

**2/3 VIETNAM VETERANS ASSOCIATION  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS – EL-TROPICANO HOTEL  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY APRIL 29, 2017**

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Smith at 9:05am with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag given by all, followed by opening prayer. Then followed by moments of silence for POW/MIA and members lost.

Roll call of officers:

President – Dave Smith – Present  
Vice President – Andy Anderson – Present  
Treasurer – Art Ferguson – Present  
Secretary – Ed Krieser – Present  
Assistant Treasurer – Butch McDonald – Present  
Webmaster – Eric Shierman – Absent  
Assistant Webmaster – Ron Poness – Present

Treasurer's report given. \$4,400.00 was made at the auction last evening.

Motion by Ron Poness to approve financial report. Seconded and passed.

Minutes of last year's meeting was read. Motion by Paul Fitta to approve as read. Seconded and passed.

Old Business:

Discussion on the 2018 Reunion to be in Colorado Springs in September. Tours were discussed and consensus agreement reached to do the Royal Gorge Train Trip.

Art Ferguson still working with IRS on Non-Profit status. Art also mentioned that he was now bonded at a cost of 250.00 per year. There was discussion on the president also being bonded since both Treasurer and President held credit cards. Art was to look into it to see what additional cost would be involved.

New Business:

Motion by Alex Ruiz to go to a four-year time zone cycle of Reunion locations. We are currently on a three-year cycle, (East, Midwest, and West.) Seconded. After brief discussion, the motion failed so we will still be on a three-year cycle.

Proposed amendments to the Bylaws as distributed to the membership discussed and voted as follows.

1. **Article 1.** The official name of this group shall be: "The 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment Vietnam Veterans Association" as the current by-laws cite (hereinafter "Association"). Passed.
2. **Article VI.** Duties of Elected Officers. A new duty shall be imposed on the President as follows: Authorize the Association treasurer or Secretary to issue checks for Association debts if such debts are warranted. Passed
3. **Article VI.** Duties of Elected Officers. A new duty shall be imposed on the Vice President as follows: In the event of the President's inability to act to perform the duties of the President. Passed

4. **Article VI.** Duties of Elected Officers. A new duty shall be imposed on the Secretary as follows: In event of the Treasurer's inability to act to issue checks under his signature as authorized by the President or in the event of the President's inability to act as authorized by the Vice President for Association debts. Failed, needs to be changed from Secretary to Assistant Treasurer.
5. **Article VI.** Duties of Elected Officers. A new duty shall be imposed on the Treasurer as follows: Issue checks under his signature as authorized by the President or in the event of the President's inability to act then under the signature of the Vice President for Association debts. Passed
6. **Create a new section called Credit Cards.**  
The Association authorizes the issuance of two (2) Association credit cards for use exclusively for the affairs of the Association. One card each shall be held for use by the Association President and the other card by the Association Treasurer. The issuing financial institution of the card shall be as determined by a majority of the officers so entitled to vote. Credit card indebtedness shall be timely paid as set forth under the above-assigned duties. Passed
7. **Article IX.** Amendments. These By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the Regular Members at the Annual Membership Meeting provided that the proposed Amendment had been submitted, in writing, to the Members fifteen (15) days prior to the Annual Membership Meeting. Upon consideration of the proposed Amendment to the By-Laws, it shall be offered and voted on during the Annual Membership Meeting. Passage of the proposed Amendment(s) shall require an affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present at the Annual Membership Meeting. Passed
8. Propose that all Sections under the By-Law Articles be enumerated. Passed

President Dave Smith opened nominations for President. Ron Poness nominated Art Ward for President. There were no further nominations. Paul Fitta moved to close. Secretary was directed to cast unanimous ballot.

Opened for Vice President. Mike Stuart nominated Al Simpson. There were no further nominations. Chuck Klauck moved to close. Secretary was directed to cast unanimous ballot.

Opened for Treasurer. Butch McDonald nominated Art Ferguson. There were no further nominations. Paul Fitta moved to close. Secretary was directed to cast unanimous ballot.

Opened for Secretary. Ron Poness nominated Ed Krieser. There were no further nominations. Chuck Klauck moved to close. Secretary was directed to cast unanimous ballot.

Appointed by President were:

Assistant Treasurer – Butch McDonald

Assistant Secretary – Dennis Chandler

Webmaster – Eric Shierman

Assistant Webmaster – Ron Poness

Motion by Paul Fitta to adjourn at 10:15am. Seconded and passed.

Vote taken at the banquet on 2019 Reunion was 43 for Portland Maine, 12 for Norfolk Virginia, 2 for Pittsburgh Pennsylvania.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward J. Krieser, Secretary