

Blue Ridge Conference Call - 23 July 2013

- 1. Attendance:** The 80th Blue Ridge Army Reserve Association Quarterly Telephone Conference call was held on Tuesday night, 23 April 2013 beginning at 1900. Call Participants were Vice President Doris Wollett, Secretary Pete Herbert, and Board Members; Lee Anthony, Keith Brisson, Carolyn Deverell, Charlie Elam, Paul Hoppes, Erik Imago, John McLaren, and Terry Singleton.
- 2. President's Report: (Given by Doris as Grant is TDY)** We need members to step up and get involved as we will be having our election of new officers and Board members at our Annual Meeting on 8 September in Virginia Beach 80th Division Veterans 94th Annual Reunion. Grant, Doris and Pete have announced they will not seek another term with the only exception of Pete who has agreed to stay on until Jan 1, 2014 unless someone steps forward earlier. Board Members whose two year terms expire in September are Erik Imago, Coretta Lankford, Terry Singleton, J.R. White and Colleen Watson. Grant requested anyone interested in a Board or Officer Position to email him at gpmailtime@yahoo.com ASAP.
- 3. Reunion Update:(John McLaren)** John told us 96 individuals have registered so far for the Reunion. Everything is on schedule including the Dinners, Memorial Service, trips to the General of the Army Douglas MacArthur Memorial and the Battleship USS Wisconsin and the Golf Tournament at Little Creek/Virginia Beach Area.
- 4. Vice President's Report: (Doris)** Our next Quarterly Luncheon is scheduled for 8 Aug 2013 at 1230 at the Holiday Inn on Belles Road. Please email or call Doris or Pete if you are attending. This luncheon will be to honor are 2013-2014 Scholarship Winners and present them with their \$500.00 checks. The winners this year are Jordan Everett (son of MSG (R) Stacey Everett) and Leslie Stephen, Son of COL (R) Tom Stephen. Join us in congratulating the winners and their families at our luncheon.
- 5. Secretary/Membership Report: (Pete)** We currently have 125 Active Members, 89 Lifetime Members and 36 Annual Members. Our latest Lifetime Member is COL (P) Richard J. Torres, 80th DCG-OPS. Our Current membership numbers are the same as they were last year at this time but with an increase of Lifetime members from 76 to our current level of 89.
- 6. Treasurers Report: (Given by Pete as Ed is on vacation)** We have a Checking account balance of \$6,309.91, we have a Money Market balance of \$10,563.03 for a total of \$16,872.94. Expenditures since the last report on 23 April 2013 were \$1,585.24 which included: \$1,000 for Scholarships, \$203.88 for purchase of 500 Blue Ridge Pins and \$381.36 for the purchase of 1000 Blue Ridge Pens. Income since 23 April 2013 was \$900.00 from Dues and Raffles.

7. Old Business: We have received the 80th Blue Ridge Pins and will start distributing them to members at the 8 Aug Luncheon and at the 80th Veterans Reunion. Thanks for Jim and June Brown for spearheading the project; THEY LOOK GREAT!!

8. New Business:

a. Pete Recommended we not fund any games or prizes for the Sep 2013 HHC Family Day as the Family Day Activities are the same day as our Annual Meeting in VA Beach. The Board agreed and no formal vote was taken but if someone from the HHC Family Day Organization requests our support the Board will relook the issue.

b. Pete made a motion we fund \$200.00 for prizes for a raffle at the Division Reunion in September. The 80th Veterans Ladies Auxiliary had conducted raffles in the past but this year the Ladies Auxiliary have suspended operations. The raffle is fun and of great interest to all who attend and we can donate any profits to our Awards/Scholarship fund or any other venue to board chooses. The motion was seconded and past unanimously.

c. Lee Anthony will pursue trying to identify how many WWII Veterans are eligible to receive the French Legion of Merit Medal and how many have actually received the Medal. He will also try to see if we can have a ceremony at either this year's Reunion or the 2014 Reunion to honor the recipients.

9. Wrap-up: The teleconference ended at 1936. The next scheduled call will be announced after the Annual Meeting on 8 September 2013.