designation

7. ACTION ITEMS SUMMARY

Tony

- a. Finalize Heritage Dinner financial numbers with CVET
- b. Create Sign-Up Genius for June 17 luncheon

Tom

- a. Confirm June 17 VA speaker and logistics
- b. Provide promotional write-up for June speaker
- c. ~~Send thank you note to Mark Hille~~ Pete sent Thank You
- d. Complete Summer Newsletter content

Pete

- a. Process Heritage Dinner check request from National AOG
- b. Coordinate with Terry on Rick Knoll scholarship recipient designation

Terry

- a. Coordinate timing for Jim Rasmussen as future speaker prospect

Stacy

- a. Send Parents Club picnic flyer for board distribution
- b. Parents Club meeting June 13 for additional Heritage Dinner debrief

Jamie

- a. Publish Summer Newsletter

8. Meeting Adjourned

9. Next Meeting — June 2026

- a. Officer elections: President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Legal Advisor
- b. Confirm June 17 VA luncheon details