

**Combat Control Association  
Annual Membership Meeting  
19 December 2020  
1300 Hrs**

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**Call to order:** This 2020 Annual Membership Meeting was recorded via video/audio and can be viewed on the CCA website.

**Members in Attendance:** President Mike Lamonica (LA), Vice President Mike West (MW), Secretary Mark Nevatt (NT), Treasurer Bernie Oder (OR), Board Member Kyle Stanbro (KS), Board Member Chris Larkin (LN) Board Member John Bringolf (JB) Dennis Delaney, Mason Dula, Kenneth Featherling, Don Karpowich, Doug Kimme, John Koren, James Lundie, Abel Martens, Wayne Norrad, Patrick O'Neill, Stephen Polofka, David A. Smith, Leonard Whitten Jr., Ronald Wishart

**Agenda: LA**

- 2020 Goals
- Membership overview
- Financial review
- CCA supporting the team
- Regional reunion updates
- Old Business
- Mark Forester Scholarship Awardees
- New Business
- Questions / Topic from the team

**2020 Goals: LA**

Mike Lamonica spoke to the group regarding our goals as follows: Raise \$200,000.00; Recruit 200 New CCA Members, and Re-write CCA Bylaws. LA informed the group we fell slightly short of raising the 200k and recruiting 200 new CCA members partially due to COVID-19. However, we did come very close to reaching those goals. Additionally, LA told the group we (CCA Board) re-wrote the bylaws and successfully did so.

**Membership Overview: LA**

Mike Lamonica explained the different membership categories and the qualifications for each: Regular Member (Life or Annual) is a CCT or STO; is current on dues, and has voting rights. Associate Member is a person who applied for membership, and the CCA Board approved application; is current on dues, but has "NO" voting rights. Lastly, the Honorary Member, a person who made a substantial contribution to the CCT/STO career-field or CCA. Additionally, they were nominated by a CCA member and approved by the CCA Board, and they also have "NO" voting rights

LA gave a breakdown of all Combat Controller in the database, which total 3698 controllers who have graduated, and only 1533 belong to the CCA. Lastly, he stated that we had recruited 164/200 in 2020. 30% of our graduates are members, and we need to do a better job with this. When LA spoke to the younger generation, and the reason is the ability to keep connected! Mason Dula complemented the CCA for being so supportive during this year, mostly to members separating from the career field. An example, support during Keagan Baker's memorial service.

### **2020 Financial Review: LA**

LA said we had a decent year as we raised \$78,000, and fundamentally we spend what we raise. He used Cole Condiff as an example of raising and disbursing funds to help with his family's home. He lauded folks that have donated to the CCA. Our CCA store operates net neutral. We are providing products that are palatable to the field. Folks in the field want to see more Special Warfare/ Special Tactics products. See the 2020 Business Meeting recorded on the CCA Website for a further breakdown of financial positions.

### **CCA Supporting The Team: LA**

LA spoke about how we give back to the community, and we take fiduciary responsibility very seriously! Jim Lundie commented by stating he was pleased with how the funds were used. Some highlights LA commented on team support: CCS, STTS, JSOFSEA graduations; Mark Forester Building Dedication; Teammates in need (which was the most considerable amount spent on); Gold Star Family Memorial; Forrest Sibley Memorial Bridge Sign; Keller Memorial at AF Enlisted Heritage Hall; STTS student support for COVID lockdown; Mark Forester Annual Scholarship award; Service do for Jack Souza; Keigan Baker Memorial at Dive School; Marty Bettelyoun Memorial bench; Keigan Baker funeral flowers and Air Force Cross Ceremony support for family members to attend. For a more in-depth view regarding dollars spent, please visit the CCA website.

### **Regional Reunion Update: LA**

There is only one reunion that is firmed up, and that's the Las Vegas reunion as put out by Roger Jenerich. The Las Vegas Reunion dates are April 22-25, 2021. Go to <https://cctreunionlasvegas.com> for further information.

LA discussed how reunions should be conducted. Reunions are money-making events! We provide "seed" money; however, we get it back. The CCA does not send money for guys to drink!

There is a Nashville reunion annually, and it's the week following Mother's Day. The POC is JD Burch or Tim McCann.

LA explained if someone wanted to have a reunion, Kyle Stanbro would help.

### **Old Business: LA**

LA discussed the goals again, summarizing what the CCA raised, members recruited and re-wrote the CCA By-laws

The CCA finalized the official paperwork for CCF (501c3) (The CCA board lauded previous board member Mickey Wright for initiating this). This enabled us to raise money in different

ways and drive us to oddity roles/missions of CCA vs. CCF. LA thanked Bernie Odor (CCA Financial “guru”) for keeping the finances straight.

Lastly, LA spoke about the CCA Technology committee comprised of JB, Mike West, Ron Childress. They meet periodically to ID improvement to our website and social media presence. JB created the ability to add bio and picture to profile. JB spoke about the surveys folks got earlier in the year regarding technology for the association. JB is moving against these now, and JB wanted everyone to have a voice regarding the surveys. Some feedback received was folk liked to received Emails, Twitter, and Text messages, which folks would like to see more of this.

### **Mark Forester Scholarship Awardees: NT**

LA shared each year that the applicants are getting more and more competitive. NT shared that he has noticed that the more candidates he follows up with that do not receive the award, the more apply the following year with higher hopes. NT directs the applicants after the awardees have been identified as to how to use and “beef up” their applications for the following year. Wayne Norad explained the HICKs scholarship award through the ACA and can be available for members.

### **New Business: Board or Members**

Kyle Stanbro stated the “old guys” won the election. He said that if any of the others who ran for the CCA didn’t get the position, they could always help. The young guys are essential, and there is always a position to assist. See the CCA website for further information regarding this topic.

### **Questions or Concerns:**

Wayne Norad spoke about “anytime flight” regarding funds.