General Membership/All Hands Business Meeting - October 14thth

Andy Blenkle called meeting to order

Andy reviewed schedule for remaining events of Reunion.

Pictures will be delivered this PM – Get your money in.

Sergeant of Arms Tom Howe certified that we had a quorum.

Andy Blenkle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andy presented the Minutes of the previous Meeting.

Walt Flynn made a motion that we approve the minutes of the previous meeting and confirm the actions by the Board

Seconded: ?? Pete Clay ?? All in favor- "ayes" have it.

Treasurers Report –Steve McComb pointed out that the report and details are, have been and will continue to be displayed on the table at right front of audience (members.)

Steve delivered a general report to include the absorption of the membership of 39^{th} OCC/TBS 4-66 and their treasury.

General outline of Bereavement and Charity efforts for time since last reunion.

Walt Flynn Moved that we accept the Treasurer's report

Seconded by Sam McClinchie

Walt Flynn stated that as a Members 401C Organization we are entitled to deduct all expenses associated with attending this Business Meeting- these are treated as Business Expenses.

Steve McComb covered bereavement.

General discussion about getting info regarding contact info for the deceased.

Nominations presented by Pete Clay:

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

Larry Aker	expires 2021
Sam McClinchie	expires 2019
Lonnie Myers	expires 2021
Bob Rix	expires 2019
Chuck Sooter	expires 2019
Greg Stockstill	expires 2021
Dave Wall	expires 2012

Motion to Close Nominations
Motion by Dave Mellon
Seconded by John Morrison
All in Favor-"ayes" have it.

Motion to approve Nominations

Motion to approve by John Morrison
Seconded by Mike Parker

All in Favor-"ayes" have it.

Old Business – Nothing to report

New Business - Tom Cartlidge talked about Olsen-Stelzer that produces boots for Wounded Warriors. Three Wounded Warriors will be here today at Noon to receive their boots. Individual contributions will be accepted. Tom spoke movingly about how well received these efforts were with the Wounded Warrior principals and families.

Andy Blenkle spoke about the 5th Marines Memorial being created at San Mateo/Pendleton. Steve Caldwell is in charge of it. Opens Memorial Day 2018

Dave Wall spoke about the "Return to Vietnam" Tours that Dave & Sam McClinchie had been running and gave an outline of the 2-week tour and other elements. Safe comfortable travel – tour coming up in January 2018. \$2700 plus air fare.

Chuck Sooter - Presented an idea of a book with stories by individuals of their time in Vietnam (10-12 pages each) contact Chuck to see if these stories may be self

published. Marsh Carter (Chuck's Company CO in Vietnam, did such an effort called "Valor in Vietnam."

Jack Sheehan - Challenge Coins - \$15 each.

Where do we go from here – general discussion. Show of hands – Continue to March.

Walt Flynn – Site of the next reunion:

Boston-Constitution. Walk freedom Trail

Philadelphia-Tun Tavern

Newport

Pensacola

Charlestown, SC

Kansas City - John Admire War Museum

Orlando-Military Hotel - Shades of Green

Chicago

Buford

Hawaii or a cruise?

San Francisco – discussing for 2021? Might be costly-Fleet Week an issue? Single occupancy on a cruise adds 30% to cost VS Couples.

Must use Professional Facilitators – charge of \$2500 in Norfolk Reunion including buses, etc.

Avoid hurricane season

Flight Hubs are important

Must have members on the ground at a site to facilitate the efforts.

Reunions costs have been bourn by attendees.

Hope we can in some way be associated with active duty Marines at these reunions.

We decided to bring the Marines to us at the Barbecue so that we could spend more time with them and not so much in Weapons displays, etc. Better for wives attending.

General discussions of several other locations

Motion to have President to make a destination decision by Dave Mellon Seconded by Sam McClinchie

Discussion on the Motion- with John Admire who suggested that the leadership distill the various destinations and that we offer three choices to the members for their votes.

Walt said he would be foolish to ignore the wishes of the members/wives and that John's request is basically what we do anyway.

All in favor of the original motion (by Dave Mellon) – the "ayes" have it.

Barbara Janay – recommended that we hire an "On-and-Off" bus to reduce walking demands

Walt said he would examine three options to reach decision.

Andy thanked everyone for attending

Motion to Adjourn by Walt Flynn Seconded by Pete Clay All in favor – The "ayes" have it.