

## **174<sup>th</sup> Assault Helicopter Company Association 2019 Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

The 2019 annual business meeting was held in the 174<sup>th</sup> “Ready Room” (the Hospitality Room) at the Best Western Beachfront Hotel on Friday May 3, 2019.

The meeting was called to order by President Butch Elliott at approximately 1400 hours. There were about 35 members in good standing in attendance. All members of the Unit’s Board of Directors were present except for one and the Unit’s Webmaster.

President Elliott read the 2018 meeting minutes and asked if there were any questions, there were none. Billy Wood made a motion that the minutes be approved as read. The motion was seconded by Steve Kennedy. The motion was approved unanimously by the membership present.

President Elliott requested the financial report by the Association Treasurer Charlie Doherty.

### **Treasures report**

Charlie reported as of May 1, 2019 that the account balance \$25,397.16. The above balance does not include this year’s reunion expenses. I stated that the unit was in solid financial condition and asked if there were any questions regarding the Unit’s financial condition? There were none.

### **Old Business**

Jim McDaniel, the unit’s webmaster, is still requesting that anyone who has pictures from their tour in Viet Nam along with any reunion pictures please send electronic copies to him to be included on the unit’s website.

### **New Business**

The following Association Officers terms of service expired at the end of this year’s reunion. Butch Elliott (President), Dennis Fisher (Vice President), and Charlie Doherty (Secretary/Treasurer). The new Officers tours of duty take effect after this year’s reunion: Billy Wood (President), Mike Hall (Vice President) and Hal Koster (Secretary/Treasurer).

Butch mentioned that the U.S. Army museum at Ft. Belvoir will open in 2020. He also mentioned that there will be a bench representing the 174 AHC with a unit plaque fixed to the bench. Also, in the entrance hall will be a plaque depicting our unit citations and will be one of only 50 plaques representing all the units in the U.S. Army. This was brought about from an anonymous donor from the 174<sup>th</sup> AHC.

The association bylaws restrict the association from donating to any causes such as the one listed above.

A new unit directory was printed for this year’s reunion by Butch and he has agreed to keep maintaining it after his term as president is over. Steve Kennedy, our company store manager, has additional copies available upon request.

Louis Beasley from Athens, Alabama was recognized as our most senior member.

Butch also mentioned that our Founding Member, Ted Saunders, is in critical condition after having had a stroke three years ago, and is bedridden. Ted had not applied for any VA benefits and Butch made it his own mission to rectify that situation.

**2019 Gaggle Dates**

The next Gaggle get-together will be Thursday, October 10 thru Sunday, October 13, 2019. The gaggle is not an official meeting, just a get together of great friends held in the fall at the Fort Walton Beach Best Western.

**2020 Reunion Dates**

Butch announced that next year's reunion will be April 30 thru May 4, 2020 at the Ft Walton Beach Best Western.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business pending before the membership, a motion was made by Billy Wood and seconded by Hal Koster to adjourn, the motion was approved unanimously. The President adjourned the meeting at approximately 1435 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

*Charlie*

Charlie Doherty  
Outgoing Secretary/Treasure