

**MINUTES 2009 GENERAL BUSINESS MEETING
1/50 INFANTRY ASSOCIATION
05 AUGUST 2009
PHENIX CITY, ALABAMA**

The Bi-Annual 1/50 Infantry Association General Business Meeting was conducted at the Captains Room, Quality Inn Hotel, 1700 S. U.S. 280 Bypass, Phenix City, Alabama 36867.

Invocation- Chaplain Parker Pierce offered an opening prayer.

President James Segars brought the meeting to order at 0935 EDT and led the membership in a recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Segars presented a 1/50th Flag to the membership.

The President offered the minutes to the 2007 General Business Meeting. A motion was made to accept the minutes as previously published in Association Newsletters and Computer based data. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the membership.

The President proposed a motion be made to allow the executive committee to make special membership appointments as deemed necessary in special cases. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the membership.

The President recognized Treasurer, Charles McAleer, who offered the bi-annual treasurers report. The treasurer explained the continuing yearly expenditures and costs associated with operation of the Association. The treasurer pointed out, without identifying individuals, that eleven (11) of the members currently in attendance were delinquent in dues. The Treasurer recommended that becoming a life member would eliminate the need to remember to pay dues yearly. The Treasurer would remain available throughout the reunion to accept delinquent dues. Bob Gold put forth a motion that a schedule of dues payments be posted on the web-site and newsletter to remind members to pay their dues. The motion was seconded and approved without dissent.

The Treasurer recommended the reduction of the size and or frequency of the newsletter mailings to reduce cost. John Topper was recognized and reported the annual cost of publishing, printing and mailing is about \$2000.00. In so much as the news letters were published on the association web-site, recommended that members with computer access and skills could request that their names be

withdrawn from the mailing list to reduce costs in printing and mailing. For those without computer access the newsletter would still be provided.

The President recognized Ken Riley and his contribution in and for the association as a founding member and organizer.

The President asked the membership if there was any Old Business to be discussed No Old Business was brought forth from the floor.

The President opened the floor for New Business.

Jim Sheppard rose to report on the progress of contacting and invitations to the Memorial Service of family members of our KIA casualties. Jim had received several confirmations with three currently in attendance. Jim expected as many as twenty-five to attend the Memorial Service on 6 August.

Jim Sheppard reported that through his research, there are 34 names on our memorial that were not actually members of the 1/50 when KIA. It was agreed that all names currently on the memorial would remain in recognition of their sacrifice. Seven additional names were discovered missing. It was agreed to explore adding another plaque to the existing monument.

Jay Copley rose to report on the “Paver” program at the newly completed National Infantry Museum. Jay recommended that the Association purchase a “Paver” in the name of the Association to honor our KIA casualties. The cost of a single “Paver” is \$250.00. A motion to purchase a “Paver” was made, seconded and unanimously approved by the membership.

Toby Milroy rose to recommend a 50/50 drawing at the Reunion Banquet on 6 August. President Segars appointed Toby Milroy to organize and conduct the 50/50.

Diana Clark rose to recommend that the Association obtain white Carnations to present to KIA families at the Memorial Service on 6 August. Without dissent Diana agreed to contact local florists to research the issue.

The President recommended that the current executive committee, consisting of the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Historian, Counsel, Chaplain and Chairman Emeritus be retained for another two year term.

The floor was opened for nominations.

With no nominations brought forth a motion was made to retain the current committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved by the membership.

The retained Committee:

President	James Segars
Vice President	Ronald Leraas
Treasurer	Charles McAleer
Secretary	Gary Quint
Historian	James Sheppard
Counsel	Harry Wilson
Chaplain	Parker Pierce
Chairman Emeritus	Kenneth Riley

The President recommends that the 2011 Reunion return to Ft. Benning and opened the floor for discussion.

Ken Riley rose to propose an off year gathering in a more centralized location of the country to make it easier financially as well as geographically for other members to attend. It was pointed out that some members find it burdensome or impossible to travel to the east coast on a regular basis. Mr. Riley reports that several members have contacted him with complaints of the repeated return to Ft. Benning for the reunions and that they will no longer travel to Ft. Benning. Mr. Riley feels that a location in the mid-west or possibly San Antonio, Texas would make it easier on some members. Mr. Riley offered to organize such a gathering if there is sufficient interest and to contact him directly by phone or e-mail.

With no further requests for discussion the floor was closed.

A motion was made from the floor to return to Ft. Benning in 2011 for the reunion. The motion was seconded and passed without dissent.

No further New Business was suggested and the floor was closed for New Business.

Benediction: Chaplain, Parker Pierce offered a closing prayer.

President Segars adjourned the meeting at 1030 EDT.