

Members Report NDQSA Board of Directors Meeting December 5, 2023

A regular board of directors (BOD) meeting was held on December 5, 2023. Agenda items include an update on the NDQSA Memorial and Eagle preservation project, status of the memorial bricks project, report on the 2024 reunion Washington DC, status of the NDQSA website, and the officer and committee reports.

Gary Dailey, C 1/44, 69-70 was approved for general membership in NDQSA. Some of you may know him by name. He was at Khe Gio Bridge when Mitchell Stout was killed.

The board of directors received and approved a request that we consider making Lieutenant Colonel Alex Corby an Associate Member. He was the first 4th Battalion, 60th Air Defense Artillery commander since Vietnam. He has been a friend of NDQSA and is very interested in the history of the 4/60th and Air Defense Artillery.

There has been a good response to the life membership option. Lifetime membership cards were sent out to those who were already life members because of receiving the President's Award plus those who paid the \$250 lifetime submitted . We now have 28 lifetime members.

Several times each cycle the treasurer gets a note from a spouse or family member notifying us that their husband has passed away and includes some reference to publication in the memorial section of the newsletter. The secretary will start sending a short note and copy of the TAPS section to those spouses or family who directly notify us that the member has passed away. This gesture will ensure they have a record of that last memorial for closure, and they can see that their request was met. Family can also download the whole newsletter from the NDQSA website if they desire.

The website is looking good and developing into a major site for preserving our heritage. It was recommended that funds be allocated to the website for when its committee needs money for software licensing or some professional help in website management. The web committee chairman agrees that now would be a good time to go ahead and park some money so when needed there is no delay in execution. The board approved this request and set aside \$3000 for future website development work to be used as necessary.

The President and Board of Directors continue to work on establishing a Memorial Trust Fund to ensure that the Fort Sill Memorial and other NDQSA heritage assets are maintained in perpetuity under the stewardship of the Air Defense Artillery Association. The memorial bricks project at Fort Sill looks like it is back on track for completion by April thanks to Jackie Carver volunteering to coordinate and supervise the installation. The board approved \$3000 to install an engraved memorial bench dedicated to Sergeant Mitchell Stout along the walkway to the ADA Learning Center at Fort Sill. Please visit our website NDQSA.COM to learn more about his sacrifice in Vietnam and the honors the nation has paid to him.