



Vietnam Veterans Group of San Quentin



**July 2013 General Meeting
Held in the ARC Trailer on July 30, 2013.**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Chris Schuhmacher
Vice-Chairman	Lawson Beavers
Secretary/Treasurer	Dave Basile
Outside Coordinator	Greg Sanders
North Block Member-at-Large	Ernie Vick
H-Unit Member at Large	John Johnston
West Block Member at Large	Craig Johnson
Donner Section	Ken Goodlow

Sgt. of Arms Robinson called the group to attention to pay honor to the United States Flag. All present were then asked to remove their hats for a moment of silence for those Missing-in-Action, those Killed-in-Action, and all other service members deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world.

Chairman Schuhmacher called the meeting to order at 0915 hrs. Roll was called: 46 members present, 8 members were absent and 7 members were excused absences - there was a quorum. Our sponsor, Lt Luna was present along with Co Sponsor Raphaelae Casale, and Webmaster JLynn Manley. Thank you for joining us.

All members were asked if they received the June 2013 General Meeting minutes. All members did receive their minutes. A motion to accept the minutes requested by Mr. Rooke, seconded by Mr. Beavers, and the motion passed.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

We have in our account \$1,261.76. . In addition, we STILL have \$500.00 in two unprocessed trust withdrawals awaiting approval from the Warden.

OUTSIDE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Sanders: Received The Eagle Speaks newsletter from Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 190, from Craig McLaren, who is the President. Pertinent information: President Obama signed into law this past August 2012, concerning all veterans and their families/dependents who lived on U.S. Marine Base, Camp Le Jeune, North Carolina from 1957 through 1987. They are eligible for medical treatment and care due to the horrific number of carcinogens discovered in the ground water. For further information contact www.gov.dva/medclaims You are specifically asking for information regarding Public Law #112-154. In addition, Brother McLaren has brought us some bad news of two previous correspondents

of the V.V.G.S.Q. Col Ross Franklin, Pensacola FL, and Brother William (Bill) Anderson, Ephrata, WA (Korean War Vets) have passed away.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S:

BY-LAWS:

Chairman Mr. Polley stated there was nothing new to report.

SCHOLARSHIP:

Chairman J. Robinson: Nothing to Report

HONOR GUARD:

Chairman Johnson stated there are no ceremonies currently scheduled. The Memorial Day Ceremony, followed by the Graduation, and the Banquet ceremonies went as planned since our last meeting. As usual, the Honor Guard distinguished themselves with Honor and Pride and is commended for their work.

HISTORIAN/WEBSITE:

Greg Sanders reported that the Webpage has been updated and will get a new make over, specifically to include all veterans who served in the military.

STAMPS FOR SOLDIERS, TABS FOR RMHC:

Chairman P. Rooke: stated that Walter Reed Hospital, specifically the Occupational Therapy Personnel have been written to on July 26, 2013. We are awaiting a reply and a contact person to send our stamps to. Also, a West Block Sergeant has been removing the posted flyers. Two suggestions, one of which came from Veteran Bell who offered to speak with Lieutenant Davis about getting some wall space. Veteran Gomez suggested making a notice that will inform all West Block inmates to give stamps and tabs to veteran Barton.

FUND RAISER:

Chairman J. Hernandez: Nothing to report at this time.

PRESENTATION AWARDS:

Chairman J. Gomez: Nothing to Report

CAMARADERIE NIGHT:

Saturday's July 29 matinee viewing was postponed due to a scheduling problem. Co Sponsor Raphaele appeared at this meeting to personally apologize. She suggested that we meet at 1300 hrs to 1530 hrs in order to avoid West Block movement problems. Should this particular Camaraderie matinee be re scheduled, notices will be sent to all members informing them of the date and time.

OPERATION MOM

Gloria Godchaux was present at our banquet, but was unable to attend this meeting. A packing day is likely to follow soon.

KID CAT

Mr. Stewart stated that approval for hygiene product containers has been approved. In addition, the idea is that boys and girls will each receive back packs full of hygiene products. Each ILTAG group is to contribute, with the suggestion that each group be responsible for a specific item.

SQ MEDIA

There is an open invitation to any member who has aspirations of writing to submit articles for the SQ News.

FLAG FOLDING

Chairman D. Tarvan: Reported that a flag is now on hand. He is requesting that the flag folding committee meet this week to view the video that is available on proper flag folding.

V.I.G.

Greg Sanders informed the group of the following concerning the V.I.G. It has a 15 member limit, consists of self help modules, currently discussing Anger issues, there is discussion on trimming the curriculum from 34 to 12 modules, waiting list is maintained by Veteran Spillman, 3N35, there is a least a two year commitment, and Chairman Schuhmacher is requesting a spokesperson to be present at each General Meeting.

