

80TH BLUE RIDGE ARMY RESERVE ASSOCIATION'S
POST # 50
80TH VETERANS ASSOCIATION
13TH ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES
Virginia Beach, VA
September 8, 2013



1. Opening Remarks: At 0950 President Grant Porter welcomed all members and guests to the Annual Meeting and thanked all that had attended the Veterans Reunion.

2. Vice President's Report: Doris Wollett reported we held four Quarterly Luncheons during the past year and attendance was between 20-25 members and guests. The luncheons are a great way for members to stay in touch and get updates on happenings at the 80th Tng Command. The 2012 Annual Holiday Party was attended by forty five members and guests and a raffle raised over \$320.00 for our awards program. Dozens of shoes were also donated by members and guests so J.R. White and his wife Carnell could take them on a mission to Belize and donate them to needy children.

3. Secretary's Report: Pete Herbert reported we currently have 127 active members (dues are up to date) . This compares with 125 at this time last year. We currently have 90 lifetime members and 37 Annual members from 17 states. 84 members are retired military or civilians and 43 are Active Reserve, etc. Membership for 2014 will open 1 October 2013. He also reported we raised \$260.00 on a raffle during the Veterans Reunion and sold \$180.00 in merchandise during the Reunion.

4. Treasurer's Report: Doris Wollett read the following report for Treasurer Ed Polonitza who could not attend the meeting:

Money Market Balance: \$10,563.48 Year End 2012 Balance
Checking Balance: 5,993.15 Year End 2012 Balance
Total 16,555.63 Year End 2012 Balance

Money Market Balance: \$10,563.48 as of 8 Sep 2013
Checking Balance: 6,594.91 as of 8 Sep 2013
Total 17,157.94 as of 8 Sep 2013.09.11

Receipts Year to Date: \$3,508.00 (Dues & Misc)

Expenses Year to Date: \$3,700.24 (Dues to Veterans=\$2,115.00, Purchase of Ink Pens and Buttons=\$585.24 and \$1,000 for two Scholarships)

5. Old Business:

a. Awards Program: Our awards program for 80th Soldiers and Civilians remains suspended until a proper venue to present the awards can be established. SGM Wills is aware of the Association's concerns.

b. Scholarship Fund: We awarded two Continuing Education Scholarships for \$500.00 each this year. Recipients were Jordan Everett, daughter of Lifetime Member MSG Tracey Everett and Leslie Stephen, son of Lifetime Member COL ® Tom Stephen. Jordan is attending George Mason University and Leslie is attending Christopher Newport University. The Scholarships were awarded on 8 August during our Quarterly Luncheon. .

c. Annual Golf Tournament: Grant Porter and John McLaren reported our 4th Blue Ridge Golf Tournament, on 6 Sep, was a great success. We had twelve golfers, including one WWII Veteran, at the 18 hole event held at Eagle Haven Golf Course at Little Creek Amphibious Base here in VA Beach. Blue Ridge Merchandise was awarded to all participants and approximately \$100.00 was raised for the Association (final tally soon).

New Business:

a. The following slate of Officers and Board of Directors were nominated and elected:

President: SGM Giovanni A. Mejia, serving at the 94th Division

Vice- President: 1SG (R) Shelia A. Mejia-Rosario, former 80th HHC 1SG

Board of Directors: COL Erik E. Imajo, Internal Review, 80th Tng Cmd

Board Of Directors: COL Brydon D. Jackson, 1st Bde, QM, Charleston, WV

Board of Directors: SFC (R) Coretta K. Lankford

Board of Directors: COL Terry W. Singleton. G1 80th Tng Cmd

Board of Directors: CSM (R) J.R. White

b. Doris Wollett announced that we have scheduled our 4rd Annual Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn on Belles Road in Richmond on Saturday, 14. Dec 2013. A flyer will be published and distributed soon. She is also working on a quarterly luncheon schedule with the next luncheon to be announced for Oct 2013.

c. A motion was made, seconded, and after discussion passed unanimously to award two \$500.00 scholarships in 2013 to any first year or already enrolled college student and to rename the Scholarship Awards the "80th Blue Ridge Fallen Comrade Scholarship Program.

d. A motion was made, seconded and after discussion passed unanimously to create an Ad Hoc Committee to make a recommendation for the date and location of the 2014 Annual Meeting; COL ® Jim Brown will chair the committee and will be joined by members MAJ ® McLaren and Dr. Lee Anthony. The Committee will report to the Board of Directors during the Oct 2103 Teleconference.

e. A reminder to all about the Oct 19-20 Staff Ride in Fredericksburg, VA being organized by COL ® Rick Littleton and MG ® McLaren. Contact Rick, by 1 Oct if you are interested.

f. A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to purchase 150 2014 Calendars to be distributed to members and potential members . Cost will not exceed \$250.00.

7. A motion was made, seconded and after discussion passed unanimously to continue with quarterly teleconferences for the remainder of 2013 and 2014 on the 4th Tuesday of Oct, Jan, Apr and Jul. (Oct 22, 2013, Jan 28, 2014, Apr 22, 2014 and Jul 22, 2014.

Adjournment: A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to adjourn at 1100.