

91st Infantry Division League

MINUTES of 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

The Meeting was held Via Zoom on Wednesday, 15 December 2021

1800 - Call to Order

- Attendees: MG Balough, Chair; COL Lou Lallo, Treasurer; COL Jim Bonato, Chair Scholarship Committee; Ms. Janice Heller, Admin Officer; COL Tamara Frattalone, Board Nominee; absent were CSM Moore, Vice Chair and COL Otto Padron Board Nominee.
- ➤ Election of Board for Calendar Year 2022. Preliminary discussions centered around expanding the Board to include current 91st Division soldiers. It was indicated that the DCO and G1 were both interested in joining the board. COL Bonato then made a motion to nominate 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. COL Lallo seconded the motion. The slate was unanimously elected and the motion carried.. The positions of the officers were maintained as in 2021.
- ➤ Discussion of Scholarship Program. COL Bonato discussed the need to broaden the communication of the scholarship's existence since there were only two applicants. COL Frattalone pledged to work with the League to get the word out in the current 91st. COL Bonato made a motion to increase the amount of the scholarship to \$2500. MG Balough seconded and the motion was unanimously carried. COL Bonato will work with Janice and Jim Wells to develop the 2022 program (application, submission and evaluation dates) and have it posted on the website and Facebook. COL Bonato will also conduct a search to replace MSG Stan Kamiya on the committee.
- ▶ 91st IDL Event(s) for 2022. This was a wide-ranging discussion. In the end the Board decided it will support at least two events. A barbeque/picnic at Camp Parks on either 9 or 10 July. Details TBP. A Holiday Lunch in December. 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 2022.
- TAPs Program CSM Art Moore is going to work with COL Wells to invigorate 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. This would be limited, of course, to people with valid email addresses in our database.
 We are being told that this would be a very popular feature. COLs Jimmy Wells and Ron Packer will coordinate with Janice to establish this capability.



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- ➤ 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 July picnic/BBQ. 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.
- > Other Business none
- > A motion was made by CSM Moore to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by COL Bonato. The motion was unanimously carried.

1849 - Meeting Adjourned