

Members Report NDQSA Board of Directors Meeting June 28, 2023

The NDQSA Board of Directors met in a two-hour session on June 28, 2023 during the annual reunion. This was a regular meeting with the primary agenda of getting updates on project status, receiving officer and committee reports, making final schedule and activity plans for the reunion, and making board decisions on association membership.

To help restore our history and preserve our heritage, Joe Belardo is going to catalog previously published member stories from the newsletters into collections identified by Vietnam unit of assignment. When completed they will be sent to Dave Christenson, the ADA historian. Assembled this way they will be valuable source references in providing time and location relationships for future historians.

The vote on new members was tabled from previous meetings. Most new applicants resulted from the reunion notice put in veteran newsletters. After discussion the board felt they had enough evidence of Vietnam service to approve membership for these ten applicants: Phil Barnhart, John Berry, Joshua Campbell, Carlo Dimidio, Frank Ozimek, Kenneth Sellers, Dale Holton, Rick Krueger, Franklin Maggard and Richard Cassidy.

Over the past year there has been an effort to clean up the database that reflects the association roster of members. The board collectively reviewed each individual and made merit decisions about status, then retention or deletion. There are six who should be recognized as Associate Members because of their interest in the activities and history of the association. They are: Jonathan Bernstein, USMC historian; Dave Christensen, Air Defense Artillery historian; Diane Carlson Evans, Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation; Chris Noel, Armed Forces Radio Vietnam; and Susan and Toby Tyler, sister and brother-in-law of Mitchell Stout.

The committee to transition the historian position has accomplished its mission with Joe Belardo becoming the historian and the decisions made on where and how our history will be preserved. The president is closing out this committee and the board concurs.