

Members Report NDQSA Board of Directors Meeting April 15, 2024

A regular board of directors (BOD) meeting was held on April 15, 2024. Agenda items include an update on the status of the memorial bricks project, a report on the 2024 reunion in Washington DC, and the officer and committee reports.

The bricks have been installed for spacing, but the yellow bricks failed their test to hold the paint in the laser cuts. Grey bricks will be ordered to replace them and installed when they arrive. The capstone dedication stone portion of this project is ready to proceed. The Mitchell Stout memorial bench has been laser cut and is ready for coloring. We can anticipate mid-May for its installation.

Most arrangements for the 8-12 November reunion in Washington DC have now been made. These include the Hilton Arlington National Landing hotel, the Veterans Day Wreath Laying at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial (The Wall), and The Army Museum. The newsletter flyer has the hotel reservation numbers and the reunion registration form.

Clifford Heitz, D/5/2, 69-70 has joined the association. He found us through the website. MG Richard Harrison and MG Brian Gibson were designated as honorary members based on their distinguished service to the Army and to this association. Vince Tedesco will form a committee to identify and evaluate other candidates and present recommendations to the board of directors.

Ballot packets for the executive officer election should be in the mail to all active members (current dues paid for the fiscal year) by early August.

The board has become aware that some spouses whose husbands have passed away want to stay involved with the friends they have made over the years and continue to get newsletters and attend the reunions. As the president states in his April newsletter message, *“Without the strength of our wives, many of us would have lost the battle with PTSD. The friendships they form at reunions and their service to NDQSA are invaluable. On behalf of the association, I want to extend a heartfelt invitation to the wives of members who have passed away. Please continue to come to the reunions and share our time together. You make us better people and we love you.”* To ensure that this policy is successful, appropriate procedures will be developed to include the continued receipt of newsletters by surviving spouses who want them.