

## Blue Ridge Conference Call - 24 Jan 2012

1. Attendance - The 80th Blue Ridge Army Reserve Association Quarterly Telephone Conference call was held on Tuesday night, 24 Jan 2012 beginning at 1900. The call was attended by Blue Ridge Association officers, President Grant Porter, Secretary Pete Herbert, Treasurer Ed Polonitza, and Board members Lee Anthony, Keith Brisson, George Croughwell, Erik Imajo, John McLaren, Terry Singleton, Colleen Watson and Coretta Lankford. Carolyn Deverell and Charlie Elam sent emails that they could not call in.

2. Upcoming Events: Grant reported that planning for the 80th DVA Reunion is on schedule for 22-26 August 2012 at the Baltimore, MD BWI Marriott Hotel. The Reunion will run as usual from Weds to Sunday morning and will consist of the usual activities to include a reception on Wednesday and dinners on Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. Plans are still being finalized to arrange a dinner cruise tour of the Harbor and a day trip to the Annapolis Naval Academy. During the last teleconference in October we discussed the option of having our Blue Ridge Association annual meeting separate from the Division Veteran's Association Annual Reunion or in conjunction with the DVA Reunion. For the past two years we have had our Annual Meeting at breakfast on a Sunday. The Marriott, Baltimore, has a \$20.00 buffet breakfast and could accommodate our Annual Meeting. Pete Herbert will send out a survey and see what option for the Annual Meeting is preferred by members and will report back at the next teleconference in April.

The 80th Virginia Beach Annual Award Banquet is being held on Sat 28 Jan at the VA Beach Resort Hotel. We will have our 80th Blue Ridge Booth on display with membership and other information. Doris & Lee Anthony will present the 80th Blue Ridge Awards to the 6 Recipient. A total of \$1,500.00 will be awarded. The 80th Veterans support this program with a \$500.00 contribution. The 6 award recipients were:

1. AGR of the Year: MSG Walter M. Detrinidad, 800th LSB, Lancaster, PA
2. Jr Mil Tech Year: Karen L. Copeland, 4th Bn, 104th Regt, 94th Div, Camp Parks, CA
3. Sr Mil Tech: Rosie Pinkerton, HQ, 80th Training Command, Richmond, VA
4. Instructor of the Year: MSG Jeffrey Kennedy, 6/95th. 100th Div, San Antonio, TX
5. NCO of the Year: SFC Martin Rodriguez, 1/104th, 102nd Div, Aurora, CO
6. Soldier of the Year: SPC Emmanuel Estremerzperez, 6/100th, 94th Div, Ft Sheridan, IL

3. Secretary/Membership Report: Pete reported we have 134 Active Members, 69 Lifetime members and 65 Annual Members. We have 44 annual members who have not paid their 2012 dues. Pete and Doris will be contacting these individuals over the next few weeks. Last year if a member had not renewed their dues by 1 Mar they were dropped from the active rolls. During the Conference we welcomed the following new members:

### 2012 Members:

MSG Iris R. Everett; 4th Bde, 94th Div, Decatur, GA  
MAJ Alexia N. Fields; HQ, 80th Tng Cmd, Richmond, VA  
MSG Larry N. Adams; HQ, 80th Tng Cmd, Richmond, VA  
SGM Sonja A. Brewer; HQ, 80th Tng Cmd, Richmond, VA

### New Lifetime Members:

June S. Brown (wife of COL Jim Brown) Fredericksburg, VA  
1SG R Shelia A. Foushee; 80th Tng Cmd, Richmond, VA  
LTC Mary C. Westerwelle (Danner); HQ, 102 Div, Fort Leonard Wood, MO

4. Treasurers Report: Ed reported that our current balance is \$13,311. Our money market balance is \$10,558 and our checking account is \$2,753. We have no outstanding bills.

5. Quarterly Luncheon: Pete said Doris is working on the next quarterly luncheon. The date will probably be the last week in March, more details to follow by email. If you have a suggestion for a date and location send to Doris. We usually have between 25 attendees and this is a great opportunity for catching up on happenings at the 80th and getting together with friends.

6. 2012 Holiday Party: The Holiday party was held Sat, 10 Dec at the Holiday Inn on Belles Road in Richmond. We had 36 in attendance and had a great time. We donated over 30 toys to the Henrico Christmas Mother's Council and received a kind letter from them thanking us for our generous donation. We also held our annual Christmas raffle and raised \$245.00 for our Awards Program.

7. Scholarship Fund: George reported that his committee has received 1 application for our first Annual \$500.00 Scholarship that the Association will be awarding. It was suggested we extend the deadline from 1 Feb 2012 until 1 Mar 2012 and the Board voted unanimously to do this. Pete will send out a reminder to all members of the change.

8. Wrap-up and last call for input - The teleconference ended at 2000. The next scheduled conference call will be on Tuesday, 24 Apr 2012 at 1900.