

Board of Directors Meeting - May 12, 2015

2015 Reunion

San Diego, CA

Chaplain Joe Marquez opened the meeting with a prayer. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance, then a moment of silence.

The Secretary's report was given by Tim Austin, as it was on-line and available for all to see. Sam Maslowski made a motion to accept, seconded by Wambi Cook. It passed with no dissenting votes.

Roy Scott gave his President's report. He stressed the need to amend/update the by-laws. When the Society became the Association, the only thing changed was the word from Society to Association without regard to what it all meant. There are some technical and "real world" differences in the change that were not accounted for. He will be forming a committee from the different chapters with a charge to update and correct the errors that currently exist. This was well received.

The Vice President, Terry Aubrey, gave his report. He informed us that we now have the terms "Sky Soldier" and "Sky Soldiers" copywrited. We will be sharing "Sky Soldiers" with a helicopter group in Georgia. It was brought out that a pocket badge was wanted by many, Terry said he would work on getting one in the store. He then told the status of the store and it was doing better and we will be updating the operations so they should go smother.

Copies of the Treasurer's report were distributed and told they are on-line. Eldon Meade made a motion to accept them, this was seconded by Terry Gannon and passed with no dissenting votes.

Bob Cockerill gave a report for Australia and New Zealand. The Australian government finally gave the 1st RAR the Cross of Gallantry for their service with the 173rd in Vietnam. This will go into effect later this year. The members of the chapters in Australia and New Zealand are very excited to finally get what the 173rd got many years ago. All the chapters were active and doing well (CH 11, CH 19, CH 23, CH 27). Chapter 11 had a meeting 900 kilometers out of Sydney to broaden their membership. They have over 400 members in Melbourne that were 173rd members. John Deazley, New Zealand, agreed with Bob. The 1st RAR will have its "official" 50th Anniversary in July of this year. That is when they will be presented the Cross of Gallantry.

Frank Marcantonio then gave an update from the active Brigade. They are looking forward to hosting the Association for a gathering in Italy in 2017. He wanted all to start planning so they can be there.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. We, as the Association, are incorporated. However, some of the individual chapters have their own incorporation. All Chapters fall under the Association, and they should be using the Association's tax identification number on their bank accounts and other items. They must comply with the tax requirements by submitting their annual financial reports to National for the past calendar year NLT mid-January of each year as prescribed in the Association By-

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Laws, earlier if they have it. (See item #2 below.) Joe Carmody made the motion to accept. Second was by Wambi Cook. It passed.

2. Each Chapter needs to re-look at their by-laws and determine if they wish to get under the Association. This is for using the Association's tax identification number and for the Association filing a consolidated annual IRS Form 990 report for all of the Chapters. Each Chapter should fall under the Association. Why some Chapters have chosen not to, is another issue. But by complying, they will have to abide by the tax requirements to do so. This motion was made by Bob Madden and seconded by Eldon Meade. It was passed with no dissenting votes.
3. The subject of adding a Webmaster to the appointed Association positions was brought up. The motion to do this was made by James McSorley and seconded by Lester Yeargin. It passed with no dissenting votes. Eldon Meade brought out that it did not need to be in the by-laws as the appointed positions were not specified in the by-laws.
4. Frank Marcantonio brought up the issue of changing the by-laws for the Sigholtz award. The Brigade would prefer this be given to a junior officer. The Brigade has a Sky Soldier of the year and an NCO of the year, both of which represent the US Army in Europe to the US Army as a whole. This will be looked into by a committee and be brought to the Board at the 2016 Mid-Winter Conference next January.

The motion to adjourn was made by Lester Yeargin and seconded by Francis Henton. It was passed.

173RD AIRBORNE BRIGADE ASSOCIATION**2015 Reunion****2 – 6 May 2015****BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING ATTENDEES**

POSITION	NAME	NO	YES
PRESIDENT	ROY SCOTT		X
VICE-PRESIDENT	TERRY AUBREY		X
TREASURER		X	
SECRETARY	TIM AUSTIN		X
CHAPLAIN	JOE MARQUEZ		X
ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION	ERIC HITCHCOCK		X
GOLD STAR			X
MEMORIAL FOUNDATION	RAYMOND RAMIREZ		X
MEMBERSHIP		X	
STORE MANAGER	DANNY DAY		X
CH 1 CAPITOL	FRANCIS HENTON		X
CH2 NEW YORK	JOSE GONZALEZ		X
CH3 COLUMBUS. GA	BILL ACEBES		X
CH4 PHILADELPHIA	GEORGE BEMBISCHEW		X
CH5 FT BRAGG	JOSHUA HOLMES		X
CH6 CHICAGO	TERRY GANNON		X
CH7 FLORDIA	JAMES McSORLEY		X
CH 8 INLAND	ELDON MEADE		X
CH 9 NEW ENGLAND		X	
CH10 NORTHERN CA	ALBA ORTIZ	X	
CH11 AUSTRALIA	BOB COCKERILL		X
CH 13 TEXAS	JOHN BARTHELEMY		X
CH 14 SOUTHERN CA	WAMBI COOK		X
CH 15 MINNEAPOLIS	TRUDELL GUERUE		X
CH 16 WASHINGTON	STEVE KONEK		X
CH 17 MIDWEST	BILL TERRY		X
CH 18 OK	RICHARD PEREZ		X
CH 19 NEW ZEALAND	JOHN DEAZLEY		X
CH 23 AUSTRALIA		X	
CH 21 MISSOURI	KAISER STERBINSKY		X
CH 24 ROCHESTER	SAM MASLOWSKI		X
CH 25 PHOENIX	BOB MADDEN		X
CH 27 AUSTRALIA		X	
CH 28 SAN DIEGO	JON HUTCHENS		X
CH 29 NV	JOE CARMODY / RON THOMAS		X
CH 30 SC	LESTER YEARGIN		X
CH 173 ACTIVE	RICK MARCANTONIO		X