



Minutes from Redlegs Chapter, 4th Infantry Division Association, San Antonio , Texas, 18
September 2024

Attendees:

Members In the Room: Ernie Putthoff, David Dollner, Tony Wegnor, John Hams, Roy Ratliff, Al
Downs, and Paul Bonsky

Guests: Claude Downs and Barbara Dollner

Members present Via ZOOM: Garrick Harbison, Patrick Goddeyne, Steve Von Hagen, Frank Moen,
Ron Fowler, and Howard Hoffman

Minutes from Previous Meeting – Jacksonville, FL 2024. The Minutes were read by Al Downs they
were seconded and unanimously accepted as read. A copy was provided to the President.

Reports:

1. Treasurer's Report – Dave Dollner reported as of 29 August 2024. Two deposits one for one
hundred and fifty-four dollars (\$154) from sales of coins and check from 4th Infantry division
association for our share of dues for four hundred and ninety-seven dollars (\$497) for a total of
six hundred and fifty-one dollars (\$651). One bill was paid for two hundred and seventy-five
dollars and 88 cents (\$275.88) for renewal of website fees. Leaving a Chapter balance of sixteen
thousand , six hundred and forty dollars and forty cents (\$16,640.40) The Treasurers report was
seconded and unanimously accepted as read.

2. ByLaws – Requested by National to create Bylaws because of transfer from the Chapter to the
Redlegs Chapter. We created ByLaws following the National Association ByLaws and they can be
modified by those that follow us in office. The Executive Officers president and one or more Vice-
Presidents plus the Emeritus Presidents (who would be permanently elected after being
nominated and approved by the membership) must be elected by the membership. The Adjutant
and the Treasurer are appointed and approved by the Executive Committee. The elected and
appointed officers are members of the Executive committee will serve for a two-year term. All
Chapter members must be in good standing with the 4th Infantry Division Association. The only
addition to the National ByLaws is the addition of a President Emeritus. This individual is
nominated for distinguished service and recommended the Executive Committee for
consideration. Upon committee acceptance the nominee is placed before the membership at the
next scheduled meeting for ratification. Two paragraph numbering errors were corrected, and
the Chapter ByLaws added provision for electronic communications that are not in the National

ByLaws. A vote was taken for acceptance of the ByLaws as changed from the version that was electronically staffed. There were no further changes, and the ByLaws were unanimously accepted.

3. The President electronically staffed the nomination of Al Downs for the first Emeritus President and all members of the Executive Committee concurred except for Al Downs. The Chapter Members unanimously ratified Al Downs for the position as our First Emeritus president.

4. Website – Steve von Hagen provided the status we have 354 photos, 4 videos, emblems, maps, and 6 PDF's. I want to add more and made some changes, and I have a button on the site requesting suggestions. Items are normally placed in the regiment section except photos are first placed in the Brand-New Photos section for a short period prior to being added to the regimental sections. Many of the photos have a plus sign next to them. When clicked on this plus sign several other related photos are shown. Also added is a piece on the history of Fort Carson that starts with Kit Carson (it is a PDF). Paul indicated that in December he is going to attempt to get more information on the active regiments.

5. Communications – Al Downs addressed the fact that the newsletter is produced on twice annually. The IVY LEAVES is published by Rick Adams.

6. Regimental Coordinators – negative reports

5. Branson 2023 – Paul Bonsky stated that the Redlegs hosted the Hospitality Room in 2023 and will do it again this year. Branson really does most of the entertainment effort, making it an easy hosting job.

6. 2024 Fort Carson Chapter Reunion - John Harris reported on the Reunion in June. It was very successful thanks to the efforts of CPT Garrek Harbison. COL Knowles and the CSM Lozano were presented a box containing one of each of the challenge coins the Chapter had made. We attended the dedication of the Division Headquarters Building in honor of First Sergeant McNerney who received the Medal of Honor for his actions during March 1967 when his unit was attacked in Polei Doc, Republic of Vietnam.

7. 4th Infantry Division Artillery Re-Alignment – CPT Harbison, 4th DIVARTY Liaison Officer discussed the plans and their pending depolymets. The battalions will return to home to alignment to under DIVARTY. This appears to be an Army-wide realignment program of artillery in all divisions.

Old Business:

1. Tony Wegnor addressed the coin Inventory and repurchase. Currently, each regiment has approximately 25 coins remaining. It was recommended that a reorder of coins be delayed. If it is necessary to reordered it must be done within 5-years in quantities of 50 for each coin. After that 5-year period the molds are destroyed.

2. Future Redlegs Chapter Reunion Discussion included consideration to have the Chapter reunion at the same time as the 4th Infantry Division Association in August 2025 in Colorado Springs and Fort Carson. Steve Von Hagen indicated that he was leaning towards a reunion for the A-4/42 in Traverse City, MI but I may consider other venues including Colorado Springs or

Nashville in the Fall of 2025. Steve was reluctant to consider August and preferred the fall. Paul addressed having some Redlegs Chapter reunions during IVY Week in future years when the National reunion is not held in Colorado.

New Business:

1. Branson, MO Veterans' Week will occur 9-11 November 2024. Roy and Jane Ratliff have agreed to be this year's Hosts

Adjourn: Al Downs made a motion to adjourn, and it was seconded and carried at 2040 hours CDT.

/Signed/
Francis C Moen
Adjutant