V.T.G.

Veterans Training Ground was spoke of by Veterans Beavers, Hernandez and Olson, who all stated what the program consists of. Currently it concerns eliminating bad habits, specifically the importance of health awareness. This module has progressed through six sessions with the next modules being emotional health and wellness, addiction, and relapse prevention. All members are welcome every Thursday night at 1800 to 1945 hours. It consists of one hour discussion followed up with 30-40 minute break out groups.

VETERAN AFFAIRS/VIP OFFICE:

There was a workshop this month with George Kennedy interviewing those who had appointments. The next workshop is scheduled for July 19, 2013.

OLD BUSINESS:

Voting took place for the 2013/2014 Executive Body members with the following results:

Member at Large for H-Unit: John Johnston

Member at Large for West Block: Craig Johnson

Member at Large North Block: Ernie Vick

Member at Large Donner Section: Kenneth Goodlow

Outside Coordinator: Christopher Bell

Secretary/Treasurer: Greg Sanders

Vice Chairman: Lawson Beavers

Chairman: Chris Schuhmacher

NEW BUSINESS:

Veteran Rooke gave thanks to Veterans Gomez and Spillman for making the poles to hoist our flags at the general meetings. Veteran Johnson suggested and Chairman Schuhmacher concurred, to have a Veteran Information table with our colors posted on either side of it for the up coming Day of Peace.

Veteran Johnson volunteered to get the probationary members to assist him with this event. Veteran Sanders suggested replacing affiliate chapter 536 Petaluma with the Santa Rosa Vietnam Veterans chapter. The group approved Veteran Sanders speaking with Sunny Campbell about this idea.

Probationary members Mr. Gazzeny, and Mr. Sims were asked to stand and re introduce themselves to the general membership. They were then escorted outside by Sgt. of Arms Robinson. A vote was taken and Mr. Gazzeny and Mr. Sims were voted in as members of the group. In addition, the group received three other probationary members. Mr. LaCrosse, US Army, Mr. Hayes, US Army, and Mr. Nelson, USMC. They were asked to stand and give a brief description of their military experience. They were all welcomed into the group.

The group has agreed to have two sponsor prospects attend the next General Membership Meeting on August 25, 2013. Joe Aguilar and Debra Sheldon.

Secretary Basile conducted nominations for the 2013/2014 Executive body with the following results:

CHAIRMAN'S STAND OUT SERVICE AWARD: July 2013 –Greg Sanders for his willingness and ability to accomplish VVGSQ objectives through respectful communication with PIA staff and administration.

Chairman Schuhmacher thanked Lieutenant Luna and J Lynn Manley for their participation at this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting by Mr. Rooke and seconded by Mr. Beavers. A vote was taken and the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 1040 hrs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 1, 2013	Veterans Training Ground Workshop in ARC Trailer @ 1800 hrs.
August 8, 2013	Veterans Training Ground Workshop in ARC Trailer @ 1800 hrs.
August 15, 2013	Veterans Training Ground Workshop in ARC Trailer @ 1800 hrs.
August 22, 2013	Veterans Training Ground Workshop in ARC Trailer @ 1800 hrs.
August 24, 2013	Camaraderie Day in Education Building A-4 @ 1300 hrs
August 25, 2013	General Meeting in the ARC Trailer with New Executive Body @ 0900 hrs



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Submitted,

D. Basile,
V.V.G.S.Q. Secretary / Treasurer

DATE

C. Schuhmacher
V.V.G.S.Q. Chairman

DATE

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R. Luna
Correctional Lieutenant
V.V.G.S.Q. Chief-Sponsor

DATE

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CURRENT ROSTER as of 5/26/13

