



15th MEDICAL BATTALION ASSOCIATION
1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
AUSTIN, TX
FRIDAY, 28 APRIL 2023

Call to Order: President Ingram called the meeting to order at 1000 hrs.

Pledge of Allegiance:

President Ingram led the group in the Pledge.

Prayer

Due to the absence of both the Chaplain and Assistant Chaplain, Mike Smith, Acting Chaplain offered the prayer.

Roll Call

Secretary McCarl called the roll:

President.....	Ron Ingram	Present
Vice President.....	Jim Calibro.....	Present
Jr. Vice President...	Terry McCarl (Acting)	Present)
Treasurer.....	Ron Huether	Present
Secretary.....	Terry McCarl.....	Present
1--Year Trustee.....	Barry Brown.....	Absent- Excused
(1st year of 2-year term)		
2--Year Trustee.....	Jim Ferguson... ..	Present
(2nd year of 2-year term)		

Also attending the meeting were:

Corky Walsh- Parliamentarian and Past President

Mike Smith-Acting Chaplain and Past President

Richard Medlock-Past President

Previous Minutes

Secretary McCarl read the minutes of the 2022 Executive Committee Meeting. Minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Huether presented the Treasurer's Report. Copy attached. Report was approved as read.

Treasurer Huether suggested that some of the Association funds be invested in a certificate of deposit. A motion was made and seconded to invest \$3000 for a term of 9 months at 4.5% in a USAA CD. Motion carried.

He also reported on efforts to have our Association re-designated from a 501(c)3 to a 501(c)19. He has not received a response from the IRS yet on the re-designation request.

Membership Report

Secretary McCarl reported that 5 new members have joined the Association since the 2022 Reunion. Membership cards were distributed to each.

Sick and Distressed Members

A group discussion was held regarding sick and distressed members and spouses. The following were mentioned with acknowledgement that there are probably many more of which we were not aware: Barry and Lana Brown, Henry Land, Fred and Nora McKellar, Dave Parks, Rich Leonard, Larry Ash, Jim Payton, and Jim Mitchell.

Old Business: None

New Business

Item 1. President Ingram shared a letter that he had received from Joanne Belair, widow of James Belair who passed away 20 December 2022, expressing the family's appreciation for the funeral placard that was sent to her.

Item 2. Discussion was held on the EC 's recommendation to the Membership regarding the offices of VP and Jr VP. John Tabor has agreed to serve as VP and 2024 Reunion Coordinator. There was discussion as to whether the Jr VP needs to be from the "Early Group" (1965-1968) in accordance with the policy of alternating the position of Jr VP between Early Group (1965-68) and Late Group (1969-1972) in the manner that has been followed since 2018. After some discussion, it was agreed that because it is getting increasingly difficult to find individuals that are willing to serve as officers, utilizing that alternation policy should be discontinued, and the position of Jr VP should be open to anyone.

Treasurer Huether recommended Roger Bodwell for Jr VP. The agreement was unanimous.

Item 3. The recommended slate of 2023-2024 officers to be proposed to the Members by the EC at the Business Meeting is:

President: Jim Calibro

Vice President: John Tabor

Jr. Vice President: Roger Bodwell

Secretary: Terry McCarl

1-Year Trustee: Ron Ingram (1st year of 2-year term)

2-Year Trustee: Barry Brown (2nd year of 2-year term)

Item 4. Presidential Appointees for 2023-2024 are:

Webmaster: Ron Huether

Historian: Terry McCarl

Chaplain: Mike Smith

Parliamentarian: Corky Walsh

Sergeant at Arms: Dan Korty

Photographer: Lawrence Moss

Item 5. Future reunions were discussed. Corky Walsh suggested that the EC recommend to the membership that the 2024 reunion be held in Shreveport, LA, which is about 40 miles from the home of Fred and Nora McKellar. Both are in poor health and Fred has dialysis in Shreveport 3 days per week, but he and Nora could attend some of the reunion events if the reunion were held in Shreveport.

The only offer to host the 2024 Reunion was from Pat Martin, who did not attend the 2023 reunion.

Jim Ferguson received an email from Pat Martin on 17 April 2023 and forwarded it to the EC the same day. Pat suggested that he would be willing to host a reunion at his home near Hays, KS. Pat lives on 6 acres south of Hays with plenty of room for camping and outdoor activities.

It was agreed that this offer was made too late (only 11 days prior to this EC Meeting) to adequately research and evaluate the feasibility of this location.

It was discussed that relatively few of our members are into camping. Also, Pat's property is about 15 miles from Hays hotels and the Hays airport. The EC expressed appreciation for Pat's offer and may consider that location in the future.

It was agreed that the location for the 2024 reunion to be recommended by the EC to the Membership at the Annual Business Meeting is Shreveport, LA. Hosts to be John and Debbie Tabor.

Item 6. Pat Martin, in that 17 April email to Trustee Ferguson, also expressed concern that our Association does not have a plan for a "home"

for our historic memorabilia when we are all gone. Such memorabilia would include our flags and streamers, books about Battalion History, Minutes of meetings, etc.

Pat suggested the Wood Ring Wall of Honor and Veterans Park of Enid, Oklahoma as a possible repository for these memorabilia. His detailed discussion was included in that 17 April 2023 email. Copies are available from the Secretary.

It was agreed by the EC that some planning regarding finding a “home” for our memorabilia needs to be done. Numerous other possibilities besides the Enid, OK facility are available to us.

Item 7. Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws: The following amendments are proposed for approval by the Membership at the Annual Business Meeting on 29 April 2023.

A. Bylaws Art. III, Section 3, E – Associate Membership. Clarifies that spouses of Members are Associate Members for life, even after the Member is deceased. Associate Members have no voting rights or privileges but can attend Annual Business Meetings or Special Business Meetings.

B. Bylaws Art. V, Sec. 1, B - Revise Notification Time Requirements for Agenda Items at Annual Business Meeting. Changes the notification time from 45 to 30 days.

C. Bylaws Art. VII, Sec. 2- Revise Reunion Registration Fee. Changes the registration fee from \$15 to \$25.

D. Bylaws Art. VIII, Sec.1-Revise notification time on CBL Amendments. Changes the notification time from 60 days to 45 days.

E. Constitution, Membership Section- Revise Membership Section. Clarifies that veterans who served in Vietnam with Medical Company, 1st Composite Service Battalion and Medical Company, 215th Composite Service Battalion (Support) are eligible for membership in the 15th Medical Battalion Association.

There were no questions or discussion on the proposed amendments, and they were approved for presentation to the Membership at the Annual Business Meeting.

Item 8. There being no further business, President Ingram adjourned the meeting at 1153.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry A. McCarl

Secretary

