



38th Officer Candidate Course/Basic Class 3-66 United States Marine Corps Alumni Incorporated

Minutes of the 2007 General Meeting

October 6, 2007

Time Convened: 1830

Location: National Museum of the Marine Corps
18900 Jefferson Davis Highway
Triangle, Virginia 22172

Agenda

Call to Order: President David Wall called the meeting to order at 1830. Sergeant-at-arms Mike St. Clair certified that a quorum of voting members was present.

Resolved: Reading of the minutes of the last meeting was waived

"Brick" Campaign: Steve Bowen reported on the success of the recent brick campaign whereby the membership funded donations to the National Museum of the Marine Corps to finance placement of an engraved brick in the outdoor Museum perimeter promenade in memory of each member of the class killed in action. Two additional bricks identify the class and the sentiment expressed by placement of these bricks by the officer formation classes in which these fallen Marines received their initial officer training. Donations for the campaign exceeded the amount needed, generating a surplus that has funded and will fund charitable gifts by the class.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Sooter provided a treasurer's report. The association currently has about \$12,000 cash on hand, some of which is earmarked for charitable donations and the remainder is being held in the operating reserve. Operating funds will be reduced somewhat as refunds and costs associated with the reunion are paid. The Board will evaluate prospects for further charitable giving out of surplus funds not needed for operations. Most association funds come from member payments in connection with the bi-annual association reunion. Two former reunions have generated surpluses because member payments were calculated based on expense assumptions that included generous reserves for cost overruns. Payments for this 2007 reunion were budgeted and calculated without such reserves. Members were reminded that the association provides for voluntary payment of dues and encouraged to participate in dues or donations in greater numbers than in the past.

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Officers' Reports: The reports of the other officers were waived by the membership.

Old Business: There was no old business brought before the membership.

New By-laws: Dave Mellon described the proposed new by-laws for the corporation. The new by-laws are designed to allow the corporation greater flexibility in managing the affairs of the association between reunions and to achieve the purposes of the association consistent with its status as an IRC 501(c)(19) veteran's organization.

Resolved: The proposed by-laws having been circulated to the membership in advance of this meeting in accordance with the existing by-laws and after review by the membership and the board of directors, which recommends their adoption to replace the existing by-laws, the members adopted new by-laws for the corporation, in the form attached, by a voice vote of more than two-thirds of the voting members present.

Nominating Committee: Dave Mellon reported the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for members to fill vacancies on the board of directors under the new by-laws.

Resolved: The following members were elected, by voice vote of a majority of voting members present, to serve staggered terms on the board of directors as follows:

Terms Ending 2009: Andrew Blenkle, Allan Stefl, David Wall, Jack Sheehan,
Terry Lewis; Michael Janay, Stephen Bowen.

Terms Ending 2011: Terry Cox, Alexander McClinchie, Charles Sooter, David
Mellon, Mike St. Clair, Steve Snyder

The members thanked Lonnie Myers for his service as a member of the board of directors.

Dave Mellon reported the recommendations of the Nominating Committee for election of officers to serve the association through the next reunion, i.e., through 2009.

Resolved: The following members were elected, by voice vote of a majority of the voting members present, to serve in the following association offices with terms through the time of the next reunion in 2009:

President: Dave Mellon
Vice President: Alexander McClinchie III
Treasurer: Charles Sooter
Secretary/Clerk: Steve Snyder
Sergeant-at Arms: Mike St Clair

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General Discussions: A presentation was made encouraging members to join a group tour of I Corps scheduled for early 2008.

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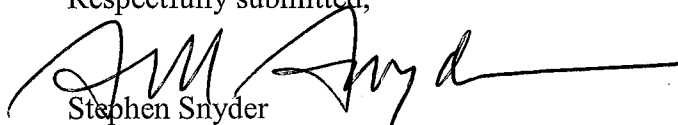
Dave Mellon reported that a committee had been formed to plan for the 2009 reunion. The committee is composed of Bernie Allen, Andy Blenkle, Rick Cleland, Terry Cox, Dave Mellon, Digger Odell, Chuck Sooter, Mike St. Clair, Bob Stichter, Skip Storey and Earl Wentworth. This is a standind Board Committee with five (5) Board Members serving on the Committee. The Committee has recommended that the next reunion be held in San Diego in the fall of 2009. Resolved: The members, by a voice vote of a majority of voting members present, accepted the recommendation of the reunion committee to hold the next reunion of the association in the fall of 2009 in San Diego, California.

Dave Wall addressed the members present. He thanked those who worked so hard to organize this reunion and all the members for their support during his term as president. He passed the con to Dave Mellon, his successor.

Dave Mellon thanked Dave Wall for his service and also thanked and made presentations to all those members who worked so hard to make this reunion a success.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned on motion and voice vote of a majority of voting members present at 18:45.

Respectfully submitted,


Stephen Snyder
Secretary