

## **Blue Ridge Conference Call - 4 February 2014**

**1. Attendance:** The 80th Blue Ridge Army Reserve Association Quarterly Telephone Conference call was held on Tuesday night, 4 February 2014 beginning at 1900. Call Participants were Secretary Pete Herbert, Treasurer Ed Polonitza, and Board Members; Keith Brisson, Jim Brown, Charlie Elam, Paul Hoppes, Erik Imago, Brydon Jackson, John McLaren and Terry Singleton.

### **2. Secretary/Membership Report:**

a. Pete reported we have 135 Active Members, 94 Lifetime Members and 41 Annual Members. Our latest Lifetime Members include: COL® Will Bynum and LTC Sandra Forrest. Our Current membership numbers are the same as they were last year at this time but we do have 16 members who have not responded if they will or will not be renewing their annual memberships. Anyone who would like to assist in contacting these individuals please contact our new incoming secretary Angela Robey.

b. Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Party was very successful and everyone had a great time. We had forty party goers and our Holiday Raffle Table raised over \$250.00 for our awards program. J.R White gave us an interesting presentation on the dozens of pairs of shoes, we collected last year for Body and Soul Ministry, that were distributed in Belize. This year we collected over 3 dozens toys for Donation to the Henrico Christmas Mother Program.

### **3. Treasurers Report:**

a. Ed reported as of Dec 31, 2013 we had \$8,321.09 in our checking account and \$10,564.55 in our money marked for a total of \$18,885.64. Last year at this time we had a balance of \$16,555.63. Year to Date 2014 we have received \$195.00 in dues and paid the 80<sup>th</sup> Division Veterans \$2,200.00 for 2013 dues we owed. Our Balance as of February 4, 2014 is \$16,880.61.

b. Ed also announced he would be resigning as Treasurer and would like to hand over the books to the new Treasurer around the end of March 2014. Pete will send out an announcement looking for volunteers for a new Treasurer. Ed has been our Treasurer since the Association was formed in 2002 and will continue to participate as an active member.

### **4. Old Business: Annual Meeting & Scholarship**

a. Jim Brown has been looking at some dates and locations for our 2014 Annual meeting. He has confirmed the Holiday Inn in Hagerstown, MD could accommodate a Breakfast meeting in August if we decided to have our Annual Meeting in Conjunction with the 80<sup>th</sup> Division Veterans Reunion August 13-16. He is also looking at the possibility of a combined Golf

Tournament/Annual Meeting banquet at the Meadowbrook Country Club here in Richmond. Jim will contact President Mejia and see which direction we should take.

b. Scholarship: George Croughwell would like someone else to head up the 2104 Scholarship Program but will head up the effort if no one else comes forward. Jim Brown said he would help with the process. We need to put out the announcement soon for the Scholarship Program.

**5. New Business**

a. John McLaren and Lee Anthony will be going to Fort Polk, LA this week to visit 80<sup>th</sup> Soldiers who will be deploying OCONUS soon. More details to follow.

**6. Wrap-up:** The teleconference ended at 1930. The next scheduled call will be Tue, 22 Apr 2104.