Minutes of 05 August 2026 Redleg Chapter Meeting

The meeting started at 4:07 CDT.
Attendees:

Paul Bonsky, President	Duane Grisham
John Harris, Senior Vice President	Tony Wegner
David Dollner, Treasurer	Richard Jacob
Olaf Olson, Assistant Treasurer	Ernie Putthoff
Harley La Roche	Errol Lindsey
Mike Stavisky	Joseph Kilian
Brian Berczyk	Craig Johnson

Attendees via ZOOM:
Stephen Von Hagen, Vice President Communications
Frank Moen, Adjutant

Guests:
Carol Harris
Patricia Bonsky

Frank Moen stated that the minutes from the previous meeting are posted on the website. He made a motion to accept the minutes as written that are posted on the website. Mike Stavisky seconded it and unanimously passed.

Dave Dollner gave the Treasurer's Report as of 6/30/2026. President Bonsky asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. A motion was and seconded made to accept it. It was unanimously passed.

President Bonsky stated that he is going to try and get through old business as quickly as possible to get to the stuff that must be done in the short time we had. He then stated that in new business, we have a very important item that we need to talk about -- future chapter banking arrangements.

Vice President for Communications Steve Von Hagen gave his report. Regarding the website,

- We get visitors. For the year, for the last 12 months, we had 5,228. And May was like 474. July dropped to 373. That usually bumps up when we send a mailing to everybody. The highest we had this year was 543.
- Regarding 2nd Bn, 77th FA are we going to keep them on the website? Steve asked, "What is your plan with that"? President Bonsky said keep it for the time being.

- We have a link there for 9th FA. I have nothing basically no content in there. Do you want to keep that? President Bonsky said I think so. I have been hearing more often from people with the 2-9 FA.
- Steve Von Hagen stated that we have a section on there for the store which is now blank. If we have nothing to put there, I will delete it. Do we have anything left over that you want us to advertise at the store? On the coin side. I have $131.59. That's the 6-29 coins. Any hats? No, that most all the hats were given to active-duty people when we were at Fort Carson in 2026.
- Who looks at the website or do you look at Facebook? I need a little feedback on what's going on with the website. How many of you go to the website periodically. Let me know by sending me something.

David Dollner asked how we can get more information out. Now that we have Zoom, now that we've gotten it to a fairly easy process to get on, is that true? President Bonsky said, Steve does it every month. I've been doing it more often. Steve Von Hagen stated the problem is with that, we invited 250-something people. Yeah. Besides the 14 of you at that meeting. And Frank being an officer and me being an officer, this is the worst attendance because in the past we would get half a dozen, eight, ten people.

President Bonsky said that John Harris is in another meeting right now. I'll mention coming events.

- A Battery, 4-42 Reunion September 27-1 October 2026 in Alexandria.
- Branson 2025-- November the 9th through the 11th at the Hotel Grand Victoria. We had a very good turnout at Branson last year. Jane and Roy Ratliff hosted it but we're still going to have the Branson get together for Veterans Week.
- Ivy Week at the end of August, and that got postponed by the division. And right now, they're tentatively trying to plan an Ivy Day or two around the 14th of December including a St. Barbara's Day ball. So, we're all invited to that, and we will get information out as soon as we have firm dates.
- For 2027 National Association reunion, it looks like, and I'll know more later, but rumor has it, it will be in Springfield, Missouri. And then the one in 2028, may be in Knoxville, Tennessee. And in 2028, back to Fort Carson. By 2029 everybody that's at Fort Carson.

President Bonsky then moved on to new business. The number one item is Chapter's banking. For many years now we have been banking with Fort Sill National Bank and since they are a very local bank in Oklahoma, it creates some real logistical problems for us. We've been talking about moving it to a national bank like either Chase or Bank of America. And right now, I've set it up that as soon as we get approval from this meeting, we can open an account at Bank of America. There are a couple reasons for that. We can do some online banking if we need to. We can see statements online anytime we want so it's more available to us. And we're all getting to that age that tomorrow one of us could be gone. So, we need to cover our rears here and be prepared for somebody stepping in and taking over. Do you have anything you want to add to that, David? David said No. The President continued, I think if we get it into an online mode, that will help appreciably, because we never have had the account online, for one thing. And the last two years, we've been having some bookkeeping problems from Fort Sill Bank, two major errors on statements that we had to go through. The

meeting then discussed who should be signers for the new account and it was the consensus of the meeting to limit it to three officers. After some discussion and siting examples in other organizations, President Bonsky proposed a resolution using verbiage provided by Bank of America to open an account and all other steps with three signatories. Once the account is opened transfer the money from the Fort Sill Bank and close the Fort Sill Bank account. The motion was seconded by Ole Olson was unanimously approved.

New Business.
The only thing I want to bring up is that in the last couple of months, I have participated in a Zoom call. with the 3rd or the 8th Infantry. And I think Harley went to a couple of those. Mike went to a couple of those Zoom calls. I encourage you to join back in. They'd love to have you there. But they were very interesting. When I joined one a couple of months ago, they had a LLRP on there from Vietnam and it made the meeting very interesting. And my thought was, is that if we started doing some of those Zoom calls, not that we're going to have 40 or 50 people on the Zoom call. That would probably be terrible. But we could do maybe what we do is work with DIVARTY to get some speakers that could come join us in the Zoom call and tell us what's going on with the active duty from time to time. We will try to put something together for a chapter-wide zoom call this fall.

President Bonsky asked for a motion to adjourn. Mike Stavisky made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded By Frank Moen and it passed unanimously at 5:07 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

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