

E/20th & C/75th ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

24 June, 1995 11:00am

Holiday Inn-Festus, MO

CALL TO ORDER

This organizational meeting was called after due notice mailed to the existing mailing list of E/20th & C/75th contacts. Dan Pope presided and requested Worth Bolton take minutes of business conducted. There were ten (10) persons present representing E/20th and C/75th companies (see attached list) and copies of handouts prepared by Dan Pope are attached to these minutes. This session began at 11:07am.

Dan Pope reviewed the Articles of Incorporation and Association Constitution with those present and asked for a motion to accept them and the slate of officers as presented. Motion made to accept as submitted was made by Vaughan Davidson, seconded by John Mynatt, passed by acclamation of all present. (See attached slate of officers for names)

In discussion of the Articles of Incorporation, significant discussion of the name of the Association was held. Concerns were expressed that the omission of E/20th may dissuade some of those men from joining the Association if only C/75th was used on all Association literature. Motion made to amend Articles filed in the State of Georgia to reflect "E/20th & C/75th" in all Association business by Vaughan Davidson, seconded by Ken Taylor, passed by vote of 8 in favor, 1 abstain.

BUDGET AND FINANCES

Dan Pope presented an accounting of all funds received to date in contributions from men who had received the mailings that have gone out to date. The status of the Association at this meeting was -\$20.00 balance. A Proforma budget was reviewed to project revenues and costs to get things moving ahead with a membership drive. The numbers were reviewed and a lengthy discussion of the potential membership and the resulting revenues was held with many points of view expressed. Points made included:

- 211 active names are currently on the mailing list that Dan Pope has compiled.
- There is potential for 900 men who served with E/20th or C/75th during the Vietnam War, based on estimates given by those present at this session.
- Concerns were expressed about other LRRP/Ranger Associations that had started and folded because of inability to sustain the effort, lack of funds, etc.
- Memberships are a key to being able to fund mailings and develop other special projects that were discussed.

It was agreed that our next step was to initiate a membership drive under the new Articles of Incorporation and then operate the Association within those funds that are received from the drive. The success of the membership drive will generate funds and give us all a better idea of the support within the ranks for a viable Association.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Other items that received discussion and comment included:

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GENERAL DISCUSSION (cont.)

- (1) Concerns about persons who attend these Reunions to interview, tape, film or develop items for sale from which the Association receives no monetary benefit.
- (2) Discussion of types of membership and proof of eligibility re: combat service.
- (3) How to interface with other Associations and to coordinate meetings with the bi-annual reunions of the 75th Ranger Rgt. Association. (eg: 75th Ranger Rgt Assoc. Inc will meet in 1996 at Ft. Lewis, Washington, so the next E/20th & C/75th would meet in 1997.) The financial costs and time away from jobs was an important item to be considered given the geographical spread of our potential members.
- (4) Special projects included the name of all E/20th & C/75th KIA's be placed on the walk at the Ranger Memorial at Ft. Benning. (some are already there)
- (5) Other projects included funds to aid families of fallen Rangers and contacts with those families.
- (6) Sites for the 1997 Reunion of E/20th & C/75th were discussed as follows:
a) Colorado b) Savannah, Ga. c) Washington, DC

Those attending this session agreed that much work remained to be done to make the Association a reality and committed to work towards the objectives expressed in the Constitution and By Laws. The session ended with a list of actions to be taken by the Association Officers to move the concept forward and solicit support from others who could not be in attendance at this session. The list included:

- (1) Dan Pope to work with the other Officers to develop and implement a Membership drive ASAP, getting word out to all on the current mailing list with new names to be added.
- (2) The Officers should meet at their earliest convenience through conference calls, FAX transmissions, or at selected sites to further the goals and objectives agreed to thus far.
- (3) We should begin now to develop a campaign to have as many members as possible attend the Reunion in '96 at Ft. Lewis, particularly those vets who live in the western US. We want a good turn-out to represent E/20th & C/75th at all reunions if at all possible.

This session ended at approximately 12:17pm at which time members joined with other LRRP/Ranger units' attendees to participate in Midwest Reunion activities.

(Editor's Note: I have tried to remember and write as much as I could of this historical event, but I am sure that I may have omitted important facts or points that were made. If I left out something you feel is important please see that it gets added when these minutes are reviewed/corrected at the next session.)

Respectfully Submitted:

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