



DATE: April 26, 2003
TIME: 7:15 p.m.
LOCATION: Officer's Open Mess, Fort Benning, Georgia
SUBJECT: **Association of the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry General Meeting**

The Bi-annual General Meeting was brought to order by John Topper, President of the 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Association, and opened with acknowledgments of Officers and members who support the Association.

Gary Quint, Secretary
Chuck McAleer, Treasurer
Otis Ponds, Organized 2003 reunion at Fort Benning
Jim Sheppard, Historian
Ray Sarlin, Creator and Webmaster of Association Website
Bob Gold, Editor of Newsletter
Billie McGregor, Formats Newsletter
Jim and Dottie Edwards, prints and mails Newsletter

John Topper recognized Bob Gold who acknowledged Jim and Dottie Edwards and Seiple Lithographers for their contribution and hard work on behalf of the Association.

The floor was then yielded to Chuck McAleer who recognized Randy Smith. Randy presented John Topper with a plaque from all members acknowledging all he has done for the Association as current Association President and in other roles.

Chuck expressed thanks to all of those members who ordered bronze statuettes. A copy of the financial report was handed out and the Treasurer's report was given. It was decided that the financial report would be given on a quarterly basis instead of annually. A motion was made by Toby Hamon and seconded by Roger Burch to accept the Treasurers Report. The report was accepted by the membership.

The Secretary's report was given by Gary Quint. Members were asked to update Directory information including address with zip codes, phone numbers as well as E-Mail addresses. A motion was made by Joe Mlinac and seconded by Roger Hamon to accept the Secretary's report. The report was accepted by the membership.

John Topper discussed the proposed amendments to Bylaws:

Business meetings will be biannually
Dues increased to \$25.00 per year
Dues will be payable from January 1 to March 31 of each year.
Life dues will remain \$150.00



The Chairman entertained a motion to accept the new Bylaws. A motion was made by Jim Segers and seconded by Herman Allmendinger. The motion was carried.

John Topper discussed the fact that the by-laws call for biannual election of Officers and entertained a motion as to election of new Officers.

A motion was made by Roger Burch to retain all present Officers. The motion was seconded by Toby Hamon and carried.

John Topper recognized Ray Sarlin who explained how he came to be involved in the website and briefly explained what the Website covered and how to use it. He explained that the website was there for all who had served in the battalion and for their family and friends, and encouraged everyone to submit any stories or pictures to be displayed on the site. It is helpful to have the topic, Company, when, where and what unit accompany all pictures. Will accept anything that pertains to the 1st of the 50th.

John Topper then discussed the bronze monument given to Fort Benning. It will contain all the names of our KIA as soon as the list is finalized. The front plaque will contain a Purple Heart, Unit Crest and “ In Memory of Lost Comrades”. The monument will be placed inside the Battalion Headquarters on a pedestal.

John Topper then recognized our Chaplain, Toby Jordan who expressed a need for notification of illnesses and deaths in a more timely fashion. Toby’s E-mail is on Association Website.

Chairman asked if there was any new business.

The next reunion was discussed. Suggestions: plan at a better time of year so teachers can attend and set up a volunteer planning committee. Location for the next reunion was also discussed.

Bob Gold was recognized and stated that he was trying to improve the PX Web.

Chairman entertains motion to adjourn meeting. John Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Toby Hamon seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by the membership.

The meeting was adjourned.

Roger Burch and Family were recognized and presented with an engraved Brunton Compass in the name of and in honor of PFC Ray Burch, 101st Airborne Div., who is currently serving in Iraq.

RECORDED BY:

GARY QUINT
Secretary
1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Association