



# **15<sup>th</sup> MEDICAL BATTALION ASSOCIATION**

## **1<sup>ST</sup> AIR CAVALRY DIVISION**



### **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES AUSTIN, TX SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2023**

#### **Call to Order**

The 15th Medical Battalion Association Annual Business Meeting was called to order by President Ingram at 1300.

#### **Attendance**

Executive Committee Members present were:

President: Ron Ingram  
Vice President: Jim Calibro  
Treasurer: Ron Huether  
Secretary: Terry McCarl  
1-Year Trustee: Jim Ferguson

The total number of members attending the meeting was 27.

#### **Opening Ceremonies**

President Ingram welcomed all members and guests to the reunion.

Sergeant-at-Arms Dan Korty led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Instead of reading the names of the 45 15th Medical Battalion KIA's during the Vietnam War, this year, printed pamphlets with the names of the KIA's, the symbolism of the Missing Man Ceremony and the Poem "I Hold Them" were distributed to everyone at the banquet. Ron Huether prepared pamphlets.

Secretary McCarl read the list of members and spouses of members who have passed away since the 2022 reunion: David J. Cordiero. Frederick S. Lane, Stewart K. Ducey, Clyde D. "Gus" Bensenhaver, Joanne Halcomb, James V. Belair, John Porter, and Mark S. "Doc" Holiday.

Several Members paid tribute to Mark "Doc" Holiday who passed away 23 March 2023. Mark was to have become President at this reunion.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes from the 2022 reunion in Omaha, NE were misplaced and not available for reading, so the reading was waived. The published minutes will be posted on the Association Web site with the 2022 Reunion Photos.

### **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.

## **Secretary's Report**

Secretary McCarl reported that 5 new members have joined the Association since the 2022 Reunion.

## **Auxiliary Report**

Auxiliary President Velma Smith announced sad news that Tom and Audrey Garnella had planned to attend the reunion, but had to cancel due to the unexpected death of a grandchild.

Velma also passed around some get-well cards to be signed for members and spouses who missed the reunion due to health problems.

## **Historians Report**

Historian McCarl displayed, for the first time, 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.

Historian McCarl discussed that if any members want help in locating buddies with whom they served in 15th Med Battalion should contact him ([historian@15thmedbnassociation.org](mailto:historian@15thmedbnassociation.org)). He mentioned some new tools that are available to us, and recognized member Eric Berla for his assistance in locating individuals using his Truthfinder subscription.

**Old Business:** None

## **New Business**

2024 Reunion Location. The location for the 2024 reunion recommended by the EC is Shreveport, LA. Hosts to be John and Debbie Tabor.

A poll was taken on a possible 2025 Reunion Location. Locations nominated were Boise, ID and Orlando, FL. Vote was Orlando 17 and Boise 7.

## **Amendments to Constitution and Bylaws**

The following five Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws were read in summary form and were approved by vote of the Membership.

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.

## **Election of Officers**

Executive Committee Recommended Slate of Officers for 2022-2023:

President: Jim Calibro

Vice President: John Tabor

Jr. Vice President: Roger Bodwell

Treasurer: Ron Huether

Secretary: Terry McCarl

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

2-Year Trustee: Ron Ingram (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: Dan Korty

Photographer: Lawrence Moss

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, President Calibro adjourned the meeting at 1405.

Respectfully Submitted,

Terry A. McCarl

Secretary