

HMM 265 Veterans Association Membership and BOD meeting 25 May 2017

Meeting was called to order at 14:03 PDT

Secretary's Report: Minutes of last meeting were accepted as published. Corporate Documents are up to date with the State of Texas. Tax form 990 was filed so taxes are up to date. Given for Ralph Nelson by John Long.

Treasurer's Report: At last meeting balance was \$12,084.04. Income was a \$14,215.00, Expenses were \$10,005.43, leaving a current balance of \$16,293.61 before reunion expenses are paid.

At the last meeting a motion was passed to ask the membership to fund putting HMM 265 on the memorial Plaque in the National Museum of the Marine Corps. The above amounts include \$5,025.00 which was donated and then sent to the NMMC. Acknowledgements from the NMMC were received from Gen. Rusty Blackmond, and had also been quoted in MC Heritage Foundation publications.

Website: Chuck Johnson reported the website, www.hmm265.org, now had updated software and security. He had been looking into a members only portion but the complexity and receiving each member's approval would be difficult and time consuming. As the only thing that would be placed on it would be Members names and contact information it was decided not to persue a "Members only" section.

The new website is more user friendly and can be up-dated more offer.

Old Business: NMMC Memorial Plaque referred to above.

New Business: John Long reported he had sent an email about the tattered flag over the Kensington Park Hotel that could be seen from the MMC & H. and asked the attendees to follow up with emails of their own and passed out contact for that hotel. *

* Note: After the meeting it was noticed that within two hours of the start of the meeting, the flag had been removed and replaced with a new one received from the Elk's Club of SFO. Grateful acknowledgement was sent to the General Manager of the Hotel.

Proposals for next Reunion: Paul O'Neil would work for a Reunion in Philadelphia, PA. We had also received information from a Holiday Inn in College Park MD asking to be considered. There we would be using Military Reunions as the organizing organization.

It was moved and seconded to go to PHL in 2019, approval was unanimous. Later the time period was set between mid Sept. and mid Oct.

It was announced a couple of readers were needed for the Names at the Memorial Service. Bob Mills and Bob Bayse volunteered.

Bob Bayse proposed to write a letter or proclamation of appreciation for all the work Tim Bastyr does for the Reunions, especially since he was physically unable to be at this one.

General Discussions: Reasons for timing of Reunions, Incorporation, conflicts with Pop-A-Smoke, etc.

Possibility of adding roster to website without contact information.

Ways to improve attendance at Reunions.

Meeting adjourned at 14:47

Respectfully Submitted by John Restivo for Ralph Nelson, Secretary

