



91st Infantry Division League

MINUTES of 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

The Meeting was held Via Zoom on Wednesday, 2 November 2022

1800 – Call to Order

- Attendees. MG Balough, Chair; CSM Art Moore, Vice Chair, COL Lou Lallo, Treasurer; COL Jim Bonato, Chair Scholarship Committee; Ms. Janice Heller, Admin Officer; COL Tamara Frattalone, Board Member and COL Otto Padron, Board Member.
- Election of Board for Calendar Year 2023. Preliminary discussions centered around expanding the Board to include current 91st Division soldiers. COL Bonato nominated the following slate of candidates: MG Balough, CSM Art Moore, COL Lou Lallo, COL Jim Bonato, Ms. Janice Heller, COL Tamara Frattalone and COL Otto Padron. Janice Heller seconded the motion. The slate was unanimously elected. The positions of the officers are as in 2022.
- Discussion of Scholarship Program. COL Bonato discussed the need to broaden the communication of the scholarship's existence but stated that the candidates were qualified and deserving. COL Frattalone pledged to work with the League to get the word out in the current 91st. COL Bonato will work with Janice and Jimmy Wells to develop the 2023 program (application, submission and evaluation dates) and have it posted on the website and Facebook. COL Bonato stated that the current committee will remain in place..
- 91st IDL Event(s) for 2023. COL Frattalone suggested the best time for barbeque/picnic would be at Fort Hunter Liggett in the Summer when the 91st has a major exercise. The Board all agreed this was a great idea. COL Bonato suggested that we hire a bus to drive 91st Alumni from the bay area (E.g., Camp Parks) and transport alumni to and from the event at a nominal cost. This suggestion was enthusiastically supported by the Board. Details (cost, location, etc.) TBP. Balough and COL Bonato will follow up. As always a Holiday Lunch will be held in December 2023. Time and place TBD.
- Review of Current Activities
 - Flowers – It was decided to continue to send wreaths to the Florence, Italy American Military Cemetery, the Flanders Fields, Belgium, American Cemetery and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC on Memorial and Veterans Days in 2023.
 - TAPs Program – CSM Art Moore is going to work with Janice and COL Wells to continue to improve this program. This may include solicited obituaries or memorial comments from fellow alumni, family or friends for deaths that are reported to the League.
 - Connecting Alumni Program. This is a program whereby anyone visiting the website could send an email to our database and locate an old comrade or friend. Janice is forwarding a list with all League members for whom we have email addresses to individuals on the list Board Members. We will advertise the program again on the



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website, Facebook and by email blast that our database has approximately 200 names that can be contacted and ask for additions.

- Cooperation with current 91st Division – COL Frattalone took the lead in this discussion. From her position as G! she will ensure that info about the League becomes more widely disseminated. She will make a special effort with regard to the Scholarship announcements and the Summer picnic/BBQ at FHL. Janice Heller will be her main point of contact. COL Bonato also volunteered to make himself available to discuss the scholarship program. CSM Art Moore is also going to work closely with the Division CSM to get the League message to the field.
- Endowment. Balough noted that 2022 was a down year for fundraising and that our goal was still to accumulate a \$50,000 'endowment' which could be invested and to keep about \$10k in the League checking account for day-to-day expenses. It was decided to publish a flyer for distribution at the Holiday Party listing all of the League's worthy activities and soliciting contributions. Janice and Otto to work this initiative. In addition, Balough will draft a letter to be mailed to all members of the League with known home addresses asking for donations. This letter to go out in January 2023.
- Normandy Film Project. The League contributed \$2500 to this worthy project brought to us by COL Padrone. Otto gave a brief status report on the project and promised to get copies of the video for the Board members to view.
- League Chaplain/Pastoral Help. Janice has pointed out that it would be a good idea to have someone from the League be available to help with death notices and related pastoral activities. Janice suggested COL Nick Rogers who is an ordained minister fulfill this role. Janice will talk to Nick.
- Other Business – none

1900 – Meeting Adjourned at 1854 hours