

## Minutes for the Worldwide Army Rangers Annual WAR meeting 27 July 2013

1. The President, Ranger Bob Dawes called the meeting to order at 0900 hours and the doors were secured by Ranger Klein.
2. Members present: Bob Dawes, Pete Bacerra, Dave Santini, Paul Longrear, Art Hill, Charlie Craft, and Gerry Klein.
3. Ranger Klein led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. RGR Bacerra reviewed the treasurers' report. See attached.
5. Proposed budget items for 2014:
  - \$30.00 per pen set (Junior's Bullet Pen) awarded to Honor Graduate/Distinguished Honor Graduate of each Ranger Class. Pens currently donated by Jeff Falkel, owner of Junior's Bullet Pens. We have presented only two pen sets through 7 classes in 2013 as the Rangers fail to meet the standard required for Distinguished Honor Graduate and Honor Graduate.
  - \$1,200.00 to support the 4<sup>th</sup> RTB Darby Association.
  - \$400.00 to purchase trophies in support of the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment Ralph Puckett Leadership Award and the NCO / Soldier of the Year.
  - We need to determine and budget administrative and housekeeping expenses for stamps, printing, computer supplies, etc. RGR Klein will begin tracking and documenting the expenditures so we will have the data required to support the expenditure.
  - \$200.00 for website maintenance. Cal Rollins manages the website (Network Solutions), a secure sight that is DOD approved. Cal also handles new member certificates and membership cards.
  - Currently using Blue Pogo to distribute newsletters. RGR Dawes is paying (donating) the cost. We are looking at switching to "Constant Contact." Reportedly Constant Contact has greater capabilities. RGR Dawes and RGR Rollins will investigate to determine if we will be better served with Constant Contact vs Blue Pogo. We must budget for this service as future Presidents may not be as generous.
  - \$100.00 for engraving expenses (trophies). Ranger Longrear informed us of an individual on Sand Hill that donates the engraving to other professional organizations. We will take our future engraving requirements to this individual. If he offers complimentary engraving the money budgeted will be available to cover un-forecasted expenses.
  - Ranger Joe's and Commando's provides \$25.00 gift cards for the Ranger School Leadership Award Winners. We recognize their support when the gift cards are presented.
6. We are increasing our efforts to improve connections with the 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, 3d Battalion, and the Special Troops Battalion. Ranger Klein has the lead. The intent is to provide Certificates of Achievement to the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter as we do for the Ranger Training Brigade.
7. WAR has a different Business Model than most organizations. Our focus is to take care of Rangers, not amass a large treasury. We are growing. Our 2013 budget of \$5,000.00 was adequate this year.

8. \$250.00 to support the Darby Association. Although the Darby Association Run is cancelled, we will provide \$250.00 to the Association to support their Ranger Ball and help defray cost to the individual Ranger.
9. We need solid candidates for Vice President and Treasure. RGR Becerra has agreed to serve one additional year as treasurer. The election for Vice President and Treasurer will occur in 2014.
10. RGR Dawes proposes to switch our banking from CB&T to Wells Fargo, a national chain. This will eliminate the treasurer being tied to the Columbus / Fort Benning area. We will establish a "Merchant's Account" with Wells Fargo to accept a specific credit card (recommend VISA). We will be able to cancel the account with Wells Fargo vice having to close our account and open a new account at CB&T to stop the credit card companies from withdrawing the monthly charges automatically.
11. RGR Craft stated the VFW needs support. Since we hold our monthly meetings at the VFW, RGR Dawes recommended a \$250.00 contribution from WAR. The members present contributed \$95.00 immediately which was presented to RGR Craft.
12. Begin canvassing nominations for the 2014 Ranger Hall of Fame. We will announce the nomination process on the front page of the next FRAG ORDER. Nominations will be vetted by a board to select our candidates for next year. Once selected, WAR will support their nomination 100 percent.
13. The meeting adjourned at 1034 hours.