



Regimental Reunion Annual Meeting, 26 SEP 2026

Call to order at 0900 by President Jeff Peterson. Meeting consisted of a quorum of 31 members present and 28 absentee ballots on hand for voting.

President's Opening comments. We will follow the agenda provided. Big issues are the bylaws and artifacts as previously discussed in our working groups. Meeting is scheduled for three hours but do not anticipate needing the entire time.

XVP. Thanks to everyone for coming and for their support. Reminder to utilize the supply room. Appreciate everyone's input.

VP. Thanks for being here.

Treasurer Update. Our current balance in the bank is \$36,650. Reunion expected to cost about \$4500. Current operating costs are \$2200 per year. Closing the storage unit will cut annual expenses about \$1100 per year. Does anyone have a desire for a CD? Discussion of interest rates, that range 2.5-4%. Will look at high yield savings account.

For costs related to storing of artifacts, look for donations for moving and centralizing items (packing and shipping).

Will also look for savings through Stripe replacement (other apps offer 0% fees for non-profits) and by looking for no-cost apps for emails, forms and software suites as appropriate.

May or may not keep Cav Association donation (\$500) in perpetuity depending on status of artifacts at Fort Reno museum.

Supply Room Officer Update. Inventory, \$8658 in merchandise. Should be half after the reunion, due to old merchandise. Need to reduce inventory to get new items. Revenue from website purchases over the past year has been low. Website fee is \$59 per month. Association owes supply room \$415.

Supply room Facebook page has over 1,000 followers. Will work to increase news that comes from the Association Facebook page. Similar to 'fun facts'. Could come up with Fourteenth Cavalry stories. Follows communication strategy discussion. Barb is looking for a volunteer to take over the Supply Room, with a timeline to be determined. More information to follow from the XC. Silent auction will be tonight: decanter set for monument dedication; two belt buckles (special) that had gold and silver. Table will be set up. *[Silent auction raised ~\$350]*

Secretary Update. Current membership is officially 363 on the books; however we lost contact with many and only have 254 subscribers on our email account. Of these members with contact, an average of 83 check email from the Association. For the 2026 absentee ballot, we received 28 responses. We have gained thirteen new members the past year (9 ACR, 4 GWOT); and am not tracking any recent deceased members. It appears that free membership has neither a positive nor negative effect on membership (or the treasury, as many still donate during registration or renewal).

Future goals include reconciling database members and email contacts; transitioning to a new email system; and streamlining to cut system costs as we can (as mentioned by Treasurer). Coordinate to receive membership action plan from James Shepherd. Identify where potential members are and how we reach them.

Bylaws. The president provided an overview of bylaws working group intent and output. Motions and votes on specific points to amend bylaws are as follows:

Permanent suspension of membership dues (we have not collected dues since 2023 and use donations for operating funds). Discussion confirmed protection of non-profit status, impact on membership and funding, reliance and advocacy for donations as appropriate. Motion was approved by 55 members (4 'no' votes).

Conduct Regimental Meeting Bi-Annually at the Reunion (send any required updates or business in the off-years via email). Discussion confirmed a request for as much information and updates on Association news as possible, to include any important notes that come from quarterly XC meetings. Motion was approved by 57 members (2 'no' votes).

With the difficulty in finding Association members willing to hold office in the Executive Council (President, Executive Vice President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Supply Officer), do you support elected members staying in office indefinitely until they step down, have a challenger, or are removed by two-third majority vote of the XC? Discussion confirmed that this is basically how we have done business for a long time and will avoid the process of going through the motions for an election unless it is needed. Motion was approved by 56 members (3 'no' votes).

Since we have no active duty squadrons in the 14th Cavalry, do you support removal of all references to 'active duty' squadrons or members in the revision of our bylaws? (This would be re-instated if any Regimental Units are activated in the future.) Discussion confirmed that we acknowledge current active duty members that served in the 14th Cavalry, but language is targeted at 'house keeping' to remove references to our units that have been deactivated or transitioned. Motion was approved by 58 members (1 'no' vote).

We have not used committees within our Association for the past several years, due to either lack of necessity or lack of volunteers to comprise the committees. Do you support the removal of all references to committees in the revision of our bylaws? Discussion confirmed the removal of references to named committees while retaining the president's authority to designate 'ad hoc' committees. Two such committees have already been announced for communication and artifacts. Motion was approved by 52 members (7 'no' votes).

The bylaws will be amended accordingly, with other language to edit grammar and readability while eliminating any redundancy. New bylaws will be posted on the website and can be amended in the future in accordance with the provisions therein.

Motion for a comfort break to adjourn meeting at 1010. Meeting was called to order to reconvene at 1025.

Regimental Artifacts. The president provided an update on Squadron artifacts. Summary and way-ahead: Identify (photo inventory) items in Reno, storage, gallery, and member donations; consolidate in one location (if possible), move to location that can be viewed and attract visitors. Currently researching three possibilities: Military Museum in Indiana; Military Museum in Pittsburg; additional space in Fort Benning. Committee will inventory and catalog (photos, measurements) to determine scope of inventory, and then prioritize 1-n for how to display and/or distribute. Form the committee and move out. Attempt to tell the story. Inventory of gallery and Fort Reno items is complete. The secretary and two volunteers (David Ashley and Bryon Springer) will meet at the storage facility in Reno to inventory the remaining items no later than the end of November 2026 to facilitate discussion with possible museum stakeholders.

Status of Regimental Gallery – outlook is good that we will continue use of gallery.

Next reunion. Motion was made for the next Regimental Reunion to occur in the Fall 2028 (SEP-OCT) at Fort Benning, GA. This time and location coincides with the ten-year anniversary of the dedication of our Regimental Monument and gallery at Fort Benning. Motion was approved by 58 members (1 ‘no’ vote).

While not a formal reunion, it was also decided that an opportunity will be provided to assemble at Fort Lewis next year, probably over Labor Day 2027 (4-6 SEP timeframe). This ‘homecoming’ event would consist of a gathering at the Arrowhead Brigade Monument to pay our respects to the Fallen followed by a dinner at a local establishment (potentially American Lake on Fort Lewis). The XC will coordinate the memorial and dinner only. More details to follow.

New Business.

The president asked us all to consider ourselves as one Regimental Association and quite referring to different generations (ACR vs GWOT).

Members requested a list/collection of 14th Cavalry authors or related books to help increase awareness of Regimental history.

Members requested increased communication within the Association.