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(POVA)

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Fellow Psywarriors,

POVA's 17th Biennial Reunion has been completed. The Association's members convened at the Marriott Cleveland East hotel in Warrensville, OH, a suburb of Cleveland, OH, from 19-22 July 2018. It was an outstanding success!

Almost 90 Psywarriors and family members assembled for this reunion, and it certainly appears that all had a great time. Old friendships were renewed, new ones made, and the ample "free time" gave our attendees the opportunity to visit some very popular Cleveland attractions. In attendance were our first two Allied members....Derrill De Herr from Australia and Anastasios Fountis from Germany. It was also POVA's first reunion ever to be reunited with several veterans of the Army of the Republic of Viet-Nam with whom we allied, fought, bled, and sometimes died to support in their time of need.

During our business meeting, POVA approved amendments to our Constitution, elected a complete slate of officers for 2018-20 Biennium, and chose the venue for the 2020 Reunion.

For more details, read on.....

C. V. (Chad) Spawr
President

New Life Members



POVA welcomes new Life members Timothy Ruiz and Bart Stovicek. POVA's Life Member roster now totals 144.

You can view our entire Life Member roster on POVA's website at <http://www.usapova.com/current-members/>

Marriott Cleveland East: An Excellent Reunion Venue

POVA's 17th Biennial Reunion was held at the Marriott Cleveland East hotel. This is a beautiful facility situated near excellent restaurants and shopping, with easy access to major venues in the Cleveland metro area. Sales Manager Polly Kondrat was tireless in helping us craft all the needed arrangements to assure that every detail was completed on time and as promised. Her capable

staff was continually present to help us, and was extremely cordial and friendly. This is a great reunion venue.



**Marriott Cleveland East
Our Reunion Hotel**

POVA’s 2018-2020 Officers and Trustees

Elections were held for the new Biennium officers to lead POVA. These officers and Trustees, who comprise POVA’s Board are:

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| President | Chad Spawr | |
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Remembering and Thanking those who Made the Reunion Successful

Our Cleveland reunion had dozens of moving parts, not all by design, and not all synchronized with each other. A large part of our success was the concentrated efforts of several “behind the scenes” people who made the job look easy, but who worked very hard to make things smooth and “easy” for all in attendance.

In particular, POVA received great support from Gina Miller, who prepares our shirts, hats, etc., and also served as an advisor on the intricate details of managing a trade-show and craft show

environment; Judy Patrick, wife of POVA Life Member Howard Patrick; and Linda Spawr, my long-suffering and patient wife who puts up with my (admittedly few) eccentricities. From left below: Gina, Linda, Judy. Thanks ladies.....you made a big difference.



Constitutional Changes Approved

POVA's members amended our Constitution, principally in providing clarifications to certain members' eligibility, voting eligibility, amendments to our Chapter provisions, and adding an additional financial control on spending. We also decided that POVA would create a new policy and procedure manual to that it is not always necessary to change the Constitution. The amended Constitution will be posted on the POVA website.

POVA Humanitarian Award to Life Member William "Doc" Forgey

Doc is one of POVA's longest serving members, and has been a strong supporter and contributor to POVA over the years. In addition, he is a Medical Doctor who has devoted his life to helping people in need with health care needs both in the US and overseas. He is tireless and totally dedicated to his work. As a result, POVA created it's first-ever "Humanitarian Award" to recognize Doc Forgey for the outstanding leader and POVA member he is. We are all better for Doc in POVA, and his community and so many others benefit from his commitment to his fellow man.

Initial Financial Results from POVA Store at Reunion

We are very pleased to report that our POVA Store at the Reunion, expertly set up and displayed by Associate Member Gina Miller, generated strong sales among those in attendance. These

results reflect only those transactions that occurred during the actual Reunion. Here is the sales report from Reunion:

<u>Thursday, July 19th</u>	Cash sales - \$295.50 Card sales - \$146.50 Net Total - \$442.00
<u>Friday, July 20th</u>	Cash sales - \$103.00 Card sales - \$256.50 Net Total - \$359.00
<u>Saturday, July 21st</u>	Cash sales - \$230.50 Card sales - \$92.50 Net Total - \$323.00
<u>Sunday, July 22nd</u>	Cash sales - \$27.50 Card sales - \$0 Net Total - \$27.50
<u>Additional Revenue</u>	Raffle: \$490.00 Donation: \$100.00 50/50: \$133.00 Registration fees collected: \$55.00
Misc Expenses	\$23.47 Bottle of JD for raffle \$62.00 Howard Patrick portion of books sales \$14.18 Credit card processing fee
<u>Summary</u>	Total Revenue Collected = \$1,929.50 Total Expenses = \$99.85 Total Store Profit = \$1,829.65

The efforts to create, stock, display, and execute POVA product sales are the sole creation of Gina Miller and her strong commitment to POVA. We have never been so prepared at previous reunions. The quality of our POVA-branded goods, the professional displays, and excellent selling skills by Gina, Jamie, Linda and Judy made a big difference. A new bar has been set!

We did manage to depart Cleveland with several inventory items, so you can visit our website, go to our Store, and purchase things you perhaps did not get in Cleveland. Remember, 100% of any profits support our efforts to strengthen POVA's ability to help our fellow veterans and their families in need.

2020 Reunion Venue Determined, rotation of Reunion sites

POVA's members chose to hold the 18th Reunion in Fayetteville, NC. Dates are not yet determined. Ft. Bragg is the home of Army psychological operations. We further decided to hold Biennial Reunions every other time in Fayetteville, so the 2020 and 2024 reunions will be held there. Other locations will be determined on a case by case basis.

Have any Reunion pictures to share?

Please send copies of your Reunion pictures so we can share these on our website and in the newsletter. We will post them as soon as possible. If you can drop them in Dropbox and share with Chad, that will expedite processing.

First-ever Reunion Partnership with PSYOP Association (POA)

The 2018 Reunion was the first in which POVA and POA partnered. Our previous reunions included POA members who were also POVA members, but for 2018, we chose to create a more structured collaboration. In particular, POA organized the first-ever "POA Rendezvous," a panel of PSYOP experts who discussed a range of significant topics of interest to all Psywarriors. The panel was held on Sunday 22 July, and featured PSYOP Regimental Commandant Robert A. B. Curris, BG-Ret. Edward Burley, COL-Ret. Lawrence Dietz, COL-Ret. Curtis Boyd, and POA President Dennis Bartow, who traveled from Germany to participate and lead the "Rendezvous."

It was an excellent panel, and the key topics of the speakers highlighted several key issues facing our PSYOP profession both today and into the future. To all our panelists.....well done!

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