

Army ROTC Advisory Board Minutes
01 FEB 2024, 1:00-2:30 pm
Zoom Meeting

Present

- Chairman, COL (Ret.) Barry Baer
- COL (Ret.) David Ray
- Mr. Kevin Ruelas
- Mr. Damian Friend
- COL (Ret.) Dale Farrand
- BG Jesse Morehouse
- Mr. Aaron Sager
- Ms. Angenette Nordqvist (new member)

LTC Lynae Place
MAJ Rich Sandrock
Ms. Meggan Foster

Quorum 60%, 11 members

Absent

- MAJ Sarah Howes
- COL (Ret.) Michael Stowell
- Mr. Jeff Sears
- Ms. Lisa Darrah

Meeting requirements

- Mr. Baer confirmed all members who were present and absent, quorum was met
- Mr. Baer called the meeting to order

New members presented to board to vote on

- MAJ Sandrock presented the three new members that are interested in joining the board
 - o Angenette Nordqvist, class of 1993 at UCB, served Active Duty then Reserves, currently works as the Director, QA @ Somalogic
 - o Gabe Bodner, class of 1998 at UCB, served Active Duty then Reserves, currently a Manager at One Trust Loans
 - o Andrew Flynn, class of 1986 at CSM, not affiliated with ROTC or served, went to the USCG Academy Prep School, currently the Director of Alumni Engagement at CSM
- Mr. Baer opened the floor up for discussion on the new members – he mentioned that Andrew Flynn is not a graduate of an ROTC program and asked the board if that would sway their vote to add him to the board
 - o Several members offered up their opinions on how to handle the admittance of Mr. Flynn – the group came to a concession that Mr. Flynn's association and contacts at CSM would be helpful to our cadets and Mr. Flynn has already reached out to LTC Place to assist with a CSM scholarship issue
- Once the discussions subsided, Mr. Baer called to order to take a vote on each new member – the board unanimously voted all three new members onboard

Scholarships to present at the MilBall

- MAJ Sandrock began the scholarship presentation
 - o First up was the three cadets that have applied for the COL Barry Baer Scholarship (UCB only)
 - o Second up was the two cadets that have applied for the CPT Lynn Scutellaro Memorial Scholarship
 - o The third was another scholarship that was not a board voting
- MAJ Sandrock to send out slide information to the board

Spring events

- MAJ Sandrock reviewed all upcoming spring events with the board
- LTC Place went into further details regarding
 - o The Colorado Meet that the NROTC is putting on March 7-9 – AROTC will compete in events happening on the 7th
 - o The Bataan Death March is set for March 16 where the GBB plans to send down at least two teams
 - BG Morehouse offered up space in his vehicle as he and his son will be attending
 - Mr. Ruelas offered to host the event again with hotels and whatever else is needed
 - o The Tri-Mil Awards date of April 20 is tentative, expect a new date to come out soon, since the current date conflicts with several other events per unit
 - o The Spring FTX is a joint effort between the GBB and the AROTC down at UCCS in Colorado Springs
- Ms. Nordqvist mentioned her company in Boulder is interested in setting up an internship for Cadets both short-term and potentially long-term for those Cadets going into the Guard or Reserves
- LTC Place thanked all of the board members that have already turned in their Profile PDF – she also asked the remaining members to send theirs in – the information is to assist the current Cadets to link up with a board member if they have questions that the members have experience with
- LTC Place also mentioned there will be a “Day in the Life of a Cadet” day down at MSUD where 30-40 JROTC Cadets plan to attend – they will shadow a Cadet for the entire day and get a hands-on college experience
 - o Ms. Nordqvist mentioned she has two high school students that she would like to attend the event as well – she will email Meggan with the students details
- LTC Place also talked about what the MSIIIs will be looking at during this summer’s CST – Cadet Command has introduced major changes to what and how testing exercises are graded – the GBB is in the process of making sure all of our current trainings cover all of the new changes so that our Cadets can compete on an even ground

Needs list

- MAJ Sandrock and LTC Place stepped out of the room for this portion of the board meeting
- COL Baer stated up front that the AROTC Advisory Board is not a “fund-raising board”, it will never be that – the intent of the Board is to assist with continuity, provide mentorship to Cadets, provide knowledge of former/current Army service and/or post-employment after the Army, provide assistance with classroom training if member is interested, plus many more opportunities to work with and assist the GBB
- Slides were presented from each of the 3 GBB companies that listed items that are in need for Cadet learning and training
- BG Morehouse commented that a lot of items listed are standard things that Cadet Command and the Army should be providing through their funds – BG Morehouse suggested that the 3 lists be reorganized into three categories: Needs, Wants and items that Army should be providing; he also mentioned that we should be presenting Cadet Command with the list of items that should be provided by them and ask why they are not supplied to the GBB, he did not think that just donating money to buy those Cadet Command items would assist if you looked at the bigger picture – i.e. if the GBB was not asking for those items through the Army, then they would not offer them up to us or reduce our overall Army budget for this battalion

- COL Baer and other members agreed that all items should be reorganized and that a group effort should be made to address the Cadet Command items list directly with the folks at 5th Brigade or the commanders who make the decision above our brigade

Around the Horn

- COL Baer mentioned we will try to gather for one more meeting before the end of the spring semester
- Meggan will compile the meeting minutes and send out to everyone – she will also update the Board Member contact list with the 3 new members and send that out as well

Meeting closed at 2:30 pm

Next meeting TBD ...in-person preferred with a Zoom option included