

Company G (Ranger) 75th Infantry Association
2010 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Denver, CO

Chairman Danny Jacks opened the meeting at 1000 MDT on 23JUL10 in Denver, CO. In addition to Mr. Jacks also present for the board meeting were board members Steve Johnson and Richard Corken. Board members Tom Nash and Dennis Nye were unable to attend this years meeting. At this point in time association president Joe Meinike assumed control of the meeting.

The minutes from the 2009 board meeting were reviewed and some necessary corrections cited and made. After the necessary corrections were made the minutes were adopted and entered into the record.

Treasurer Frank Svensson presented the treasurers report. The association continues to be on a firm financial footing. Our two active accounts, Charles Schwab and Wells Fargo Bank, are producing small returns due to the present financial markets. Mr. Meinike raised the issue of moving the Wells Fargo account to an account with Fidelity where Karen Zaramba works. Ms. Zaramba was our account representative with Wells Fargo before she changed jobs. Mr. Svensson stated that this was a good idea and that he would look into doing it after the reunion. He went on to state that our Wells Fargo account contained a total of \$11,146.16 all in cash or cash equivalents. The Schwab account contains \$19,384.78, all in cash. The treasurer's report was accepted and entered into the record.

Mr. Meinike invited association member Steve Crabtree to present his idea for dispersing some of the association funds to various Ranger oriented charities. Mr. Crabtree's position is that since we have ample money in our accounts, we should be giving some of that money back to the Ranger community. Any money contributed could possibly go to such things as the individual battalions for Christmas presents for the children of lower ranking enlisted personnel or turkeys for Thanksgiving. A general discussion followed regarding the possible organizations that could benefit from our contributions and who might be in charge of managing these dispersals. Mr. Crabtree offered his assistance in this capacity. It was generally agreed that any contributions would go toward helping as many individual Rangers as possible rather than helping build or establish any more memorials. Mr. Meinike suggested that Mr. Crabtree submit a list of possible organizations that might benefit from contributions and follow-up with an email to the board members outlining his suggestions.

Future reunions were the next topic for discussion. Our 2011 reunion is tentatively scheduled for Myrtle Beach, SC with Tom Robison acting as the point man. The 2012 reunion may possibly be held in Branson, MO with Richard Corken acting as point man. And Dan Linehan is looking into San Diego, CA for our 2013 reunion. There was additional discussion regarding the issue of holding our reunions in conjunction with the 75th Ranger Regiment Association reunions at Ft. Benning, GA. Doing this might allow us to attend any inductions of our association members into the Ranger Hall of Fame. Several issues were raised regarding the practicality of this. First, the date is a moving target with the active duty Ranger community setting the final date. It was also pointed out that many of the wives and other family members were tired of the repeated visits to Ft. Benning. It was pointed out that our individual members are still free to attend the 75th Regiment reunions on their own if they so desired.

Possible submissions for the next years Ranger Hall of Fame candidates were discussed next. Steve Johnson volunteered to take Chuck Williams' packet, reevaluate it and prepare it for resubmission. Steve Chaney's resubmission was raised by Joe Meinike. Joe volunteered to handle Chaney's packet.

A general discussion regarding the number of pictures with unidentified people in them followed. Mr. Johnson suggested that we include one or two of these pictures in Sua Sponte (SS) hoping for our member feedback in identifying people in the pictures. Ed Carey, our SS editor, agreed to include such pictures. This led to a larger discussion of updating our website. It was pointed out that SS is currently posted to our website as each issue is published. Mr. Johnson agreed to be the point of contact for both updating and improving our website. He will act in conjunction with Justin Stay, our webmaster.

Dues renewals were the next topic of discussion. Mr. Svensson expressed his concern regarding the number of returned mailings. At the time of the reunion a high percentage of the mailings were being returned many of them with no forwarding address on them. A general discussion followed regarding the ways to keep our database up to date thus limiting returned mailings. Mr. Carey agreed to handle the database and act as the central control point for changes. Also discussed were using fourth class mailings for SS to keep our costs in control and how best to handle dues renewals to maximize the response. Mr. Carey and Mr. Svensson are to continue to communicate and work on ways to maximize the returns and try to limit the undeliverable mailings.

Mr. Meinike continued the meeting with a discussion of both current board members as well as potential board members for the coming year. The current members include Chairman Danny Jacks, Tom Nash, Steve Johnson, Richard Corken and Dennis Nye. Several association members were mentioned as potential board members for the 2010 time frame. It was agreed that the names would be presented to the general membership for possible consideration. It was pointed out that our current point of contact for the association submission to "Patrolling", the publication sent out by the 75th Ranger Regiment Association, has been Cliff Manning. Cliff is in poor health and has been unable to fulfill this responsibility. Steve Crabtree was suggested as a replacement. The board agreed and Mr. Crabtree will be our new represented for "Patrolling."

The board of directors meeting was temporarily adjourned at 1122 MST.

The 2010 board of directors meeting was re-adjourned at 1143 MST.

The new members of the board of directors were introduced. They include Chairman Danny Jacks, David Travis, Tom Nash, Richard Corken and David Moncada.

The next subject was the new officers for the following year. Steve Johnson was nominated for the position of president. He was confirmed unanimously. Chuck Williams was nominated for the position of vice-president. He was confirmed unanimously. Ed Carey was nominated for the position of secretary. He was confirmed unanimously. Frank Svensson was nominated for the position of treasurer. He was confirmed unanimously.

The 2010 board of directors was adjourned at 1144 MST.

