

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Sandy Boyd at 10:15 am at the Hilton Garden Inn in Columbus, Georgia. Board members present: President Sandy Boyd, Secretary Andrea Buchanan, Treasurer David Williams, and Members at Large Nancy Taube and Laura Moore.

**President's Report:** Sandy Boyd explained the election of officers' process on the Board of Directors. She introduced the Board members and thanked them for their work the past two years.

**Work and Accomplishments:**

- The dues were increased to \$35/year after 15 years of \$25.
- Our tax exempt status as a 501 3c was reinstated.
- Our Board of Directors is covered by insurance.
- A CPA has been hired to file our taxes for the past two years.
- We have improved record keeping and document retrieval. Our minutes are kept on file for reference.
- The History Committee has been very busy with inquiries and requests. Members are: David Williams, Chair; Steve Ketzer, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn.; Stan Kinmonth, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn.; Steve Lehmann, 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn.; Roy Murray, 4<sup>th</sup> Bn.; Terry Toler, 5<sup>th</sup> Bn.; Craig Spinner, 6<sup>th</sup> Bn.; Laura Moore, Member at large.
- We obtained the funds from the bequest from Jim Altieri and the RBA, which put the Descendants on a more stable financial footing.
- A 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Program Book was published for this reunion. Editors were David Williams and Laura Moore.
- Improvements were made to the WW II Ranger Memorial at Fort Benning in the way of major landscaping and touch up painting and caulking.
- Our website has been updated and the work continues. A three-year contract was renewed with Go Daddy.
- A written report was passed out with an update on the progress of obtaining the Congressional Gold Medal for the WW II Rangers. The author, Karla Merritt, states that it is now in Congressional subcommittee, and the process has begun.
- Cheryl Miller resigned as editor of the newsletter. The Spring 2017 newsletter was compiled by David Williams.

**2017 Darby Awards:** President Sandy Boyd read citations for the recipients, Terry Toler and the Sunshine Committee: Jane Schappell, Julie Fulmer, Cheryl Miller, Lynn Towne. Copy of awards attached.

**Amendments Proposed:**

- **Amendment 1:** The Board of Directors of the Rangers is authorized to create an Advisory Board for the purposes of raising funds for the development and implementation of the World War II Ranger Library. The Advisory Board shall have no authority over the Board of Directors of the Rangers and shall function solely in an advisory and fund raising capacity. The Board of Directors of the Rangers is responsible for determining the structure, makeup and operation of the Advisory Board and has management authority over the Advisory Board.

**Rationale:** The vision of a Ranger Library is to scan, organize, and make records of WW II Rangers searchable in a data base. This fulfills the Descendants of WW II Rangers Purposes #1, 4, and 5 as stated in the Preamble of the Constitution. Cost is yet to be determined until the project is approved and work begun. The purpose of the advisory board is to help with fundraising for the library.

- **Amendment 2:** The Treasurer shall have a limit of \$10,000.00 in the Descendants checking account and shall have no access to the Descendants savings and/or investment accounts.
- **Amendment 3:** The President and one other officer besides the Treasurer shall have sole access to the Descendants saving and/or investment accounts and shall be able to move funds from this or these account(s) only into the Descendants checking account and only with dual access (two signatures).

**Rationale for #2 and 3:** The Board feels that this is good fiduciary practice.

- **Amendment 4:** The Board of Directors shall hire a Certified Public Accountant to complete and file the Descendants of WW II Rangers tax returns annually.

**Rationale:** The Board feels this is necessary with the complexities of a foundation and to preserve our 501 3c status.

**Results of the vote by ballot:** Amendments 1-4 were approved with 28 yes votes and 1 no vote (including proxies).

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes from the General Meeting on September 22, 2015 were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** As of 6/18/17 we had revenue of \$29,488 and expenses of \$22,102, leaving a balance in the checking account of \$7,386. Balance in the savings account is \$65,118.12.

**Membership Report:** Nancy Taube reported that we have 110 paid members. We sold all 50 Anniversary coins during the reunion. The store is back up and running. Available are lapel pins and Ranger coins. Nancy plans to expand with T-shirts.

**Election of Board of Directors for 2017-2019:** Sandy Boyd (declined), Andrea Buchanan, Laura Moore, Nancy Taube, Terry Toler, and David Williams were nominated. Steve Lehmann made a motion to close nominations. Gene Dykes seconded the motion. The five nominees were elected by acclamation. They will determine their offices during their first board meeting this afternoon.

**Facebook Discussion:** It was explained that our organization is not directly linked to the Descendants Facebook page. Although we do have parallel interests, we operate as a foundation; whereas, they are a social media outlet. We do have a link to the Facebook page on our website. Laura Moore will ask Ron Hudnell, the FB administrator, if he will put a link to new members about our organization. Roy Murray volunteered to reach out to people on Facebook to inform them about our organization.

**Point of Personal Privilege:** On behalf of the Board, Andrea Buchanan thanked outgoing President, Sandy Boyd, for her leadership, dedication and time served on the Descendants Board for the past four years.

**Adjournment:** Nancy Taube made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 am. Steve Lehmann seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Andrea Buchanan, Secretary