

**23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Regiment Tomahawk Association**  
**Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**  
**24 October 2014**

1. The meeting was called to order at 1630 hours, 24 October 2014 by John Blue, Trustee, at the 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue Farelli's Restaurant.

2. The following were in attendance:

John Blue, Interim Vice President, Webmaster

Ryan Grams: Interim Treasurer

Mike Kendall: Interim Secretary; Constitution and By-Laws Chairman

Mike Robinson, Trustee, Database Administrator

3. Minutes. The minutes for the 2 October 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting were approved by voice vote. Motion by Mike Robinson; second by Ryan Grams.

4. John Blue Report:

a. Chip-yong-ni ceremony on 12 Feb 15.

1. The 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion is available but the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion will be at Yakima. He has an email dialogue with the commanders and CSMs about the concept.

2. The plan is for a ceremony like last year, a reception paid for by the Association, and an Association annual meeting. The Association would pay for one wreath like we did last year.

3. The 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion and Charles Burt should have the 2014 continuity files. John will check with Charles to participate in the Association planning for next year.

b. Thanksgiving Commissary gift certificates for soldiers.

1. John proposed a \$50 certificate for a soldier from each company to be selected by the chain of command. John would present the certificates to the 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Battalion soldiers and mail the certificates to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion CSM for presentation to his soldiers.

2. Mike Robinson made a motion to allocate a maximum of \$700 for Thanksgiving \$50 commissary certificates to be given to one soldier in each Tomahawk company. Ryan seconded the motion which was approved by voice vote.

3. Information concerning the Thanksgiving certificates will be placed on the Facebook page with information concerning donations to help pay for the certificates.

c. Two trustee positions still need to be filled. John and Mike Kendall have candidates that they will approach about filling these positions.

d. John is discussing Association recognition of the NCO and soldier of the year with the battalion CSMs.

5. Membership

a. John mailed the membership packets. He noted that this function needs to be consolidated with a person responsible for it. The responsible person needs access to our PayPal account.

b. John will call Mike Land about the membership process. We should be able to modify the process so one of the officers controls it.

c. Mike Kendall reported no new membership applications at the PO Box. So far we have about seven new members from the KWV mailing but none from Chuck Main's ad in Military Magazine.

6. Programs.

a. 4th Battalion social on 10 Dec. John will attend. He suggested some Association items to auction/give away. Ryan will investigate Tomahawks for about \$30 each.

b. Ryan suggested the Association support the battalion DUI fund. After discussion, this was tabled to the annual meeting.

7. Marketing and Communications

a. John is working on the Association seal and will create the members only section next.

b. Ryan suggested having an Association debit card with our seal which will provide discounts.

c. Mike Kendall had a discussion with Walter Ross of the KWV. They plan a reunion in Pueblo, Colorado next year and invite our Association to attend. Walter was not aware that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion is located at Fort Carson. Mike recommended having the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion CSM contact Walter Ross and attendance by Association members who are available.

8. Financial: Ryan will coordinate with Jake Kemnac to schedule the audit by the end of the year.

9. IRS Certification. Mike Kendall will draft the documents needed for IRS approval of our tax exempt status.

10. Next meeting is tentatively planned for Mon, 8 December 2014 at 1100 hours at the Tacoma Olive Garden.

11. The meeting adjourned at 1751 hours.

Mike Kendall  
Interim Secretary