



Minutes of 12 August 2025 Redleg Chapter Meeting

Attendees:

Paul Bonsky, President
Al Downs, President Emeritus
John Harris, Senior Vice President
Larry Brainerd
Garrick Harbison
Ole Olson
Mike Moynihan,
Ron Williams
John Gammicchia
Harley La Roche
Ron Williams
Mike Stavisky
Brian Berczyk,
Duane Grisham

Attendees via ZOOM:

Stephen Von Hagen, Vice President Communications
Frank Moen, Adjutant
Stan Beckford

Absentees:

David Dollner, Treasurer

Meeting called to order at 1900 hours Central Daylight Savings Time on 12 August 2025 by Paul Bonsky. Paul asked Al Downs to read the minutes from the 2024 Chapter Meeting in San Antonio, TX.

Minutes from the previous meeting:

The minutes from the 2024 Chapter Meeting were posted on the Website, Al Downs moved that we approve the minutes as written and posted on the website. Paul seconded the motion, and all members approved of the motion.

Reports:

David Donner had not arrived yet and per conversation with David Dollner, the bank balance was read to be \$16,850.65. This is a decrease from last July in the amount of \$100.04. Total Income was \$1,165.25 and all expenses were \$11,268.84 and the annual chapter report will be provided to national this week. David Dollner will be here tomorrow so shall we approve the Treasurers Report as presented? The President said yes and all were in favor. The net result of funds is that we went down to approximately \$100. That is not bad considering all that has been done, including the Branson event.

Steve Von Hagen reported that we are providing the 4th Division Association providing two inputs per year. The website is averaging 365 visitors per month. Regarding website queries, we are trying to respond within 24 hours whether I grab it, or Paul grabs it. We received 8-10 in the last two months from guys from 3/16 and 5/16, and we are going to find a way to handle queries with the unit coordinators and share the responsibility for responding to people. Regarding Facebook, I do not handle this Paul post info and has posted a lot from the active duty, but it is pretty quiet. I do not know if you are familiar with ChatGPT, but I am using it a lot. We are having a reunion in Nashville for A Battery 4-42 Battalion. A total of 25 participants including 12 veterans over a three-day period. I'm putting together a timeline of the battery's activities in 1968-69. ChatGPT has been helpful, and I got a kick out of it because the new version 5 of

ChatGPT scours the internet and keeps pulling information from our website and information that Frank Moen has posted on another site as part of the responses to me. That's all I have and now ask for suggestions. Paul Bonsky added that we met two new battalion commanders for 3/29 and 2/77, and both want to get newsletter stuff to us. So, we need to pursue this a little more. CPT Suri (Divarty Adjutant) sent a newsletter for the IVY gunners that I posted, and she will send me more info. The more information the better. I would love to put up more pictures, but people need to use the website more. Paul stated that if you want to have more pictures on the site let us know. Please let us know. Steve stated that CPT Surrey is going to send COL Brown, s bio and a nice picture of him to post on the website so people can know who he is and where he has been. This is his first association with Fourth Infantry Division, and he has spent most of his time at Fort Bragg including time with the 82nd. COL Brown is interested in our association and wants our help. Paul said, "I think what we need to do as veterans, is get the soldiers to feel like they are part of our group." Is that a good way to put it, Garrick? Garrick said I think most soldiers don't know about your group. I'd say maybe the older ones do. - The soldiers that were at the cannons today, I told them about the Redlegs Association and the Fourth ID Association, they have never heard of them. Most of the E2-E5, if they stay, are about 20 years from retirement, but someday they might consider joining.

Branson: Paul said, "We are going to do Branson this year. One way or the other I'm trying to see if I can get there now that I'm retired from growing grapes". we're going to do the hospitality room beginning on the 9th on Sunday and We will keep it open through Veterans Day and departing there on the 12th. It will be at the same hotel in Branson.

Regimental Coordinators: Negative reports

Old Business: None.

New Business: Discuss election process. Paul Bonsky turned the meeting over to Al Downs as President Emeritus, to run the election of officers to serve for the next two year term. President, Senior Vice President, and Vice President of Communications. - Al Downs made a motion to nominate Paul Bonsky to remain as our president, John Harris as Senior Vice President, and Steve Von Hagen as Communications Vice President. It was also agreed that Regimental Vice President's positions and elections would be retired for the near future. The election of the three officers was seconded and passed unanimously. The positions of Adjutant and Treasurer are positions appointed by the president and approved by the executive committee of the Redlegs Chapter.

There was discussion on purchasing Hats and coins and their best use. Paul indicated giving items such as coins to the troops that are at the Fort Carson displays when we are attending functions with Division Artillery was a worthwhile use. Other items of interest to sell were shirts. We will continue to entertain adding hats and shirts for sale in the future.

We also discussed assisting the 77th Field Artillery Regiment with their membership recruiting and what we as a chapter could do to help them.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Paul Bonsky to adjourn the meeting at 2006 hours, it was seconded, and all were in favor.