

23rd Infantry Regiment Tomahawk Association
Organizational Meeting Minutes
7 August 2014

1. The meeting was called to order at 1200 hours, 7 August 2014 by Jim Mapes, Interim President, at the 1st Battalion, 23rd Infantry Regiment Classroom, JBLM.

2. The following were in attendance:

Joshua Apel

Daniel Beard

Peter Butler

Chris Dire, 1st Battalion Liaison

Mike Ellis, 1st Battalion Liaison

Matthew Eshelman

Ron Frontz

Ryan Grams, Interim Treasurer

Mike Kendall: Interim Secretary; Constitution and By-Laws Chairman

David Larson, 1st Battalion Assistant Secretary/Treasurer

Zane Macey, 4th Battalion Liaison

Chuck Main: Honorary Sergeant Major of the Regiment

Jim Mapes, Interim President

Eric McMillan: Editor of TOMAHAWK

Mike Robinson: Database Administrator

Roy Starbeck

3. The minutes for the 20 March 2014 organizational meeting was approved by voice vote; motion made by Ryan Grams, second by Mike Kendall.

4. President's Perspective.

a. Jim Mapes stated that the Founding Day in September is designed to create common ground for the Regiment and competition between units. He acknowledged that little had been done since March. He said that he had discussed this event with the battalion liaisons before the meeting, and they will coordinate with their commanders and CSMs. Given the battalion's training schedules it may not be possible to have both battalions participate together so we might have two separate events. He said that veterans would be included, just as they were invited to the Founding Day run in 2013.

b. Chuck Main asked about a roster of members and said he would be renewing the ad in Military magazine for another four months. He will contact the JBLM newspapers and various veteran organizations about having ads in their publications. Chuck asked if Mike Land could add a block on the membership form for information on how the new member learned of the Association.

c. Chuck Main stated that he will not be able to go to the Korean War Veterans meeting in Chicago in September. He noted the KWV has about \$22,000 in their treasury which they will want to transfer to a worthy cause if they dissolve. Ryan Grams will contact Jim Coulos, the KWV Secretary, concerning our Association as a possible recipient if they dissolve.

5. Membership:

- a. Jim Mapes will talk to Mike Land about Chuck's membership comments.
- b. Mike Robinson stated the database is finished and is being debugged. He will purchase an external hard drive to store the data. He has an Excel listing of members.
- c. Ryan is working on the membership cards. He hopes to have this done by 15 August.

6. Marketing. Eric McMillan

- a. He has a draft newsletter and needs information on the Founding Day events to complete it.
- b. Mike Kendall suggested including the Tacoma News Tribune obituary of COL (Ret) Sager, who was a company commander at Chip-yong-ni in the Association newsletter. He passed away on August 3, 2014 at the age of 96.
- c. Chuck Main asked if the Association will have an auxiliary. Mike Kendall answered that it isn't necessary since we have associate members who can be family members.

7. Financial Task. Ryan Grams. Current balance in checking account is about \$2,207; PayPal account has about \$5,404 for a current balance of \$7,671.

8. Initial Membership Meeting. Jim Mapes stated we need a Chairman of the Nominations and Elections Committee so we can include the election in our annual meeting.

9. External Task. Mike Kendall

- a. IRS request for 501 (C) 19 will be submitted once we have a budget and an activity plan.
- b. Will coordinate with the Washington State Secretary of State to renew our incorporation.
- c. The Association needs an auditor to check our finances based on a JBLM checklist. JBLM requires an audit as part of recertification.

10. New Business: Jim Mapes

- a. He reminded the attendees that we need volunteers for the following positions: Auditor, Nominations and Elections Committee, and Programs Committee.
- b. He said that he has sent a message to John Blue asking him to serve as Vice President.
- c. He will contact the 2nd Battalion at Fort Carson for a representation to the Association.

11. Next Meeting is to be determined based on the battalions training schedules.

12. The meeting adjourned at 1250 hours.

Mike Kendall
Interim Secretary