

## **Members Report NDQSA Board of Directors Meeting March 2, 2023**

The NDQSA Board of Directors met in a 2.5 hour teleconference session on March 2, 2023. This was a regular meeting with the primary agenda of getting updates on project status, receive officer and committee reports, make a board decision on the ballot process, and plan for upcoming events.

The finance committee has been formed from members with the certified public accountant skills to inspect the NDQSA financial books and records. A board member chairman organizes and coordinates the work of these volunteer independent accountants who are qualified as CPAs to perform the actual independent records review by inspecting our financial books, records, and processes and then report their findings to the board at least annually. This committee satisfies our Bylaws requirements, saves the cost of an external CPA firm, provides a checks and balances review to assure the association that our finance process remains honest, and may even uncover possible accounting mistakes.

The board reviewed its secret ballot procedures and reaffirmed the association's commitment to fair and equitable elections. The Bylaws are very specific that members must be in active status (current dues paid for the fiscal year) for their vote to be valid. The ballot packet will consist of an outer envelope containing a self-addressed stamped return envelope, instructions, abbreviated bios, and the ballot itself. The return envelope will have the voter control number written on it rather than putting it on the ballot itself as was sometime done in the past. Only active members will be mailed a ballot packet. Voting can take place either by mail or in person at the annual business meeting.

The website committee is working very closely with the Air Defense Artillery Association webmasters in rebuilding the old NDQSA.com website. The next joint meeting with them should finalize our design and content management requirements. Shortly after that the new webpage should be up and running with the familiar feel of modern sites using drop down menus and easy to find information. It will be a public website for viewing but content will be controlled by our own webmasters. The new NDQSA.com is being set up for us to be able to actively use for sharing current and past association information as well as be a record storage location for member's Vietnam stories, experiences, and pictures. Eventually when we are no longer able to maintain it, our website will be permanently archived and continue to be accessible through the ADAA website to those with an interest in the men who served with Dusters, Quad-50s, Searchlights, Vulcans, or Hawks in Vietnam.