

BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 23, 2013
LOUISVILLE, KY

- 1) Attendees:
 - a) John Klump
 - b) Gene Spicer
 - c) Mel Frederick
 - d) Bill Tricarico
 - e) Tom Appler
 - f) George Vlastic
 - g) Glen Carpenter
 - h) Don Maggio
 - i) John Dunn

- 2) Chaplain Carpenter opened the meeting at 6 PM with a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance

- 3) John Dunn gave financial report which will be published in the ***Taro Leaf***
 - a) CD is earning 0.5% and Tom Appler suggested there are places paying 2.5% - 3% that can be found on-line
 - b) John will seek those in the Birmingham, AL area so funds do not get dispersed
 - c) Positive financial position indicates we do not need to increase annual or life member dues

- 4) Donation Drawing:
 - a) Glenn Carpenter reported contributions from this endeavor have been declining
 - b) John Dunn will assume these responsibilities from Glenn for future reunions

- 5) Reunions:
 - a) After reviewing Mike Frederick's information the Board of Directors (BOD) chose to recommend the Omaha Marriott for the 2014 reunion
 - b) Several members suggested we seek to combine reunions with the 5th RCT, Co. A 2nd BN, 21st INF RGT, and others to increase numbers for better rates.
 - c) George Vlastic will continue to put announcements of our reunions in various veterans' publications
 - d) Future reunions:
 - i) Post card poll from ***Taro Leaf*** resulted in 38 responses: 9 to alternate between all locations, 13 approve of central location but also favor

alternating between all three options, 14 want reunions in central location, and 2 did not have a preference.

- ii) BOD will ask Mike Frederick to consider Branson MO, San Antonio TX, Indianapolis IN, Columbia & Charleston SC, Savannah GA, and Columbus GA (because of its unique museum). The SC & GA sites would only be considered if the costs were extremely beneficial.

6) Membership:

- a) Tom Appler reported we had gained 9 new members from his efforts on Facebook
- b) Recruiting needs to be a priority of everyone

7) Verbeck Award: Mel Frederick moved we accept the recommendation of the Verbeck Committee on the member eligible for the award. John Klump seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous voice vote.

8) John Dunn moved that BOD create an award to anyone for meritorious service and contribution to the Association as determined by the BOD or their designees. All members may recommend to the BOD nominees for consideration. Mel Frederick seconded the motion and it was passed by unanimous voice vote.

9) Medal of Honor Plaque: During the meeting we received a call from Sal Schillaci announcing he had been contacted by an official from Arlington National Cemetery indication with the submission of one more form and a letter of request placement of the plaque may be approved. The official indicated there were staff members who would be available to help draft the letter of request to enhance the chances of approval.

10) To incent more people to attend the annual reunions a motion was made by Gene Spicer to waive the registration fee for guests if a member brings 3 or more with him. The Association will pay the registration fees for those fees waived. (In essence the member would pay only the registration fees of only himself and one guest.)

- 11) QM:
 - a) The retail value of inventory is said to be \$15,000 - \$20,000, which seems higher than necessary. Some items are not selling and should be put on reduced prices.
 - b) The order form in the *Taro Leaf* is not user friendly and should revert to a 2-page spreadsheet.

- 12) Gene Spicer moved to close the meeting and it was seconded by John Dunn. The motion passed by voice vote.