

Minutes for Worldwide Army Rangers Business Meeting July 14th 2012

Meeting called to order 1110 hrs. by Bob Dawes President

Thomas Bragg Chaplin said a prayer.

Max Mullen Sgt at Arms secured the door.

The State of the association; Bob Dawes

Progress over last 3 months

1. Bylaws and Constitution followed in all decisions.
2. Two Board of Director meeting held.
3. Three new members added to BOD, David Santini H.Caro Chapter. Rex Masters and Chuck Waters Korean War Airborne Rangers.
4. Reconnected with 75th Ranger Reg Tracy Baily, RTB and 4th Batt. Darby Association.
5. Stopped Jeep Raffle and are returning monies.
6. Visited H.Caro Chapter meeting.
7. Looking into starting Chapters at Ft. Carson and Ft. Bragg.
8. Re-established the election cycle.
9. Working on shirts, glasses to show WAR pride.
10. Put together a projected budget for the following year.

Committee Reports

1. Finance; Pete Bacerra Treas. Bill Block
\$1640.63 in General Account.
Donation account for jeep raffle has been stabilized with all monies needed for refunds removed from General Account. Donation account should be closed out by the end of the year.
2. VFW; Art Hill needs help with finances attendance is down. Having difficulty paying bills. Installing a sign so people can see the building at night. Use sign in book, required by IRS.
3. Nomination and election; Gary O'Neal
Nominations will close on July 20th 2012. A new chairperson will be appointed if Gary is nominated for an office. Ballots will be posted on line and mailed from the Chapter. Election will close on Nov. 6,2012.
4. Finance and Budget; Gary, Pete and Bob will present under new business.
5. Awards and Ceremonies; Gary O'Neal
 - a. New Ranger School Graduation pen for Officer Honor Graduate and Enlisted Honor Graduate also Distinguished Honor Graduate when it applies. Looking in a tomahawk shadow box award for next year. We also give gift cards to leadership award winners.
 - b. At 4th Batt we will provide awards for NCO, enlisted, warrant, officer and instructor of the year. No monthly awards.
 - c. We are looking for donations to offset expense. Gift cards are being provided by local stores.
 - d. These expenses will be part of next years budget. 4or 5 awards per class 11 classes per year. Pens \$30.00 each, shadowbox , approx \$120.00 each.

- e. RHOF, Chapters can nominate. Timetable, names of nominees in by Nov. 10th 2012 meeting. Paperwork in form of packet in by Dec. 1, 2012. Packets vetted and ready for submission by Jan. 1, 2013. These are suggested date.
- f. We will provide letters of appreciation to those who have helped WAR this year.
- g. David Santini asked about availability of pens for sale. Gary will put him in touch with Jeff.

Membership, Bob Dawes. Ranger Graduation cards send graduates to website, they register and that is forwarded to membership. The mechanism is in place on the web, needs to be used. Will report back by Nov. Other things we can do is to increase our presence in public, invited Rangers to our meetings, anyone can attend a general meeting per the bylaws. Looking at a split of dues between Natl and the Chapters.

Chapter Reports;

H. Caro trying to update roster. Sent out newsletter for nominations, 10 to 15 returned undeliverable. Meetings consist of same 8 to 10 people. Budget \$200.00 in donations. Need to raise membership, hoping shirts will help.

Ed Erb to start a Chapter in Huntsville area.

Ft. Carson, Bob and Gary visited met with Brian, Greg, Stacy working on a name and setting up a meeting when Brian returns from Kuiete.

Bob Howard Chapter, Ft. Bragg, Gary spoke to CG 82nd and SF. He is moving ahead with all interested.

Jim Burton asked about visiting the mountains and florida associations. Nothing is planned.

Old Business;

Romo talked about bylaws needing revision suggestions should be submitted to the Chapter leader to be forwarded to EC.

Jeep: total of 718 tickets sold. 526 refunded, 196 left to refund.

4th Batt. 2nd day food and grill donated by Darlene Snow. \$2000.00 raised for FRG.

Bob Gilbert and Cal Rollins appointed to take care of election count.

New Business;

Budget, discussed, motion to approve Bill Block, Second Romo. Approved by unanimous vote. Copy attached.

Ed Erb to check with wife on how we can cut back on bank charges.

Pete some charges may be attached to the Jeep Raffle.

Online store is now closed to all except membership. We will need a plan and inventory if we plan to reopen it. We may be better off selling at BRC and other events during the year. Gary feels it would be better for each Chapter to have it's own store. Still under discussion.

Next meeting November 10th 2012. This will be the Election Meeting.

Proposal for a joint reunion in 2013 with the Korean War Airborne Rangers.

Rex Masters talked about the history, organization and ceremonies of that group. Chuck Waters of the Korean War Airborne Ranger was also in attendance.

A vote was called to set up an exploratory committee to coordinate with Rex Masters for this reunion. Motion Willie Snow ,Second David Santini. Vote unanimous yes. Motion Passed. David Santini to chair committee POC and will report findings at November meeting. Proposed date of reunion, over RHOF 2013 at Ft. Benning.

Thomas Bragg led in a closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 1115hrs. July 14th 2012.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Dawes