



15th MEDICAL BATTALION ASSOCIATION

1ST AIR CAVALRY DIVISION



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

SHREVEPORT, LA

SATURDAY, APRIL 07, 2024

Call to Order

The 15th Medical Battalion Association Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Pro Tem (PT) Tabor at 1400.

Attendance

Executive Committee Members present were:

Vice President and President PT: John Tabor
Treasurer: Ron Huether
Secretary: Terry McCarl
1-Year Trustee: Barry Brown
2-Year Trustee PT: Rick Medlock

Attending the meeting were 17 Life Members and 10 guests.

Opening Ceremonies

President PT Tabor welcomed all members and guests to the reunion.

Sergeant-at-Arms PT Corky Walsh led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary McCarl read the list of names of the 45 15th Medical BN KIA's during the Vietnam War.

Secretary McCarl read the list of members and spouses of members who have passed away since the 2023 reunion

MEMBERS DECEASED: 2023 REUNION to 2024 REUNION (Or came to our attention during that time frame)

Life Members

Dan Korty 22 Nov 2023

David Watts 16 June 2023

Bruce Lyon 11 Aug 2022

Richard Dubray 06 Sept 2023

Joe Kelly 02 November 2011

Associate Members

Connie Parks (Wife of Dave Parks) 13 Dec 2023

Susan Hall (Wife of Aubrey Hall) 19 Mar 2023

Billie Norris (Wife of Larry Norris) 28 Feb 2021

Barbara Crespi (Wife of John Crespi) 15 March 24

Not Members of 15th Med BN Association, but known by many of our members

Jon Hodges 09 Jan 2019

Michael Vinyard 24 Dec 2022

Michael Parsons 19 Oct 1998

John Mitchell, 18 Jan 2019

Recognition and Honoring of Charter Members.

The names of the 26 Charter Members were read with members standing and remaining standing as their names were read. Then the group was given a round of applause. Charter Members present were: Barry Brown, Ron Huether, Jimmy Norris, Mike Smith, John Tabor and Corky Walsh. See Article on Web site for more information.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

President PT Tabor suggested, due to time limitations, that reading of the minutes from the 2023 reunion in Austin, TX be waived. Secretary McCarl announced that 2023 minutes have been posted on the Association Web site with the 2023 Reunion Photos. Waiver of reading of minutes was approved.

Treasurer's Report

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

He also reported on efforts to have our Association re-designated from a 501(c)3 to a 501(c)19 organization. This change would enable us to submit a non-digital return thus avoiding a \$169 annual charge to submit a digital return. After several changes in direction from the IRS, we will be able to submit an application for 501(c) 19 designation in July 2024.

Membership Report

Secretary McCarl reported that 5 new members have joined the Association since the 2023 Reunion. New members are:

Jon Cronk

Walter Caton

William Cooley

Edward Dial

Wallace Balfour

Auxiliary Report

Auxiliary President Velma Smith reported on the past year activities of the Auxiliary.

Webmaster's Report

Webmaster Huether gave a brief report on the status of our Web site which he created in 2016.

Historian's Report

Historian McCarl displayed the 35 streamers, which were donated by the family of the late COL Edward G. Bradshaw. All the streamers were issued or awarded by the Army Department of Heraldry.

Of the 35 streamers, 24 are Campaign Streamers; 13 Vietnam War; 7 Korean War; and 4 WW II for the 1st Medical Squadron, the predecessor unit of the 15th Med BN. Campaign Streamers were awarded to all units that participated in a particular campaign.

Eleven of the streamers are Unit Awards specifically awarded to the 15th Med BN : 6 Vietnam War; 1 Korean War, and 4 WW II.

Old Business: None

New Business

2025 Reunion Location. The location for the 2025 reunion recommended by the EC is Orlando, FL. Hosts to be Leo Williams and Linn Vercheski.

2026 Reunion : President PT Tabor announced that no site or host has been recommended by the EC for the 2026 Reunion (which will be the 100-year Anniversary of activation of the 15th Medical BN) President PT Tabor reported that the Executive Committee has discussed the possibility of establishing a location in the center of the continental US (possibly Kansas City) to hold all subsequent reunions, He asked the Membership what their feelings would be on that. The general consensus of the group was that the preference would be alternating the locations around the continental US as has been traditional.

Amendment to Bylaws

Trustee Brown moved to amend Bylaws Art III (Members), Section 3 (Membership Categories), Subsection E (Associate Member) as follows (added wording in bold):

*E. Associate Member. The title Associate Member is automatically conferred upon the current spouse **and other family members** of any Member in good standing. Associate Members have no voting rights or privileges but can attend Annual Business Meetings or Special Business Meetings. Spouses **and other family members** of deceased Members shall remain Associate Members for life and shall be eligible and encouraged to register for reunions in the same manner as Members. Any Associate Member wishing for time on the agenda should notify the Association President in writing 30 days prior to the Annual*

Business Meeting. Associate Members may also be members of the 15th Medical Battalion Association Ladies Auxiliary on a voluntary basis.

Motion passed and the proposed amendment was approved by vote of the Membership.

Election of Officers

Executive Committee Recommended Slate of Officers for 2024-2025 :

President: John Tabor
Vice President: Roger Bodwell
Jr. Vice President: Leo Williams
Treasurer: Ron Huether
Secretary: Terry McCarl
1-Year Trustee: Ron Ingram (2nd year of 2-year term)
2-Year Trustee: Jim Calibro (1st year of 2-year term)

The recommended slate of officers was adopted by vote of the Membership.

Presidential Appointments

The following New President's Appointments were announced:

Webmaster: Ron Huether
Historian: Terry McCarl
Chaplain: Mike Smith
Parliamentarian: Corky Walsh
Sergeant- at -Arms: Corky Walsh
Photographer: Lawrence Moss

Adjournment

There being no further business, President Tabor adjourned the meeting at 1540.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry A. McCarl

Secretary