

**2/3 VIETNAM VERERANS ASSOCIATION  
CHARLESTON, SC – CROWNE PLAZA HOTEL  
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES  
SATURDAY AUGUST 27, 2016**

The meeting was called to order by President Dave Smith at 9:10am 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 – Gil Hernandez – Absent  
Treasurer – Art Ferguson – Present  
Secretary – Ed Krieser – Present  
Assistant Treasurer – Butch McDonald  
Webmaster – Eric Shierman – Present  
Assistant Webmaster – Ron Poness – Present

Treasurer's report given. \$3,700.00 was made at the auction last evening. We currently have 136 members on the roster.

Discussion on membership and the need for contacting members who dropped their membership as well as those who served in Vietnam with 2/3 but have had no contact with us.

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 2017 Reunion to be in San Antonio, at the El Tropicana. Discussed tours and meals. Motion by Paul Fitta to have 1 tour only because of the monument program. Seconded and passed.

Discussed information given by Art Ferguson on bonding.

Motion by Paul Fetta to amend bylaws for all members handling finances to be bonded.

Discussion on 501 (c) filing. Art Ferguson to work on.

New Business:

Discussion on new guidons with motion by Ed Wyatt to pay the \$1,181.00 cost. Seconded and passed.

Discussion on members who pass away and we do not get word for some time.

Motion by Ed Wyatt in this situation we make a memorial contribution to "Semper Fi Fund" in their name instead of sending flowers after the funeral. Seconded and passed.

Eric Shierman spoke on setting up a message board. Members were asked to send what they want to post to Ron Poness who will get it to the website.

Art Ward moved to donate \$500.00 to the National Medal of Honor Museum project. Seconded and passed.

Art ward was then given gavel to conduct the election of association officers. Dave Smith was the only nomination for President by Lou Rociola. Secretary was directed to cast unanimous ballot.

Vice President: Ron Pones nominated Gil Hernandez and Paul Fitta nominated Doc Anderson. After written ballots were counted Doc Anderson elected to Vice President.

Art Ferguson was the only nomination for Treasurer by Paul Fitta. Secretary was directed to cast unanimous ballot.

Ed Krieser was the only nomination for Secretary by Ron Pones. Secretary was directed to cast unanimous ballot.

Appointed by president were:  
Assistant Treasurer – Butch McDonald  
Assistant Secretary – Al Simpson  
Webmaster – Eric Shierman  
Assistant Webmaster – Ron Pones

Discussion on 2018 reunion cities. Motion by Bill Snodgrass to make first choice Colorado Springs. Seconded and passed.

Motion by Harry Householder to make Reno the second choice. Seconded and passed after little discussion.

There was unanimous acclamation there be placed in these minutes to recognize that on 15 April 2015 there was a commemoration at the Vietnam Memorial Wall to memorialize the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the beginning of the Vietnam War.

There was another unanimous acclamation to be placed in these minutes the honorable recognition of Charlie Greer for his work prior to his death.

Motion by Paul Fitta to adjourn at 11:05am. Seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward J. Krieser, Secretary