

Minutes of General Membership Meeting
13 June 2019, Cleveland, Ohio
(Meeting held in Sheffield Village, Ohio)

The meeting was called to order by the President, Ted Janosko, at 0930. Twenty-eight of the thirty members attending the Reunion were present. Association Chaplain Roger Edwards provided the invocation while John Hoetker led the gathering in the Pledge of Allegiance. The roll of the officers was called by Dan Gillotti. Bob Waldron, secretary, and Chuck Causey, quartermaster, were unable to attend the reunion.

While there were no new members, several individuals were attending their first reunion, and they were recognized.

The report of the finance officer was distributed (copy attached). John Dynes also proposed that records being held by former treasurers Pat Little and Jim Harris be destroyed, as there did not seem to be any reason for storing these old documents when they were of no use as tax records or reference materials. After some discussion, it was moved, seconded and approved to permit the former treasurers to destroy records over 7 years old.

Darrell Comer reported on membership matters. Inasmuch as there are a significant number of members for whom we have no valid contact information, Darrell indicated that he would look into this, and LTC Hilt said that any members with "dot mil" email addresses should be passed on to him for a search.

The Quartermaster not being present, Jim Harris provided a brief message on the availability of quartermaster items, namely by contacting Chuck Causey through his email.

Saverio Grimaldi, the webmaster, issued an appeal for pictures and input from the attendees for the website.

The Veterans' Affairs Officer, Pat Little, led a discussion of the current benefits available to former military persons, and urged members to get VA credentials, whether needed at the moment or not.

Under new business, Ted Janosko confirmed that the Honorary Colonel and Sergeant Major, Frank Siltman and John Hoetker, had both agreed to extend their terms of office. Ted pointed out that elections for president and the vice presidents would be held at Fort Sill next year and that candidates were needed.

The Fort Sill reunion in 2020 will most likely take place 8 to 12 June, as LTC Hilt indicated that those dates will cover the change of command ceremony as it is now scheduled.

A discussion of sites for the 2021 reunion covered a number of potential venues, but ultimately it was decided to focus on Kansas City, New Orleans, and San Antonio over Dayton, Tucson, and Branson. A “point man” for each of these locations will have to be found to do the research on the three favored sites, and to present the material next year.

Other new business: Insurance coverage for the ST Barbara statue was discussed. The concern is the frequency with which the statue is moved about, and potential damage resulting from the handling. LTC Hilt indicated that he would look into the insurance question and give us more information.

Mike Thomas told the members that the costs of the shirts and hats which he has provided may increase in 2020 because, among other costs, of the extra embroidery involved in personalizing the items for the reunion site involved.

Pat Little raised the issue of what will happen to the remaining funds and other memorabilia when the Association reaches a point where continuation is no longer feasible. It was decided to have a committee consisting of the President, the 2 vice-presidents, the treasurer, and the Battalion Commander look into the concern.

The meeting closed with the benediction, again from Roger Edwards, and honors to the country and flag, led by John Hoetker.

The meeting adjourned at 1120 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Dynes
Treasurer