

2/3 VIETNAM VETERANS' ASSOCIATION
EMBASSY SUITES SAVANNAH AIRPORT, SAVANNAH GEORGIA
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
SATURDAY 7 SEPTEMBER 2024

The meeting was called to order by President Mick Hughes at 9:00am with pledge of Allegiance and prayer followed by moment of silence for all KIA's, POW's, MIA's of all conflicts and our fallen Brothers who have passed away since Vietnam. There were 23 members present.

President mentioned last evening's auction taking in \$1640.00 and \$181.00 from the 50/50 raffle.

Ed Krieser moved to accept the minutes of last year's meeting as posted. Motion was seconded. There was no objection or correction. Motion Passed.

Art Furguson gave a financial report. He recommended raising annual dues Ten to fifteen dollars.

Ed Krieser moved to table dues discussion until later in the meeting because other issues will come up that will have an effect. Seconded and passed.

President Mick Hughes mentioned that last year's minutes say we were to form a committee to study the SUNSET CLAUSE. Also, a committee to study staying with Armed Forces Reunion, switching to different planning group, or Joining the Third Marine Division Association or another group.

There was no other Old Business so moved to New Business. There was no New Business from the floor.

President Mick Hughes said, "We have reached a point in our existence where we have to look toward our future. Every year our numbers diminish for a number of reasons, lack of interest, sickness, aging, injury, or death either on our part or within our families. I would like this association to move forward for as long as we possibly can. If we keep driving this like we've been driving it the wheels are just going to fall off in some point in time, maybe next year or the year after and we're just going to wind up a pile of rubble in the middle of the road. In my view, its not a nice way to go.... So, how do we handle reconciling where we are now to where we want to be in the future? We must navigate those waters in between those two points. The things we can do are invoke the SUNSET CLAUSE. For those of you who don't know how it works, we would establish a sunset date somewhere in the future. We could meet every year until that date and that would be our last meeting together. At that time, we would have reduced the amount of money in the treasury. We are limited by law in what we can do with the treasury. We cannot at any point divide it up amongst the members. It must be done by IRS regulations. What we can do is to pay for reunion activities. We can give it to another similar organization, or we can leave it for the government. Last but not least we can establish a liaison with The Third Marine Division Association. As of now we have some issues we must deal with like Armed Forces Reunions Incorporated, these are the people that run our reunion, and it gets more expensive every year. They also have told us more than once; our group is so small that they are not able to make an acceptable profit. We could go back to the old times where we run our own reunion where it ran great for a few years and then just fell apart....

Third Marine Division Association has Chapters. First Battalion Third Marines is one of them and operates very autonomously. Third Marine Division Association needs a once-a-year financial report from 2/3 Vietnam Veterans Association required by the IRS and their annual dues are Thirty-Five Dollars. We have three choices from Armed Forces Reunions for next year. They are Albuquerque New Mexico, Phoenix Arizona and Tuson Arizona.

Third Marine Division Association offered us this, we can attend their reunion next year which happens to be in Tuson Arizona in September. For this one time on a trial basis for us, they will not charge you annual dues for this year. You just fill out their Armed Forces Reunion Registration form instead of ours. We can have our hospitality room.”

Discussion ensued.

Ed Krieser moved to accept invitation from Third Marine Division Association in September 2025 in Tuson Arizona. Several seconds. The vote was unanimous to approve and attend.

Discussion on connecting with Echo Company to join back with us. There was a consensus to do so.

With no further business, proceeded to nominations of Officers.

President - Lance Cambell nominated Mick Hughes. There were no other nominations.

Vice President – John Richardson nominated Randy Shierman. There were no other nominations.

Treasurer – Doc Owens nominated Art Ferguson. There were no other nominations.

Secretary – John Richardson nominated Ed Krieser. There were no other nominations.

T.J. Croft made moved to adjourn. Seconded and unanimous approval at 10:05am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward J. Krieser
Secretary