

Blue Ridge Conference Call - 24 July 2012

1. Attendance - The 80th Blue Ridge Army Reserve Association Quarterly Telephone Conference call was held on Tuesday night, 24 July 2012 beginning at 1900. The call was attended by Blue Ridge Association officers, President Grant Porter, Vice President Doris Wollett, Secretary Pete Herbert, Treasurer Ed Polonitza, and Board Members, George Croughwell, Carolyn Deverell, Paul Hoppes, Charles Elam, Erik Imago, Terry Singleton, Colleen Watson and Coretta Lankford.

2. President's Report:

a. Grant reported that 114 individuals had registered for the 80th Division Veterans Reunion at the BWI Marriott in Baltimore, MD from 22-26 Aug 2012. 66 have signed up for the Wed Dinner, 93 have signed up for the Baltimore Harbor Dinner Cruise (7 more needed for a private deck), 74 have signed up for the Friday Dinner and 107 for the Saturday night Dinner.

b. 13 Participants have signed up for the 80th Blue Ridge Annual Breakfast Meeting on Sunday, 26 Aug at the BWI Marriott in conjunction with the 80th Division Veterans Reunion. Cost of breakfast is \$20.00; if you plan on attending and have not sent in your registration form contact Grant or Pete ASAP. This is our annual business meeting with election of officers and other Association business being conducted. Attached is current list of Officers Members and notes on if/if not the individuals would like to continue in their present position. Chaplain Manning is very supportive and will be there for the Memorial Service and the Saturday night dinner. I am waiting on a response from the MDNG for two Color Guard Requests for the Memorial Service and the Saturday night dinner. They have provided past support for Paul Wiedorfer's funeral and church.

2. Vice President's Report:

a. Our Quarterly Luncheon was held on 27 June at the Holiday Inn on Belles Road. There were 20 in attendance plus. First time Attendees were Ms Rose Marie Cooper, widow of the 80th Division's first CSM(R)Bob Cooper, MG(R)Ginn and LTC(R)Clyde Hughes. Tom Locke and Dave Gallagher traveled the farthest to attend. The food was good service quick and conversation great. Next Luncheon will be scheduled during Sep/Oct time frame, detail will be announced.

b. The 80th Training Command held a Hail and Farwell on 18 July at the Oliver Garden in Colonial Heights. Over 20 new members were welcomed to the Command and 18 members were thanked for their service. The Blue Ridge Association raffled of a shirt, hat, Christmas ornament and water bottle (those being Hailed and Farwelled were only eligible) off a shirt, hat and water bottle. COL Terry Singleton was recognized for his recent promotion. All Blue Ridge members are invited to the Hail and Farewells which are usually held each quarter; email notification will be sent out by Pete Herbert.

3. Secretary/Membership Report: Pete reported we have 125 Active Members, 76 Lifetime Members and 49 Annual Members. Our newest member is LTC Lyndon L. Johnson, a new AGR soldier in the G1 Section here in Richmond. Our complete list of members is on our website at www.80thblueridge.us

4. Treasurers Report: Ed reported we have \$5873.39 in our Checking Account and \$10560.45 in our Money Market, for a Total, \$16433.84. He thinks we are in good shape financially.

5. New Business

a. A motion was made, seconded and approved to spend an additional \$101.72 for gift packs that Pete has purchased. The Board authorized up to \$1,000.00 on the merchandise during the April teleconference but prices had risen over the past few months.

b. As voted during the April teleconference Pete will submit an inventory of all merchandise on hand every quarter. The latest inventory is attached and includes new items recently purchased.

c. George reported he is working on plans for the Annual Golf tournament tentative date is Sat, 29 Sep at the Providence Golf Course, same location as last year. Goal is to get all participants to bring along a guest. More details to follow.

d. Emily Hardy, winner of the 2012 Continuing Education Scholarship will be in town during August to accept the \$500.00 check. When Pete confirms a date he will send out notice to all with details for presentation of the award.

e. Discussion was held on changes to the Scholarship program for next year with the possibility of adding an additional scholarship and opening the award up to more individuals. This will be a topic of discussion at the Annual Meeting.

6. Wrap-up: The teleconference ended at 1935. The schedule for future conference calls will be confirmed at the Annual Meeting on 26 August.