

VINH LONG OUTLAW ASSOCIATION (VLOA)

13 September 2008

The VLOA Business Meeting was held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania in conjunction with the VLOA Roundup (R2K + 8) on September 13, 2008.

The meeting was opened by Joe Clelan, the National Director, who again welcomed all participants to the Roundup. Copies of the 23 October 2006 minutes were made available to the participants and the minutes were read to the membership.

There was no old business.

Angelo Spelios made a motion to approve the 2006 Minutes and it was seconded by Ernie Isbell and approved by unanimous vote.

Charles Bouton, Treasurer, presented the financial report which contained an overview of the financial condition of the VLOA with a balance of approximately \$13,000 not including proceeds from the silent auction, the lottery, QM sales and the book sales. The biennial financial audit has not been scheduled at this time. Pat Theriot made a motion to approve the treasurers' report, and it was seconded by Tim Bisch and approved by unanimous vote.

A number of new business topics were discussed and voted on by attendees:

Frank Estes made a motion to make the following changes to the Constitution and it was seconded by Ernie Isbell and approved by unanimous vote of the membership present:

Article III. "Operation" Para: C. States that a bi-annual audit will be conducted. Bi-annual will be changed to read **biennial**.

Article V – Membership

A. All personnel who were affiliated in any way with the U.S. Army Air Mobile Light helicopter company designated as the 62d Aviation Company, and later redesignated as Company A, 502d Aviation Battalion, and its affiliated support units, and who served at any time between August 1964 (the date of initial activation) through September 1965 (end date of the units' first year in Vietnam) are eligible for Charter Membership in the VLOA.

B. All personnel who served in the Outlaws or any affiliated unit after the unit was redesignated as the 175th Aviation Company, or any follow on unit participating in combat operations, are eligible for General Membership in the VLOA.

D. Membership classifications are: Charter, General, Active, Honorary, Associate and Life. VLOA memberships are described as follows:

1. "Charter Member: Any individual assigned or attached to the Outlaws or any of its attached units during the time frame August 1964 through September 1965. Such

members are full members of the VLOA and, if in an 'Active' status may vote and hold office in the Association."

2. "General Member: Any individual assigned or attached to the Outlaw unit(s) after the period defined as Charter Members. Such members are full members of the VLOA and if in an "Active" status may vote and hold office in the Association."

3. "Active Membership: no change in this definition.

4. "Honorary Member: no change in this definition

5. "Associate Member: no change in this definition

6. "Life Member: Life membership will be made available to an individual eligible for Charter or General membership, and who pays a one-time Life Membership fee as established by the Steering Committee."

Pat Theriot made a motion to make the following changes to the By Laws and it was seconded by Charles Bouton and approved by unanimous vote of the membership present:

Chapter 3-Termination of Membership. Delete the words **"and the member will revert to the General membership status"**.

Chapter 11-Quartermaster. The last sentence will be amended to read as follows: **"Any revenues derived from the sale of items made available to members will be used for the benefit of the membership and for VLOA operational expenses as approved by the Steering Committee"**.

Joe Clelan announced that Chuck Wren is maintaining the Outlaw web site.

A discussion was held regarding the planning for future Round-Ups and a motion was made by Ernie Isbell to hire a reunion coordinator to do the planning and that the Steering Committee would select the reunion coordinator. The motion was seconded by Pat Theriot and unanimously approved by the membership present.

Joe Clelan explained the purpose of the book sale and exchange and that the proceeds would be donated to support the Fisher Houses, which are analogous to the Ronald McDonald Houses. The Fisher Houses are affiliated with DOD and Military hospitals and provide a place for families to stay while service members or dependents are hospitalized.

Al Iller made a motion to make a donation to the Fisher Houses of \$1,000.00 which would include the money made on the book sale. It was seconded by Skip Frontera and unanimously approved by the membership present.

Joe Clelan opened the discussion concerning a new director. Ernie Isbell made a motion to nominate Frank Estes as National Director and it was seconded by Tom Anderson and unanimously approved by the membership present.

Al Iller made a motion to nominate Bob Koonce as Deputy Director. It was seconded by Jim Kelly and was unanimously approved by the membership present.

Frank Estes appointed Charles Bouton to another term as Treasurer and Larry Jackson to another term as Secretary. They both accepted the appointment.

Al Iller made a motion to nominate Dave Logan as a Member-at-Large. It was seconded by Paul Martin and unanimously approved by the membership present.

Al Iller made another motion to nominate Jim Grandstaff as a Member-at-Large. It was seconded by Pat Theriot and unanimously approved by the membership present.

Frank Estes appointed Bill Hensinger to the position of Quartermaster and Bill accepted the appointment.

Although not present at the reunion or membership meeting, the following individuals agreed to continue in their positions:

Al and Nell Moist as Communication Director

John Doyle as Chaplain

Chuck Wren as Web Master

In accordance with the Constitution and Bylaws, the following were made officers of the VLOA:

National Director-Frank Estes

Permanent Advisor-Tom Anderson

Deputy Director-Bob Koonce

Secretary-Larry Jackson

Treasurer-Charles Bouton

Members at Large-Dave Logan

-Jim Grandstaff

Communications Director-Al & Nell Moist

Quartermaster-Bill Hensinger

There being no further business, Angelo Spelios made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Al Iller and unanimously approved by the membership present. The membership will meet again at the call of the National Director in 2010 during the R2K + 10 VLOA Roundup at a place to be announced.

Larry L. Jackson

Secretary

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ADDENDUM TO MINUTES:

An audit of the financial records of the Vinh Long Outlaws Association was conducted by Chester Voisin (who also performed the '06 audit). He was provided with all quarterly reports, bank deposit slips, bank statements, bills paid and check registers. The results of the biennial audit of the treasurer's reports found no discrepancies.