	NAME	CDC #	HOUSE	ETH.	CUST.	STATUS	COMMENTS
√	ARNOLD, RICHARD	P-27171	2N069U	WHI	CLOB	Voting Mbr	Website/Historian
√	BAER, STAN	K-06285	3N039U	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG, Toy Program
E	BAILEY, TERRY	AI1277	5H083L	WHI	MEDB	Voting Mbr	
√	BARTON, HARRY	C-03120	2W068L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
√	BASILE, DAVID	C-70016	1N038U	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	BEAVERS, LAWSON	P-14974	1N015L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG, Vice Chairman
√	BELL, CHRISTOPHER	K-01545	3W006U	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	Tabs/Stamps for Soldiers
E	BOTHA, GARY	D-88086	1W095L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	BOWMAN, EDWARD	E-00064	2W009L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
E	BUTLER, DUANE S.	D-91464	2N017L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
E	CAFFALE, GEO	D-97941	2N033L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG.
A	CAPELL, TRENTON	E-91949	3N011U	BLA	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
√	COLEMAN, RONALD	C-87435	2W010L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	COOPER, GARY	T-15604	3W091L	WHI	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
√	DANIELS, ISIAL	K-37959	2W022L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	EISIMINGER, WESLEY	T-04210	3W063L	WHI	MEDA	PROBATION	Probation until August 2013
√	ESPINAL, PEDRO	K-94652	5N032L	OTH	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
√	ERICSON, ERIC	AL-0979	4H006L	WHI	MEDB	PROBATION	Probation until August 2013
√	FAISON, POPEYE	C-68462	2N028U	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
√	FARRIS, DARRYL	T-33812	5N071U	BLK	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
A	GASKINS, SAMUEL	C-27569	4H077L	BLK	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	GAZZENY, ANDREW	T-30217	3W104U	MEX	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	GOMEZ, JOHNNY	K-72622	4N042L	MEX	CLOB	Voting Mbr	VIG
√	GOODLOW, KENNETH	C-75705	1D043L	BLA	CLOB	Voting Mbr	Donner Mber @ Large
√	GUMPAL, MAURO	P-00591	4N036L	OTH	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
A	HALL, NATHAN	P-52604	2W072U	BLK	CLOB	PROBATION	Probation until July 2013
√	HARRIS, MARVIN	C-91589	2W093L	BLK	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	HAYE, WESLEY	C99375	5N038L	OTH	MEDA	PROBATION	Probation until September 2013
√	HERNANDEZ, JESSE	K-21116	4W022L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
	HUDSON, CARL	E-65367	3N082L	BLK	MEDA	PROBATION	Probation until Oct. 2013
E	HUTTO, WILLIAM	V-07641	2H078L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	JOHNSON, CRAIG	C-08327	3W025L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG, WB Mber @ Large
√	JOHNSTON, JOHN	F01795	4H045L	WHI	MEDB	Voting Mbr	H-Unit Mber @ Large
√	JONES, MALCOLM	J-04780	3W001L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
E	KASER, BOB	D-41415	2N025L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
A	KESS, PHILLIP	G-62396	5H053L	BLA	MEDB	Voting Mbr	
√	LACROSSE, DENNIS	C-67683	1N083L	WHI	MEDA	PROBATION	Probation until September 2013
E	MANSFIELD, BILL	C-45134	2N033U	Whi	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
A	MARTIN, J.D.	D-44170	4W075L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	MASON, TYRONE	AK8133	2H012L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	MORRISON, JOE	AC9977	4H092L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	NELSON, DENNIS	D72724	1N003L	WHI	MEDA	PROBATION	Probation until Sept 2013
√	NORTON, JERRY	H-26503	4W026L	WHI	MEDA	PROBATION	Probation until July 2013
√	OLSON, HARRY	P-45420	2N084L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	

√	POE, HENRY	K06466	4N013L	BLA	MEDA	PROBATION	Probation until August 2013
√	POLLEY, AHMAD	C-57727	2W084L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
√	ROBINSON, GARVIN	K-52086	2N008L	BLA	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
√	ROOKE, PETE	C-76159	1N020L	WHI	CLOB	Voting Mbr	Tabs/Stamps for Soldiers
√	SANDERS, GREG	E-05222	4W017L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG, Secretary/Treasurer
√	SCHUHMACHER, C	T-31014	4N093L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	Chairman
√	SIMS, TEDRICK	D-82488	4W076L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	SMITH, GARY	E-24171	4W030U	WHI	MEDA	PROBATION	Probation until July 2013
√	SOLTERO, DANIEL	D-65858	1W061L	WHI	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
E	SPILLMAN, GLEN	F-42695	3N035U	WHI	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
√	STAUFFER, PAUL	T-80750	3N065U	WHI	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
√	STEWART, NORFLEET	E-90026	4W079L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
A	STONER, JEFFREY	D03596	1W101U	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	TARVAN, DAVID	E-76518	2W038L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	TERRY, HARRY	T80118	2W045L	BLA	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
√	TYSON, MORGAN	C-81713	4W013L	BLK	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	VICK, ERNIE	P-59262	2N016L	WHI	MEDB	Voting Mbr	VIG, NB Mbr @ Lg
A	YATES, JESSIE	T-75189	1W039L	WHI	MEDB	Voting Mbr	
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√ = Present

E = Excused Absence