

WWII HRS Board Meeting Minutes July 21, 2011

Attending the meeting: David Jameson, Jonathan Stevens, Bryce Seyko, Bill Sheets, Mike Saltgaver, Dan Overschmidt, Charlie Gallagher, Garrett Swearingen, Ed Godi, Carlos Ramirez, Andrew Garrison, Vito Abbinante, Dan Steele, Rich Russo, Chris Kissinger, Matt Andres, Kay Thompson.

The meeting was opened at 7:04pm

The **minutes** from May and June were read and both were accepted by vote.

Old Business

Regional Events: Colorado Event; Lockport Event –Rich Russo discussed the request for Lockport which was approx \$800. The overall budget was \$3,000. David Jameson wanted to make sure all had seen the request before voting on it. **Rockford** was tabled as there was no information.

New Business

Charters:

Defunct Units: F Co, 502 PIR, 101st Abn – A change of command form was reportedly coming. Bill Sheets would contact them. 12th Army Group WAC – No members were reported for the last two years with no response from the unit commander. A vote was called, seconded, and the unit was removed from the rolls.

New Units: 321st Glider Artillery Battalion – had passed the S&A Committee. A question was asked regarding the firing procedure of the reproduction pack howitzers. James Steele replied that there was no wadding or projectile. A 12 gauge shell was used as a blank. A question regarding the type of wheels on the howitzers was asked and the reply was that the early war version used automotive tires on the gun. They have completed one gun and would commence building two more if their charter were approved. A motion was made to vote on the unit and seconded. The vote was four to approve the charter as probationary.

17th Airborne – had passed the S&A Committee with a very comprehensive charter. Dan Overschmidt reported 8 members and 2 more possible members. A motion was made to vote on the unit and seconded. The vote was four to approve the charter as probationary.

5th Infantry Division – had passed the S&A Committee. The unit commander for the proposed unit was unable to attend the meeting and the discussion was tabled.

B Co. 502 PIR, 101st Abn – This proposed charter had been deadlocked in the S&A Committee. The unit had broken off another unit. One person pointed out the unit was in close proximity to a similar unit. It was noted that the unit would need 5 primary members within one year. A vote was called and seconded. The vote was four to approve the charter as probationary.

Final Charter Approval: The Hampshire Rgt – had five members and had no outstanding issues. A vote was called and seconded with four for approval of full charter status.

81st Quartermaster Co. – had more than 5 primary members and had no outstanding issues. A vote was called and seconded with four for approval of full charter status.

250th Infanterie Division Azul – did not have 5 primary members. The discussion was tabled and the unit commander would be contacted.

Treasurer Report: Acting Treasurer Jonathan Stevens reported HRS Accounts Business Checking Account: \$10,643.87; the Business Savings account contained \$29,841.02; for a total of \$40,484.88.

Secretary Report: Acting Secretary Jonathan Stevens reported 898 members.

Commonwealth Report: No new information

Allied Report: No new information

Axis Report: no report

Edge: Matt Andres reported he was working on the next issue.

Open Board Positions: Charlie Gallagher – was interested in running for the Treasurer position. He is from Bloomington, IL and was a student with Computer/Business major; Andrew Garrison was interested in running for the Axis Rep. He is a Navy Corpsman at the Great Lakes Naval Base. He has been an HRS member since 2004 except with duty in Afghanistan. He is interested in creating more synergy for the German units and to help better organize the Axis side. Mike Saltsgaver – decided that he would defer to Andrew Garrison on the Axis Rep. position. Kay Thompson reported that she would not seek the Treasurer position since another person was interested in the position. A ballot would be printed in the next Edge and we would try out electronic voting.

Committee Reports: The S&A Committee had reviewed four charters.

General Exemption Number: No new information was available and the discussion was tabled.

Scholarship: A member had submitted an application for scholarship. Not all board members had seen the application so the discussion was tabled.

Open Comment: Chris Kissenger reported the Trimborn Farm event in Wisconsin has raised about \$4,000 for the local historical society.

The meeting was closed at 8:17 pm.