

**Second Battalion Fourth Marines Association
Meeting Minutes 5 August 2017**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p. m. by Immediate Past President Steve Wilson.

Sergeant – At – Arms, Pat Burns, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officer and Staff Reports.

Secretary Manuel Travassos read the last Business Meeting Minutes. Pat Burns made a motion to accept as read and it was seconded by David Jones. The Minutes were accepted by the members present.

Treasurer Jim “Doc” Swann was unable to attend the Reunion and the Financial Report was unavailable at the time of the meeting but was received later. It is included as an attachment.

Steve Wilson asked newly elected President Scott Huesing to his vision for the Association under his leadership. Scott stated that he is excited to lead the Association forward with the assistance of Daniel Priest as Vice President and Richard “Bam Bam” Rassmussen, whom he brought on board with him, as well as, the rest of the Board. There were some good things discussed in the Board meeting, such as, setting membership as number one goal, providing programs to support for active units with funds and services, making contacts, connections, and recognizing supporters. Outreach, communication, and leverage of other organization is key to improve and build on the Association’s foundation. Scott, further stated, “The Association will not wither on the vine on my watch”.

Old Business.

MajGen James Livingston asked who all were planning on attending the Dai Do reunion 30 April through 3 May 2018. He asked that all respond and make reservations as soon as possible.

New Business.

The Results of the Election of Officers were as follows:

- Scott Huesing - President
- Daniel Priest – Vice President
- Manuel Travassos - Secretary,
- Richard Rassmussen - Director.

All were elected unanimously.

Scott asked what the membership would like to see at the next Reunion. Needs feedback. Steve Wilson said that boats could be available for deep sea fishing. Other activities could include Osprey’s and Zulu Super Cobras and golf. Via teleconference with Frank and Becky Valdez it was stated that some of the plans could include a 5 or 6 day reunion, live fire, base tour and parade. They, also, said it could be late September or early October, depending on the Battalion’s deployment schedule. It could even include an early Birthday Ball.

Phil Skaggs noted that we have several members that are sick, such as Duane Heflin and Doc Swann. He wanted to know if we send cards and said we need to keep in touch. Steve Wilson said he had used Bob Mercer in the past and Manuel Travassos said his wife, Barbara, sends cards to everyone that we know about who is sick or if there is a death in the family.

Richard Strock informed the membership about Osprey that was lost at sea off the coast of Australia.

General Remarks for the Good of the Association.

Steve Wilson stated that expenses for the reunion are deductible on your Federal Tax Return because of the Association’s 501 (c) (19) tax exempt status, if you itemize your Return.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p. m. after a motion by Maj Gen James Livingston, seconded by Rich Lopiano and approved without objection by the membership.

Secretary: Manuel G. Travassos Date: 8/8/17
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Immediate Past President: Steven R. Wilson Date: 8/8/17
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