



Vietnam Veterans Group of San Quentin



**August/September/October 2013 General Meeting
Held in the ARC Trailer on October 31, 2013.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Paul Stauffer
Vice Chairman	Lawson Beavers
Secretary/Treasurer	Greg Sanders
Outside Coordinator	Chris Bell
North Block Member at Large	Ernie Vick
H-Unit Member at Large	John Johnston
West Block Member at Large	Craig Johnson
Donner Sect. Member at Large	Ken Goodlow

Sgt. of Arms Tarvan called the group to attention to pay honor to the United States Flag. All present were then asked to remove their hats for a moment of silence for those Missing in Action, those Killed in Action, and all other service members deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world.

Chairman Stauffer called the meeting to order at 1810 hrs. Roll was called: 36 members present and 27 members were excused absences there was a quorum. Our sponsor Raphaelle Casale was present. Thank you Raphaelle for joining us.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

We have in our account \$1,054.24 In addition; we still have \$500.00 in two unprocessed trust withdrawals awaiting approval from the Warden. There are also 2 outstanding trust withdrawals for hat purchases that members are processing through their counselor for approval.

OUTSIDE COORDINATOR'S REPORT: Mr. Bell was not present to report on this activity.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS: The following committees had new committee chairs appointed for the upcoming year as follows:

BYLAWS: Chairman Baer

SCHOLARSHIP: Chairman Robinson

HONOR GUARD: Chairman Johnson

HISTORIAN/WEBSITE: Chairman Eisiminger

STAMPS FOR SOLDIERS, TABS FOR RMHC: Chairman Rooke

PRESENTATION AWARDS: Chairman Gomez
CAMARADERIE NIGHT: Chairman Cooper
OPERATION MOM: Gloria Godchaux
SQ MEDIA: Chairman Schuhmacher
FLAG FOLDING: Chairman Stewart
TOY PROGRAM: CoChairmen Caffelle and Gomez
V.I.G.: To be determined at the next VIG meeting.
V.T.G.: To be determined
VETERAN AFFAIRS/VIP OFFICE: Chairman Cappel

OLD BUSINESS: Chairman Stauffer shared an idea to purchase paper to use for group printing issues, such as minutes, etc. After a short discussion, a motion to purchase paper was proposed by Member Stewart, seconded by Member Rooke, and carried via voice vote.

Member Basile updated the group on the purchase of 40 new membership hats. Along these lines, Member Gomez suggested condemned inmates be given a hat for their donations. Lt. Luna will be asked to check into the feasibility of this idea.

New members Eisiminger, Haye, Lacrosse, and Nelson were present and voted into full membership of the group. Members Ericson, Hudson, and Poe were not present and will be voted on at the next meeting they are present. Member Gilchrist was present at the ARC Trailer for the attempted Sunday, Oct. 27 meeting but not present at the Oct. 31 meeting. His application and DD-214 were in order so he will be credited for one meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: New members Holley (USAF), Jasper (USAF), and Foster (US Navy) were introduced to the group and informed that they would be on probation until the January 2014 meeting, where they will become members upon a majority vote of the current members.

Member Johnson spoke on the upcoming Veteran’s Day activities and invited all current members to attend and participate in the festivities on the Lower Yard starting at 0900 hrs.

Member Nelson gave us an update on Veterans Benefits pertaining to Agent Orange and other disabilities.

Member Gomez suggested making plaques for the upcoming scholarship winners. There will be further discussion as the date of the scholarship banquet nears.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Member Barton and seconded by a majority of voiced seconds. The meeting adjourned at 1915 hrs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 11, 2013	Veterans Day Holiday activities on the Lower Yard at 0900 Hrs.
November 14, 2013	Veterans Training Ground Workshop in ARC Trailer @ 1800 hrs.
November 21, 2013	Veterans Training Ground Workshop in ARC Trailer @ 1800 hrs.
November 24, 2013	General Membership Meeting in the ARC Trailer @ 0900 hrs.
December 5, 2013	Veterans Training Ground Workshop in ARC Trailer @ 1800 hrs.



Submitted:

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DATE

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