



1 / 50TH INFANTRY ASSOCIATION  
GENERAL MEETING  
16 MAY 2019

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President Jim Segars call the meeting to order at 9:30 on 16 May 2019.

Chaplain Toby Jordan gave the invocation

President Segars led the Association in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### SECRETARY REPORT

Secretary Quint, in lieu of reading the minutes of the previous meeting, requested that a motion be made to accept the minutes as published in the on-line version of the April 2019 News Letter.

George Bell made a motion to accept the minutes as published and the motion was seconded by John Topper.

The motion was passed by the general membership

#### TREASURER REPORT

Treasurer Chuck McAleer reported that after all expenses and in spite of reducing the registration fee, the Association should have \$20,000 in its coffers. This is due to contributions that have been made by Tom and Diana Clark as well as the son of a former Charlie Company Platoon Leader who passed away last year, Seth Sindel.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Treasurer Report. This motion was carried by the majority of members

#### OLD BUSINESS

President Segars asked if there was any old business. There was no old business brought forth by the membership

## NEW BUSINESS

John Topper informed the members that he has filed the proper documents to obtain a Valorous Unit Citation for the Battalion.

Bruce Braun proposed that the Association contribute \$5,000 to the National Museum of the United States Army presently under construction at Fort Belvoir Virginia. The contribution will buy a block that will be incorporated into the building. The design of the block will be at the Associations discretion.

Chuck McAleer reported that after the \$5,000 contribution had been considered in the expenses of this year's reunion and therefore, the treasury will still retain a balance of \$20,000 after the contribution is made.

A motion to carry was made by Bruce Braun

The motion was seconded by Chuck McAleer and approved by vote of the membership.

## JIM SHEPPARD

Jim Sheppard explained that the panorama World War I photo that the Association would present to the Battalion was framed by Association Life Member Steve Escott at no charge. He asked that we remember a KIA Bruce Backes and former 3<sup>rd</sup> Platoon of C company Veteran Walt Landry.

Jim has digitized 5,000 pages in PDF form and this information on thumb drive for \$10 as well as the directory for \$10. All money is not for profit but will be used for his expenses.

President Segars announced that the busses, for the Turning Blue Ceremony, would be leaving at 7:45 am on 5/16/2019. Everyone is to wear the shirts they received at this year's reunion.

## JIM SEGARS

Jim Segars asked if there were any suggestions for a meeting place for the next reunion.

Bob Schaller made a motion that the reunion be held in St. Louis, MO.

No one seconded the motion. For the lack of a second to the motion no vote was initiated.

Secretary Quint made a motion that we return to Fort Benning.

The motion was seconded by John Topper and was carried by the majority of members.

## PARKER PIERCE

Parker Pierce requested a change in the month the Association holds the reunions due to children being in school and high school graduations etc.

John Topper explained that the date of our reunion is based on the schedule of graduations at Ft. Benning which is determined by the Department of the Army. It has been traditionally the last week of April or the first week of May.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

There were no nominations brought forward by the membership

John Topper made a motion that the current slate of board officers be re-elected for another two year term.

President:	James Segars
Vice President:	Roberto Melendez
Secretary:	Gary Quint
Treasurer:	Charles McAleer
Historian:	James Sheppard
Chaplain:	Lawrence Jordan
Legal Advisor:	Harry Wilson

The motion was seconded and carried by the majority of members.

## OPEN BUSINESS

Bob Quick asked if the Association could advertise, for example in the American Legion magazine, as he found us by chance.

President Segars explained that the publications require notice six months in advance and the graduation schedule varies making it difficult to provide correct information.

Jim Sheppard volunteered to research what regulations publications have before the next reunion.

If it is possible to publish, Talmadge Cain will give his E-mail as a contact.

## REGISTRATION

Since the shirts for the reunion must be ordered 8 weeks in advance John Topper reminded everyone to register as early as possible so as to improve the sizing disparity.

## NEWSLETTER

President Segars mentioned that the News Letter has a lot of information and encouraged all members to go on-line to read the News Letter as well as the Association Web-site. The News Letter can also be mailed for those who do not have a computer.

## INCIDENTAL BUSINESS

Secretary Quint mentioned that the shirts are distributed according to the date the registration form is received which assures that you get the size you need.

He also mentioned that if riding the bus to be sure to take the same bus on your return trip as the bus you rode on arriving. The drivers must do a head count and if the number is off it causes unnecessary delays.

## ADJOURNMENT

President Segars made a motion to Adjourn which was seconded by Gary Quint and carried by the majority

## BENEDICTION

Chaplain Jordan gave the Benediction