

## **Board Meeting of October 11, 2017**

### **Meeting Called to order October 11, 2017**

Present:

Andy Blenkle  
Walt Flynn  
Steve McComb  
Jack Sheehan  
Tom Howe  
Dave Wall  
Sam McClinchie  
Pete Clay  
Chuck Sooter

Strap Hangers:

Terry Cox  
Dave Mellon

Absent: Jim Herak

Andy Blenkle raised the matter of the minutes of the last meeting in 2015 and their approval. Walt Flynn observed that Board Members had approved those minutes electronically.

Walt will make a motion at the meeting of the General Membership that the general population accepts all three of the previous meetings.

#### **Steve McComb presented the Treasurer's report (Attached)**

Received \$2,365.01 from the 39<sup>th</sup> OCC Class/TBS-4-66. That class has decided to join our class. Our intake was higher than previous years and expenses were down,

Donations were made to Marine Corps Scholarship Fund and Semper Fi Fund. Projecting a \$5000 surplus for year-end.

Binders will be made available in the Hospitality Room for general membership to review of Bereavement, Charities we support and General Financial matters.

Steve has reviewed the ratings of both the Semper Fi and Marine Corps Scholarship Fund and those funds are top rated. 4 Star & A+ to both. Steve cited an example of a Marine Corps related charity, which had a very low rating.

Andy Blenkle gave brief update on the history and negotiations with the El Tropicano Hotel

## **Committee Reports**

**Bereavement** by Pete Clay – 6 Deaths in 2017 and 4 in 2016.

**Charitable** – Walt Flynn

Walt referenced Steve McComb's earlier report.

**Reunion 2019 – General Discussion.** Matrix for Reunions is changing. Plan to poll members, wives for what they want. May not have to opportunity to associate with a Marine Organization. Boston would be great but Hotels and Traffic may be an issue. Larry Aker wants to go to Newport/Boston. Stan Pasioka may look at Canada/USA Cruise. Problem with cruise is all quarters are for two and costs average about \$7000 all in. Large cruise ships may have such a large population that our group would be lost. Sometimes at Carnival you can arrange for some isolation.

We may lose members from West of Mississippi if we are in New England.

Keep in mind travel time and also Landed Costs.

General sentiment that we should use Consolidators before making a decision. That is, Professional Travel Firms/Chambers of Commerce/Consolidators are better than we are (unschooled in travel.) In Norfolk, we used **Visit Norfolk** to great success. We need to solicit feedback from the troops – all agreed.

## **Nominations:**

Pete Clay recommends that we have staggered terms so as to shuffle the board. General discussion followed that we need to get the broader membership involved and avoid any sense of a clique.

Pete Clay proposed a motion that we have staggered terms and Term Limits

Seconded: Walt Flynn

All supported

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| President        | Walt Flynn   |
| Vice President   | Jim Herak    |
| Treasurer        | Steve McComb |
| Secretary        | Jack Sheehan |
| Sergeant-at-Arms | Tom Howe     |

Directors                      Andy Blenkle - Past President – **expires 2019**

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| Larry Aker      | <i>expires 2021</i> |
| Sam McClinchie  | <b>expires 2019</b> |
| Lonnie Myers    | <i>expires 2021</i> |
| Bob Rix         | <b>expires 2019</b> |
| Chuck Sooter    | <b>expires 2019</b> |
| Greg Stockstill | <i>expires 2021</i> |
| Dave Wall       | <i>expires 2021</i> |

## **Report from Terry Cox about Story Night.**

First time to have a semi-organized reflection on OCS, TBS on Thursday night process and then on Friday the tours in Vietnam. Terry would function as a facilitator.

### **Report from Dave Mellon about Memorial Service**

Various speakers have been set up. The Guidons will be carried over and set in display. The members will assemble at the Memorial Sculpture.

Dave outlined structure of the events and the Memorial Sculpture is of a scene on Hill 881 South-3 of our class died during the Hill Fights and of those one was killed on Hill 881 South. The Memorial Program shows the Hill Fights & Khe Sahn topography, etc. with notations of where each of our KIAs died. Benediction by Steve Snyder and John Baines will speak – John Baines is responsible for the San Antonio Vietnam Memorial creation.

Andy thanked both Terry and Dave for their work on both programs for our reunion.

### **Old Business: No old Business**

**New Business:** Tom Cartlidge represents a Boot Maker that makes boots for Wounded Warriors. We will allow Tom to make an announcement to solicit donations. A general discussion followed and Steve McComb then mentioned that this charity and all others should be vetted by Charity Navigator and Charity Watch.

Dave Wall will make a pitch about going back to Vietnam

Walt Flynn moved that we adjourn.

Seconded by Andy Blenkle

All in favor.