

Minutes

Vietnam Veterans of 2D BN 1st Marines Inc Officers Trustees Conference Call Minutes February 9, 2022

Meeting began at 8:00pm by President Tony Kilroy (Fox 69-70)

Attended by our Board of Directors: President Tony Kilroy, Vice President Tim Dunn, Treasurer Mario Sagastume, Secretary Wieslaw Burdziuk, Trustee Jesse Tipton, Trustee Jose Perez, Trustee Roy Greenleaf, Trustee Paul Stein, Trustee Dale Williams, Liaison to Camp Pendleton Tim Stanton

- 1. UPDATE ON MICHELE:** She is doing well and had full body scan and Chemo Therapy. Michele will have back surgery on the 29th of March.
- 2. UPDATE ON FORT WORTH CONTRACT FOR 2022 REUNION:** The contract was signed and a copy will be sent to all the Officers / Trustees. Reunion Dates are November 9 - 13, 2022. Parking will be \$18.00 a day and we will be close to restaurants and about a 15 minute drive to the Military Base.
- 3. MID-YEAR MEETING AT HILTON FORT WORTH HOTEL:** April 26 - 29th, 2022 Officers / Trustees will travel to Fort Worth and stay at the Hotel where the Reunion will be held and scout the area to create an agenda. Going will be: Tony Kilroy, Tim Dunn, Mario Sagastume, Jesse Tipton, Jose Perez, Roy Greenleaf, Paul Stein, and Dale Williams.
- 4. HOSPITALITY ROOM MENU OF REFRESHMENTS:** Discussion of which snacks and drinks to have at our Hospitality Suite for our membership. Also, where to make purchases such as the Military Base and / or a Wholesale Club such as Sams Club, Cosco etc.
- 5. REUNION EXCURSION OPTIONS DISCUSSION:** An agenda was discussed to go to the Veterans Day Parade in Dallas and the National Vietnam War Museum in Weatherford Texas.
- 6. REUNION SPEAKER – VSO, KELLUM, FUTURE OF USMC:** Dan Kellum is a possibility as the speaker at our Banquet. Dan Kellum was a Lieutenant with 2/1 in Vietnam and is a 2 Book Published Author and is our Battalion Historian.
A Veterans Service Officer (VSO) was discussed to come in and speak to us about our Benefits with the Veterans Administration.
To have a talk on Suicide Prevention was discussed but scrapped as it may be too depressing for some of our members.
- 7. FLAG POLES REPAIR / REPLACEMENT OPTIONS:** Discussion was held about repairing or purchasing new Flag Poles. Jose said he can refinish the poles and Dale found a supplier who can sell us the Brass Joint Connectors for \$40 a set. It was agreed we will repair the Flag Poles.
- 8. ORGANIZATION CREDIT CARD ISSUANCE:** Vinnie is to submit the latest Minutes of our Conference Call to Mario and Mario will take care of getting the Bank to issue our 2/1 Credit Cards to certain members who have expenses in purchasing on behalf of our organization.
- 9. BANQUET FINANCIALS:** Our Treasurer Marion Sagastume submitted the financials from the November 2021 Reunion in Arlington / DC Area, Virginia.
- 10. 2/1 LIAISON UPDATE:** Tim Stanton who is our Liaison to Camp Pendleton spoke about submitted pictures of our Mt. Soledad Memorial 2/1 Plaque Placement. He told us where the best placement would be so it would be easy to see. The Plaque will be 16" x 8" inches and is to be placed horizontally. It will feature our 2/1 Ghost Battalion Diamond.

Dale Williams is involved with creating our Plaque and will be speaking with the person in charge of the Mt. Soledad National Veterans Memorial. And will get the phone number for the LtCol.

- 11. NCO OF THE YEAR SERGEANT SPITZ MILLER:** The Presentation for Award for NCO of the Year has been put on hold. Also, Jesse will ask Sgt Miller to go to the PX Uniform Shop to get measured for the Sword that will be presented to him along with his Award Plaque.
- 12. CHANGE OF COMMAND CEREMONY:** Jesse Tipton and Tim Stanton attended the Change of Command Ceremony. The outgoing Commanding Officer is LtCol Brad Whited and the new Commanding Officer is LtCol Baker. Jesse will visit with the LtCol Baker and the new Sgt Major on the 18th.

**We Adjourned at 9:30pm
Next Meeting March 9, 2022**

**Vin Burdziuk
Secretary**