

80th Blue Ridge Army Reserve Association
Post #50
Annual Minutes
26 August 2012

The meeting was called to order by President Grant Porter at 0835. Welcoming remarks were made followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

The guest speaker for this meeting was Command Sergeant Major James Wills, 80th Training Command.

Secretary Pete Herbert read the **Secretary's Annual Report 2011 – 2012** Highlights:

- Current membership stands at 125
- 76 are Life Members (\$250 of which \$150 is paid into the 80th Division Veterans Association for membership; no additional dues are paid)
- 49 are Annual Members (\$35 of which \$20 is paid into the 80th Division Veterans Association for membership)

Vice President Wollett read the **Treasurer's Annual Report 2011-2012** . Highlights:

- Revenue for 2011-2012 was \$3,798.00
- Expenses for 2011-2012 was \$5,733.50 (Soldier of the Year, etc., payment to the 80th Veterans Association, HQ 80th Family Day, Membership Items, and the Scholarship
- Money Market Balance: \$10,560.45
- Checking Balance: \$4,204.19

Old Business

- Awards Program: Six Awards were given at \$250.00 per category. The checks were presented by VP Doris Wollett and Board Member Dr Lee S. Anthony to the individuals at the 80th Training Command Leadership Council Conference conducted in VA Beach, VA. Guest speaker was Dr Lee S. Anthony.
- Scholarship Fund: The first Annual Continuing Education Scholarship for \$500.00 was awarded to Emily Hardy, daughter of LTC(R) Bill Hardy. Emily is attending Washington and Lee University.
- 3rd Time supporting the HQ 80th Training Command Family Day. Our Post provided \$100 towards prizes for the games that the children played. Word is that the Day was very successful and the families had a lot of fun.
- Annual Golf Tournament: The 3rd Blue Ridge Golf Tournament was a great success and everyone had lots of fun. This event raised \$77 for the Post.
- Annual Holiday Party: The 2nd Annual Holiday Party was also a big success. The Party was held on 10 Dec 2011 at the Holiday Inn on Belles Road in Richmond. There were 36 in attendance. Our Post donated over 30 toys to the Henrico Christmas Mother Program which supports needy families. A raffle was conducted and raised \$245.00 for our

Awards Program. Each attendee (one per family) was given a Blue Ridge Holiday Ornament as a gift.

- Blue Ridge Quarterly Luncheons: We held three quarterly luncheons at local restaurants: Oct 2011, Mar 2012, and Jun 2012. Average attendance was between 18-25 including guests and members. This is a great opportunity to keep up with Old Friends and keep abreast of happenings at the 80th. Members and guests who have attended recently include MG(R) LH Ginn, Rose Marie Cooper, widow of the 80th Division's first CSM, CSM Bob Cooper, LTC(R) Clyde Hughes, LTC(R) Carroll Shepherd, COL(R) David Gallagher, Tom Lach, Gayle Bevelle, former SSA for the MTC, COL(R) Jim Brown, June Brown, SGM(R) Vernon King, LTC(R) Charles Elam, COL(R) Ed Polonitza, 1SG(R) Shelia Foushee and COL(R) Andy Andrews. We have had two raffles and have raised over \$120.00 for our Scholarship Fund and Awards Program.
- Army 10 Miler: The Army 2011 Ten Miler was completed by six Blue Ridge participants to include: Glen Hence, Grant Porter, Andrew Walters, Coretta Lankford, Floyd Lewis and Angela Robey. Each participant received \$25 to help defray their registration fee.

New Business

- Election of Officers: President Porter led the discussion for 2012-2013 Officers. The slate of those recommended for all positions was read and approved. A motion was made by President Porter to approve the individuals from the approved slate. Motion was 2nd by VP Wollett. Motion carried. There will be two Board Member positions left unfilled. (attached is approved slate)
- Future of Holiday Party and Quarterly Luncheons: VP Wollett will contact the Holiday Inn and make arrangements for the 3rd Holiday Party tentively scheduled for 15 Dec 2012. Next Quarterly Luncheon is tentively scheduled for 24 Oct 2012 at the Holiday Inn Belles Road. This location seems to work well for everyone and the Hotel is very accommodating.
- 2013 Scholarship Fund: Secretary Herbert and Board Member George Croughwell made a motion to award a second \$500.00 Scholarship to a current College student. Motion was 2nd by Jim Brown; Motion carried. CSM(R) Jim White will assist the Scholarship Committee.
- 2013 Annual Meeting Location and Dates: The 80th Division Veterans Association will hold their Annual Reunion 4-8 Sep 2013 at the VA Beach Resort and Conference Center, VA Beach, VA. After some discussion, MG(R) John McLaren made a motion that Post #50 conduct its Annual Meeting at this location on 8 Sep 2013. Motion was 2nd by Carol Deverell. Motion carried.
- Soldier and Civilian Awards for 2013: Secretary Herbert made a motion that the amount of each category be increased to \$300.00 this year and future years will depend on the Post finances. Motion was 2nd by VP Wollett. Motion carried.
- CSM Wills requested and made a motion that we add the Audie Murphy Inductees to the list of awardees. After discussion it was determined that Inductees would receive \$50.00 per awardee not to exceed six Soldiers. Motion was 2nd by Buddy Deverell. Motion carried.
- Continued Support for Army Ten Miler, 80th Family Day and Golf Tournament: Secretary Herbert made a motion that we continue to support these events. After

discussion it was determined that we would give \$25.00 to Post members that participate in the Army Ten Miler; \$100.00 towards the HQ 80th Family Day Activities; and provide merchandise to be used as prizes for the Golf Tournament. Motion 2nd by Jim White. Motion carried.

- Secretary Herbert reported that \$210.00 was raised from a raffle held at the Veteran's Dinner on Friday night (24 Aug). Virgilio Munoz, 80th Safety Officer, donated an "80th Only Moves Forward" mirror for the raffle. In addition, we sold \$151.00 in merchandise
- Proposed Teleconference Schedule for 2012-2013: 4th Tuesday of Oct, Jan, Apr, and Jul. Secretary Herbert will send out call in information prior to each teleconference.
- Board Member Lee S. Anthony requested that the Post look into replacing a plaque at Mousson Hill in France which is placed in remembrance of fallen 80th Division Soldiers. After discussion it was determined that Lee will research this further and let the Officers and Board Members know of any restrictions along with the cost to replace the plaque. Lee to send an article to put in the 80th Division Blue Ridge Service Magazine seeking donations for this project.
- Jim Brown raised a question about ordering some sort of pin that shows we are Veterans. He will send Pete the information about the pins and Pete will look into ordering the pins.
- Recognition of Andy Adkins for maintaining the website. Andy does this at no cost to the Association.

Jim Brown moved to adjourn the 80th Blue Ridge Army Reserve Association Post #50 Meeting; 2nd by John McLaren; motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 1050.