



NATIONAL DUSTERS, QUADS & SEARCHLIGHT'S ASSOCIATION INC.

Minutes of NDQSA Annual Business Meeting

July 9, 2022 Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

At 9:04 a.m. CDT Saturday, July 9, 2022, President Bob Cuce opened the 2022 Annual Business Meeting of the National Duster Quads and Searchlights Association at the Skirvin Hotel in Oklahoma City, OK. The meeting began with The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Unit Historian conducted a membership roll call. Sixty-eight (68) members were present for the meeting. Bob Cuce asked everyone, who was attending the reunion for the first time, to rise and introduce themselves. First time attendee David Vaillancour was welcomed home.

Secretary's Minutes: The minutes from the 2021 Norfolk VA Annual Business Meeting were placed on room chairs prior to the meeting by Acting Secretary Richard Burmood. Bruce Geiger made a motion to accept the minutes as written, Vinny Tedesco seconded the motion, and the membership approved the minutes with no amendments. The Secretary put forward a proposal to speed up the approval timeline for annual meeting minutes and delegate it to a special committee composed of both Board and general members. Bruce Geiger made the motion to use that procedure, it was seconded by Joe Belardo and approved by voice vote. The minutes approval committee will be Bruce Geiger (chairman), Joe Belardo, Phil Hosey, Louie Atchison. and Mike Dunkerly.

Treasurer's report: Allan Penwell gave the treasurer's report. The organization continues to be in good financial health with \$113,000 in checking and savings. Details about the various set aside allocations to specific project obligations were reviewed. Support towards the Quad 50 restoration project will end as of the next annual meeting. The brick project to honor those 211 ADA unit members who died in Vietnam has \$13,000 of the \$15,000 required to fund the memorial. A motion to accept as written was made by Dave McCray, seconded by John Huelsenbeck, and carried with no dissention noted.

Historian Report.: NDQSA Historian, Paul Kopsick reported on membership. Currently about 460 active dues paying members and a mailing list of over 2500. Internet service email provider does not allow him to make mass mailing, so he primarily relies on the newsletter to inform membership or solicit dues. If you have historical documents or photos that should be preserved, send them to him for archiving. Vince Tedesco pointed out that the ADA Historian and the ADA Learning Center are also good places to preserve those heritage memories and help tell our stories.

Good Works Committee: Bruce Geiger explained that the Good Works donation program was not supporting a local charity in the area where we hold our reunion because we were involved in the Brick project and any money normally given locally would go to that memorial project.

Nominating and Election Committee: John Huelsenbeck reported that this year there were 245 votes cast in the officer's election with 18 invalid ballots because of no membership number, no vote marking, or no signature. This year there was only one nominee for each office. Paul Kopsick received 225 votes; the rest of the officers received 227 votes. There were no "write-in votes." Election results based on membership mail-in and day-of-election ballot votes were President - Paul Kopsick; 1st Vice President - Dave McCray; 2nd Vice President - Joseph Belardo; Treasurer - Allan Penwell; and Secretary - Richard Burmood. Bob Cuce becomes the Immediate Past President.

Future Reunions: The proposed 2023 reunion choices put forward by the Board of Directors are Washington DC, Cleveland Ohio, or San Antonio Texas. Joe Belardo, on behalf of the women, offered Savannah Georgia. Vince Tedesco moved that Savannah be the automatic backup if either of the ones we pick is not doable, and we vote on just the three recommended locations for the 2023 and 2024 reunion sites. Rick Liebendorfer seconded the motion and it passed by voice vote. Attributes of the three options up for vote were presented. The meeting was temporarily recessed while procedures were worked out. When business resumed the three locations were again presented to the members for preference choice by counting "stand up" votes. Results for 2023 follow: Cleveland = 44, Washington DC =15, and San Antonio =1. Results for 2024 follow: Washington DC = 48, San Antonio = 0. Savannah is the back-up for both of those choices. Reunion committees were developed for 2023 and for 2024.

New Business from the Floor:

- Dave McCray provided information about General Brian W. Gibson, being reassigned from Fort Sill to Hawaii as Commander of Pacific Area ADAA. He has asked Dave to query the General Membership Meeting and extend an invitation for NDQSA members, who want to put something together and hold some level of reunion over there, to do so and he will support that visit with coordination and advance work on activities. There are at least 10 people interested so far.
- Dave McCray also read into the record a text from LTC Alex Corby (Battalion Commander 4-60th ADAR) through Jackie Carver to the NDQSA. Team: It was great spending the evening with you Warriors yesterday. Driving home LTC Pearson said "you know man you told me about this, but I didn't understand it until I saw it. I get it now." He plans on moving forward with his organization like we have been doing so at 4-60th ADAR. He wanted me to relay that NDQSA members are welcome at Fort Hood and with the troopers of 6-56 ADAR regardless of who they served with in Vietnam. Much like at 4-60th we are all family, while we can agree and accept that the mighty 60th regiment is far superior to any other... To this end, please let your members know that they will always have a home at Fort Hood, Fort Sill, or wherever the Army may take the Battalions that fought in Vietnam from Saigon to Khe Sanh or Cam Ranh Bay to the Central Highlands. You will ALWAYS be family and we will ALWAYS impress upon our troopers how important it is to learn your lessons so that they may know their history and tell their story with pride. "We Rule The Heavens. An Ace Until Death!" ACE 06

Member Input for Record:

- Rick Liebendorfer informed the membership about Edward Allender and how he came to be an honorary member of NDQSA. Rick had no idea until late February this year that a fellow member of VFW Post #858 in Chillicothe Missouri had been ADA and had experience with the BOFORS. Ed Allender had been a member of 113th AAA AW SP from Dec 1949 to Dec 1951. He was honorably discharged to then join the U.S. Navy for an additional 20+ years of service. Rick had hoped to have Ed's memories recorded for the ADAA archives, but sadly this was impossible because Ed suffered a severe stroke early in March and lost the ability to communicate. Rick requested Board expedient action to make Ed Allender an honorary member of NDQSA. This was accomplished April 18, 2022, in time for Rick to present to Ed before he passed away. One of the last things Ed was able to do was to return a salute in our honor.
- John Huelsenbeck noted that information about Ed Allender and his service was written on the back of Ed's ballot. He moved that the ballot be preserved and turned over to the Historian for archiving as a historical record. Vince Tedesco seconded the motion, and it was passed by voice acclaim.

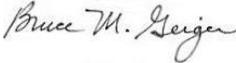
Meeting Closure:

- There was a moment of silence for those who passed away this last year.
 - The meeting was turned over to NDQSA President Paul Kopsick.
 - A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by John Huelsenbeck and approved by the membership.
- The 2022 Annual Business Meeting ended at 10:27 a.m.

Minutes compiled by:


Richard Burmood
Secretary, NDQSA

Date Approved: August 3, 2022


Bruce Geiger
Chairman, Minutes Approval Committee