

General Membership Meeting Minutes for the Vinh Long Outlaws Association (VOLA)
March 16, 2019, Charleston SC.

- General Membership Meeting called to order by Jim Donnelly
- Motion to approve the minutes of 2018 General Membership Meeting as written by Ernie Isbell and seconded by Tony Clemente. Approved by a show of hands, no objections.
- Motion to approve the changes to the bylaws as posted made by Ernie Isbell and seconded by Bert Rice. Approved by a show of hands, no objections.
- Phil Van Alst reported on the website that basically he cleans up the spam everyday and needs input for the site.
- Treasury Report. Frank Estes discussed the VLOA's 501 C (19). Specifically, that the VLOA must maintain a 90% military veteran status to qualify for this IRS status. He then read the closing bank account for 2017. The VLOA had \$34,975 at the beginning of 2017, income of \$4255 and expenditures of \$3852 with an ending balance of \$35,377.
- Frank Estes continued to report on the 2018 bank account and that the VLOA had additional expenditures due to the cancellation of the reunion, with an ending balance of \$30,019, but if we do good on the Silent Auction and 50/50 the VLOA should be okay financially.
- Bob Sharp reported on the Quarterly Newsletter. He stated that in the beginning The VLOA had 325 mailouts at a cost of \$625. He found a company that would print and mail out the now 583 Newsletters at cost of \$613. He was very proud that the cost remained lower even though the numbers had almost doubled.
- Historian Report. Jim Donnelly stated that we had over 18,000 pictures, dozens of audio files and several video files as well as 1000 document pages.
- Election of Officers by Jim Donnelly. Ballot read and called for write-ins from the floor. There were none. Then discussed the open position of Chaplain. Ernie Isbell volunteered to become the VLOA Chaplain. New officers approved by a show of hands, no objections.
- Frank Estes then handed out the DVD's which contain the Directions for each office and the By-Laws to each elected and appointed officer.
- Remarks by Bert Rice the new National Director. Bert spoke of his wife's passing in October and that with the help of family and friends he was getting through it. He then spoke of his return trip to Vietnam during the Lunar New Year. He continued by remarking what an honor it was to be Director and that it was good for the body and soul. He then remarked what a wonderful thing it was to have a full ballot of officers. He then spoke briefly about the upcoming reunion in San Antonio, Texas. He then called for three Hooahs!
- Tom Anderson asked to make a few remarks and was given the floor. He then spoke of the past reunion in San Antonio. He next spoke of the silent auction, its importance and that this was his third time doing it and his last. He announced the bidding would stop at 1030 Sunday Morning prior to our departure for Patriots Point.
- Bob Allen then stood and volunteered to be the Chair for the next silent auction in San Antonio in 2020.
- The General Membership Meeting concluded. A motion by Ernie Isbell to close the meeting was seconded by Bob Sharp and the motion approved by a general show of hands.