

2016 19th Combat Engineer Vietnam Association

Saturday, September 10, 2016 - 10:00 a.m.

Meeting Called to order - Mike Newell

Moment of Remembrance for the victims of 9-11, fellow members and Family of Armed Forces who bore the burden of our current war and National Day for POW/MIA of past wars. - Mike Newell

Pledge of Allegiance - Members

Roll call of Officers - John Forney, Secretary

Officers 2016-2018

President - Mike Newell

Vice President - Lacy Baldwin

Secretary - John Forney

Treasurer - Richard Yost

Welcome New Members -

Buck Underwood - C Co. and A. Co. 66-67 (from Minnesota)

Henry Kostiuk - 73rd 67-69 (from Minnesota)

George Crawford HHC 67-68 (from Ohio)

Kenneth Bain 73rd 69-70 (from Arkansas)

Welcome KIA Family Members

Welcome - LTC Estee Pinchasin from Fort Knox.

Approval of minutes from 2015 meeting - John Forney - motion, second and approved.

Treasurer's report - Dick Yost - motion, second and approved. *Current balance \$5,804.98 - increase of \$1019.80 from last year's balance of \$4,785.18.*

Standing Committee Reports

Ways & Means: Chuck Smithhart

Membership Committee: John Forney

Publicity: Tom Ebrite

Reunion: John Hack & Tom Ebrite

Web Site: Jose Diaz (not present)

Raffle: 19th Sweeties - Dixie Ebrite

History Report: Fred Smith

PX Report: John Hack

Update from Fort Knox – LTC Estee Pinchasin is now in command of the 19th at Fort Knox. The Lieutenant Colonel was in attendance along with her husband and her son. She addressed the group – welcomed everyone to attend the events at Fort Knox, including a Military Ball in March, 2017. She plans to attend the reunion again next year.

New Business/Chair

*New Business: - **Keith Dilworth** – there is a virtual wall that mirrors the Viet-Nam Wall in Washington D.C. We still don't have pictures for 14 killed in action from our battalion who need to be on that virtual wall. He is asking for help to find the photos by Veterans Day this year. Go to the website to sign up to help find some of these folks.*

John Bendick – was a captain in the NYC Fire Department on 9/11. Brought attention to the tragedy and all of those lost 15 years ago. Asks for all to pray that our country remains safe in coming years.

David Theisen, COL, USA (Ret) Welcomed the members in attendance to his organization, Army Engineer Association and to review the information, including membership options at <http://www.armyengineer.com>. Theisen shared that there are scholarship options for family of Army Engineers and provided brochures for those who were interested. Below is his contact information.

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Harry Ewald brought the original mock up copies for the newsletters that were published in the past. He is going to email them to Jose Diaz and give him the option to post them on the organization website.

Adjourn

Motion, second and approved. 11:14 a.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for remainder of the day.

Memorial Service- the traditional service was held, with the reading of the names of those members of the 19th Combat Engineers who were lost in action in Vietnam and other U.S. military conflicts.

Lunch at Shriners Club – A delicious lunch was enjoyed by the group. Randy and his staff provided the always great roast pork and side dishes. Other offerings were made by members of the staff at the Baymont Inn in St. Roberts, Mo. where most of the attendees stay during the reunion.

Raffle followed lunch.

Group Photos and photos of individual members and their spouses were taken by Ray Rosetti.

Music was provided afternoon entertainment.