



1/5 Vietnam Veterans Unit Chapter Meeting

Thursday, 4 August 2005; Minutes

1. Call to Order – President Gerry Regan
2. Moment of Silence (In lieu of Invocation)
3. Financial Reports (as of 7-31-2005) were handed out to the members present – Nick Warr will arrange for a review of the Chapter's Financial System and Bookkeeping in January, 2006, by a local (Hendersonville, NC) CPA firm, Carland and Anderson.
4. Chapter Incorporation – The 1/5 Vietnam Veterans are now a 501 (c) 19 corporation; we are tax-exempt and a recognized veterans charitable group in the State of North Carolina. Board of Directors Nominations: Joe Fenech – H&S Company, Ben Drollinger, Bravo Company, and Rick Zell – Alpha Company, have both accepted positions on the Board of Directors. New Board of Directors: (Nick Warr (Charlie), John Mullan (Charlie), Ben Drollinger (Bravo), Joe Fenech (H&S), Rick Zell (Alpha)) was confirmed by unanimous vote of members present. We are seeking a 1/5 Vietnam Veteran who served in Delta Company to be named to our Board of Directors. We would like this individual to be someone who attends the reunions every year, if at all possible.
5. Chapter Officers Election Results: New Chapter Officers (Gerry Regan, President; Harold Thrasher, Vice President; Ed Engel, Secretary; Nick Warr, Treasurer; Jim Geracimos, Chaplain; Carl Stanford, Sergeant at Arms; John Erskine, Legal Officer) were confirmed by unanimous vote of members present. These new officers will serve a two-year term.
6. Committee Chairs Reports: Finance – Dorian Dula; Membership – John Erskine; History – Ed Engel & Harold Thrasher; Reunion – Del Best & John Erskine; Fund Raising – Nick Warr & Rick Materna; Newsletter – Nick Warr & John Mullan.
7. Life Chapter Membership: Discussed a Recommendation from the Chapter Officers to offer Life Memberships in the 1/5 Vietnam Veterans Unit Chapter, which was presented in writing to the Chapter Members during the Members Meeting. A lively discussion of this issue took place, with several different proposals being discussed. A motion was made and seconded that Life Membership in the 1/5 Vietnam Veterans Unit Chapter will be offered to those current Chapter Members who have maintained annual membership for five consecutive years. This approach means that Life Membership in our chapter will be available on 1/1/2008 to those loyal chapter members who were Charter Members and who have maintained their annual memberships continuously since our charter (April, 2003). Life Membership dues will be \$150.00 to those who qualify.
8. New Webmaster – Bob Crabtree. Bob has commenced a major overhaul of the website.
9. 1st Mar Div Assn Scholarship Program Donation for 2005: A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved, to donate \$1,000.00 to the 1st Marine Division Scholarship Fund. A check, in the amount of \$1,000.00 was presented to the 1st Marine Division Association for the Scholarship Fund from the 1/5 Vietnam Veterans during the Saturday business meeting.

10. A check, in the amount of \$1,079.50, was presented to Bob Poulin as reimbursement for his purchase of the company and battalion flags, during the Members Meeting. This partial reimbursement to Bob Poulin was made possible by individual donations from many chapter members over the past several months, so "the kitty" was not affected. Bob Poulin insisted on paying for the USA flag, the POW flag, the flag poles, and the various eagle tops and spear tops for the flag poles, as well as the flag case, a total of \$814.60 out of his own pocket. Semper Fi, Bob!
11. A motion was made and seconded to drop from our rolls any member who hasn't paid dues in the last three years. Discussion was conducted, and the motion was tabled until further notice.
12. Volunteers were sought to assist with the flag ceremony at the Memorial Ceremony which will take place at The Liberty Memorial, 2:00 pm, Saturday, 6 August 2005. Those who volunteer will need to be at The Liberty Memorial by no later than 11:00 am to help set up the flag formation.
13. Open Discussion.
14. Next Chapter Meeting Scheduled to take place at the 1st Marine Division Assn. reunion which will take place on 23 - 27 August 2006, in Denver, Colorado.
15. Moment of Silence (In lieu of Benediction)
16. Adjournment