



REDLEGS Chapter, 4th Infantry (IVY) Division National Association

August 2, 2023

Doubletree Hotel, Jacksonville, Florida

4:00 PM Eastern Time Zone

Members & Officers Present (6) and BY Zoom (5): 11

Guests: 2

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Redlegs Chapter, 4th Infantry (IVY) Division National Association, was called to order by the Chapter President, Paul Bonsky, at 4:00 Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

Al Downs read the minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting. A motion to approve the minutes as read was made, seconded, and approved.

David Dollner presented the Treasurer's report. The bank balance was \$16,014.31. The most significant expense in the last 12 months was \$2,777 for the new coins. We've had good receipts from recent sales of coins. Primary income was from the sale of shirts, hats, and challenge coins. We are also doing well in membership income and donations to the Chapter. A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report. The motion was seconded and approved.

Steve von Hagen then reported on the website. He discussed the results of the Facebook group page. Steve reminded everyone that photos and feedback were always welcome. The photos help us keep the pages and site fresh. He also discussed using ZOOM for his connections to the 42nd Regiment. Frank Moen indicated he had photos of Bravo Battery 4-42 FA. Paul mentioned we were still searching for ways to get our newsletter to active duty 4th ID Artillerymen. Frank mentioned using Instagram and Tic Toc.

Craig Johnson reported on his activity and plans for the 29th Regiment.

Stan Beckford reported on his activity and progress with the 20th Regiment. He discussed the slow but steady increase in War on Terror membership.

Steve von Hagen reported on his progress with the 42nd Regiment. Alpha Battery has been his primary focus, and they will have a mini-reunion in October in Nashville. He estimated at least 10 veterans will be attending.

Roy Ratliff gave his report on the 16th Regiment. He has had some trouble finding additional veterans. Roy agreed to continue his efforts until his successor was found.

John Harris gave the nominating committee report. He stated that all the current officers had agreed to serve another two-year term except for Roy Ratliff, who asked to step aside as soon as a replacement could be found. Also, the Senior Vice President position remains vacant. Al Downs made a motion to approve the slate of officers as presented by John Harris, and Larry Lundberg seconded the motion. The motion to approve the slate of officers was unanimously approved by all in attendance and by Zoom call. The following are the approved elected officers for the 2023 to 2025 period: President-Paul Bonsky, 20th Regiment VP-Stan Beckford, 16th Regiment VP-Roy Ratliff, 29th Regiment VP-Craig Johnson, 42nd Regiment VP-Steve von Hagen.

Paul Bonsky then reported on the 4th Infantry Division Field Artillery support. He discussed his meeting with DIVARTY and the Battalions last October at Fort Carson (the 3-29 FA did not attend due to their European deployment). The focus of the meeting was the support of the SFRG programs at DIVARTY and Battalion levels. Paul reported that DIVARTY requested our support for a pre-deployment activity for the families. We provided refreshments to the activity. The 2-12 FA had asked for similar support, but the battalion could not materialize their request within the program's guidelines. Paul stated we should focus our efforts on the upcoming homecomings. Those at the meeting and on the ZOOM call voiced their approval and indicated it would be money well spent.

The next item on the agenda was new business. The members present discussed the possibility of a Redlegs Chapter Reunion in 2024. The reunion could be held in May or early June in Colorado Springs and Fort Carson. An alternative site would be Fort Sill and Lawton, OK. Frank Moen mentioned that the Spring period might be difficult and conflict with Fort Sill's OCS reunion.

No other new business was presented. The next National reunion would be in San Antonio in September 2024 (16-21 September 2024), and the Redlegs had agreed to host the hospitality room for the National Association. The National Association would fund the costs associated with the hospitality room, and the Redlegs Chapter would provide the staffing. Steve von Hagen briefly mentioned his visit to the National Archives in Maryland and told everyone he would organize a return trip in 2024.

Motion made, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 PM.