



34th Infantry Division Association

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MINUTES OF THE 53RD ANNUAL REUNION, 8-10 SEPTEMBER 2000, AT
THE CITY CENTRE HOLIDAY INN, PEORIA, ILLINOIS.

The First Session of the Meeting was Called-To-Order by President Robert Creager at 10:04 AM, 9 September 2000.

The Colors having been posted, President Creager led the Pledge Of Allegiance.

Chaplain Leighton McKeither gave the Invocation.

President Creager welcomed all Red Bulls, Families and Friends to the 53rd Annual Reunion.

President Creager recognized Norman Raner who "Moved that the rules be suspended that that those present be authorized to conduct the business of the Association". Seconded by Leonard Mayer. The Motion Carried.

Secretary Richard Moss read the Minutes of the 52nd Annual Meeting, 10-12 September 1999, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. Motion by Norman Raner and Seconded by Charles Sweeney, to Accept. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Richard Moss presented the Treasurers Report for the period 1 September 1999 through 31 August 2000. Motion by Leonard Mayer and Seconded by John Miller to Accept pending completion of Audit by the Auditing Committee..

NEW BUSINESS:

President Creager appointed the following Committees:

Nominations --

Chicago Area Chapter - Bob Creager
Council Bluffs Chapter - Bud Langenfield (Chairperson)
Des Moines Chapter - Dave Berlovich
Eastern Iowa Chapter - Floyd Sisson

Time and Place --

Chicago Area Chapter - Mike Kalvaitis
Eastern Iowa Chapter - Charles Sweeney (Chairperson)
Tri States Chapter - Martin Winkle

Audit --

Martin Winkle (Chairperson)
Wilbur Darnell

Resolutions --

Richard Moss

Secretary Moss reported on attending the Awarding of the Congressional Medal of Honor to 22 Americans of Asian Descent, 25-26 June 2000, in the District of Columbia. Fifteen of these awards were to men of the 100th Infantry Battalion and the 442nd Regimental Combat Team while assigned to the 34th Infantry Division.

Secretary Moss reported on research and documents provided to Rick Atkinson, noted staff writer for the Washington Post, who is writing a book on combat in North Africa, 1942/1943 by U.S. troops. Mr Atkinson has interviewed a number of RED BULLS for their experiences in North Africa. It is anticipated that the book will be published in 2002.

Chaplain McKeithen reported on the trip/tour of Italy in May and June 2000, and the ceremony at the Rome-Anzio National Cemetery, Nettuno, Italy, on Memorial Day, 2000. This event was attended by 23 RED BULLS.

There being no further business, President Creager declared "The Meeting in Recess until 10 September 2000, at 9:30 AM".

SECOND SESSION, SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2000

The Meeting was reconvened at 9:30 AM, following the Annual Memorial Service and Breakfast.

President Creager called for Committee Reports:

Nominations: Bud Langenfield, who proposed the following Officers:

President	Elwood Leapley, Bakersfield, CA
1st Vice President	Harold Dode, Arlington, IL
2nd Vice President	Charles Radford, Glenwood, IA
Sergeant-At-Arms	Ivan Delp, Metarie, LA

Trustees - 3 Year	Robert Creager, Dexter, IA Thomas Teale, Des Moines, IA Mike Kalvaitis, Burbank, IL
Trustees - 2 Year	Larry Lewer, Fairfield Glade, TN Dom DellaVedova, Davenport, IA Les Jerome, Council Bluffs, IA
Trustees - 1 Year	Paul Barnett, Ormund Beach, FL Delos Walker, Minneapolis, MN Leonard Mayer, Tonawanda, NY

President Creager called for Nominations from the Floor. There being none, Motion by Sweeney and Seconded by Winkle, that the Nomination Committee Report be Accepted by Acclimation. The Motion Carried.

Time and Place: Charles Sweeney

2001 Pittsburg, PA, Tri-States Chapter, Starting on Thursday
2002 Branson, MO - placed on temporary hold
2003

President Creager called for Sites and Hosts from the floor. There being none, motion by Berlovich and Seconded by Mayer to Accept the Time and Place Committee proposal. Motion Carried.

Audit Committee: Martin Winkle reported the results of the Audit Committee, finding that the records were correct and accurate and in proper order. Motion by Raner and Seconded by Mayer to Accept the Audit Committee Report.

Resolutions: There were no Resolutions presented.

President Creager called for any unfinished business. There was none.

President Creager thanked the Officers and Trustees for their Service during the past year.

President Creager introduced the Officers and Trustees for the forthcoming year.

President Creager introduced President Elect, E. G. "Buss" Leapley, who presented President Creager with a "Past Presidents Cap" and then the "Past Presidents Plaque in Appreciation for his Outstanding Service to the Association".

President Elect "Buss" Leapley thanked the Membership for their electing him to be President of this famous Division Association. He announced that an Officers and Trustees Meeting will be held in this room immediately following the conclusion of this Business Meeting.

There being no further business, Motion by Raner and Seconded by Winkle to Adjourn. Motion carried. President Elect Leapley declared "The Meeting Adjourned" at 9:50 AM.

Richard A. Moss
Secretary/Treasurer