



**18<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company – Otter Nest  
Business Meeting  
August 4, 2012**

The first business meeting of the Otter Nest was chaired by Jim Wittel and began at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Clarion Hotel in Branson, Missouri.

The first order of business to discuss was the whether to form an Association, a non-profit or an organization requiring membership dues. After much discussion, a Motion was made to retain the current Association's status, informal with voluntary contributions. The Motion was seconded and carried.

A discussion was held to decide the fate of future reunions and the structure of the Association. A nomination was made to have an election of the Board. Jim Wittel, the founder and organizer of the Association, stated he would like to retain his current position of founder and researcher locating other members of the 18<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company and that he would seek no further role or responsibility.

The discussion of future reunions and election of Board members was discussed in depth. After a lengthy discussion, a decision was made to have an election of the Board for the Association. A nomination for President was made. Ronald Haugen was elected. A Motion was made, seconded and carried.

Ronald took over the meeting as President and further Board members were nominated. The following nominations were made: Jan Heathcock, Secretary/Treasurer; Jeff Bickerton as Vice-President. The Motion was made, seconded and carried.

Jack Giusti volunteered to be the 2013 reunion chairman. A Motion was made not to include, as part of the 18<sup>th</sup> Aviation reunion, any other group and should only include the 18<sup>th</sup> Aviation Company, the 256<sup>th</sup> Transportation detachment, and the 163<sup>rd</sup> Medical Detachment. The Motion was seconded and carried.

A Motion for an annual reunion rather than every two years was made, seconded and carried.

Curt Childree volunteered to draw up by-laws for the Association. Curt also volunteered to issue a quarterly newsletter. A Motion was made, seconded and carried for Curt to prepare by-laws.

A Motion was made to make Curt Childree the assistant webmaster. The Motion was seconded and carried.

Wayne Jones, favorite son, spoke of his appreciation for his inclusion in the reunion.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned.

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