

Blue Ridge Conference Call - 22 October 2013

1. Attendance: The 80th Blue Ridge Army Reserve Association Quarterly Telephone Conference call was held on Tuesday night, 22 October 2013 at 1900. Call Participants were President Giovanni A. Mejia, Vice President Shelia A. Mejia-Rosario, Secretary Pete Herbert, and Board Members; Lee Anthony, George Croughwell, Carolyn Deverell, Skip Goodwillie Paul Hoppes, and Coretta Lankford

2. President's Report: Giovannia thanked everyone for calling in and said he was honored to be elected to serve as President of the Association and appreciated the support of all. He reported the September Virginia Beach Veterans Reunion and the Post #50 Annual Meeting were very successful and thanked all those who participated and he and Shelia are looking forward to seeing everyone at the 6 November Luncheon.

3. Vice President's Report: Shelia had no formal report but was proud to serve as the Vice President and looked forward to the upcoming events.

4. Secretary/Membership Report: (Pete). We currently have 126 Active Members, 89 Lifetime Members and 37 Annual Members. Our 2014 Membership Year is open and 4 members have already sent in their payments. Our next Quarterly Luncheon is scheduled for 6 Nov 2013 at 1230 at the Holiday Inn on Belles Road. Please email or call Doris or Pete if you are attending. Also the Flyer is out Holiday Party, also at the Holliday Inn on Belles Road, on Sat 14 December. Please send checks to Pete as soon as possible. Angela Robey, CW3 and Full Time Civilian at the 80th HQ, will be taking over the Secretary Position 1 Jan 2014. Thanks so much to Giovannia, Shelia and Angie for stepping up to Leadership Positions.

5. Treasurers Report: (Ed) We have a Checking account balance of \$6,789.89 and we have a Money Market balance of \$10,564.28 for a total of \$17,354.17. Income since the last report on 23 July 2013 was \$923.00 including: \$285.00 for Dues and \$638.00 from the Golf Tournament, Merchandise Sales and a Raffle at the Annual Meeting. Expenditures since the last report on 23 July 2013 were \$444.02 which included: \$100.00 to the VMI Keydet Club \$100.00 to the Clinic for Special Children (both in Memory of MG ® Browder and \$244.02 for 2014 Calendars.

6. New Business:

a. We have purchased 2014 Blue Ridge Calendars and will distribute them at the 6 Novemer Luncheon and the Holiday Party. Pete has them in his office so if you would like one stop by and pick one up.

b. The Board voted to contribute \$200.00 to charities in memory of MG ® Browder who passed away recently. MG Browder, former 80th Division Commander, was the first President of the 80th Blue Ridge Association and Lifetime Member.

c. Grant Porter, Former President, suggested we needed to record the History of the Blue Ridge Association from its formation at Virginia Beach in October 2002. Pete will send out an email to the membership requesting information.

d. Pete will contact Rick Littleton to see if there are any plans to reschedule the Staff Ride in Fredericksburg, VA. The Ride, was scheduled for 19-20 October 2013, but was cancelled due to the Government Shutdown.

e. Congratulations to Coretta Lankford for successfully completing the Army 10 Miler held 20 October 2013. If you know of any other Blue Ridger who completed the 10 Miler let Pete know. The Association supports members who participate with \$20.00 to help defray expenses and Coretta is donating her \$20.00 to the Holiday Party; THANKS CORETTA.

7. **Wrap-up:** The teleconference ended at 1926. The next scheduled call is Tuesday, 21 January 2014.