

existing processes and/or procedures brought to light by the aforementioned letter (COL Ladner 2nd), motion passed.

Again, following discussion on the topic, LTC Rick Weaver presented a motion to limit committee to 3 members of the BOD to include one Army Rep, one Air Rep and one AT Ease Gang Rep (all to be named later), (COL Ladner 2nd), motion passed. MG Collins, BG Robinson, LTC McDaniel and Col (Retired) Jackson invited back into room to proceed with remaining business.

COL Hargett stated that he would take three actions. First, the BOD would create a policy review committee. Second, the board would approve one army representative, one air representative and one retired representative to the committee. Finally, the committee would make a report.

COL Hargett thanked the BOD; for the work over the last year and turned the floor over to COL Greg Michel. COL Michel again asked for contact info from Board members.

COL Jackson announced his departure from the Board and thanked all involved.

With no other business the meeting, on motion by LTC Weaver with a second by Lt Col Cole, was adjourned at 1047.

J. ROY ROBINSON
BG, MS ARNG

Anonymous Letter: COL Hargett informed the group that an anonymous letter had been circulated to members of the At Ease Gang demanding the immediate removal of BG Robinson.

COL Hargett requested the BOD conduct the following actions:

- 1- Without disputing or debating the allegations of the letter, allow BG Robinson a chance to respond.
- 2- Then decide if any actions should be taken; and if so, what action.

BG Robinson was asked to read the letter and was allowed to address the allegations as follows:

- 1- Christmas break was established by former director LTG Mickey Walker and continued by the subsequent directors.
- 2- Regarding hiring personnel; an individual retired and was replaced. The new GS 12 position had been discussed for a period of time by the board and approved. LTC Weaver added that he had sought for the creation of the position for a significant period of time.
- 3- BG Robinson stated that he purchased the vehicle and took on the liability. This was approved by the BOD. BG Robinson states that he only purchases association gas in Mississippi and that goes on the card.
- 4- BG Goodwin established how the credit card was set up and assisted BG Robinson in obtaining his credit card. Further the card will not be issued unless there is someone personally responsible for it.
- 5- BG Robinson states that he does play tennis on Tuesday afternoons with former general officers in the Mississippi National Guard. However he states that he does so in an effort to maintain a relationship with the former officers. COL Hargett stated that he and BG Crisler checked on the manday/leave issue and there was no merit to the allegation.
- 6- BG Robinson states that he has not told anyone that as long as MG Collins is "around" he has nothing to worry about and doesn't know how anyone could construe anything he has said in that manner. BG Robinson states that the trip to Hawaii was part of planning for the NGAUS conference and attendance at the NGEDA conference. He has the itinerary for this.

COL Hargett added that he has not felt or witnessed any undue influence by BG Robinson. He then opened the meeting for discussion.

BG Robinson and LTC McDaniel were asked to leave the room during the discussion to eliminate any perception or potential of Undue Command Influence. Both agreed. MG Collins and Col (Retired) Jim Jackson also excused themselves from the room. LTC Paul McDonald made a motion for the BOD to look into the allegations in the letter and make recommendations, (LTC Tom Crosby 2nd) – motion passed. Following some discussion about "how" to accomplish the task, LTC Rick Weaver motioned to establish a Policy Review Committee to answer any issues associated to

**Board of Directors Minutes
May 4, 2014
Imperial Palace, Biloxi, MS**

Members Present:

- MG Leon Collins
- BG Roy Robinson
- BG David Kirtley
- COL Joe Hargett
- COL Greg Michel
- Col John Ladner
- COL (ret) Jim Jackson
- Col Eric Bratu
- COL Clint Walker
- LTC Tom Crosby
- LTC Rick Weaver
- LTC Allen McDaniel (NGAMS Staff)
- LTC Johnny Watford
- Lt Col Mark Kleinpeter
- Lt Col Lynn Cole
- Lt Col Wyatt Rives
- LTC Paul McDonald
- LTC Mike Keasler
- MAJ Thomas Howell
- CPT Sid Collins
- CPT David Morris
- CPT Len Fortenberry
- CPT Dennis Bittle
- CW4 Chris Peterson
- CW2 Kevin Carwyle
- One member whom the recorder failed to identify

Members absent:

- BG Luke Goodwin
- Lt Col Paul Drake
- MAJ James McGraw
- CW3 John Foster

Opening Remarks: Immediately following breakfast, on May 4, 2014 the Board of Directors was called to order by COL Hargett at 0922 hours in Conference Room E at the Imperial Palace Casino and Hotel in Biloxi, MS.

Contact Sheets and Recommendations: COL Hargett asked everyone to complete the the information sheets and make committee nominations.

Apology: COL Hargett apologized for inadvertently omitting the new BOD member from the At Ease Gang, BG Luke Goodwin.