

by Director Kenneth Cook. **Motion passed.**

Editor Vince Krepps announced that he is stepping down as editor of *The Graybeards* in 2004.

Treasurer Thomas Gregory announce

the opening of a satellite office in DC beginning January 1, 2004.

Next meeting will take place in either October or November. (Date and place will be announced

A motion to adjourn by Director Larry

MacKinniss and seconded by Director Jerry Lake. Motion passed

Any corrections to these minutes can be made at the next meeting.

Sincerely,

Howard W. Camp - Secretary

Korean War Veterans Association — General Membership Meeting in Arlington, VA July 25, 2003

- President Harley J. Coon called the meeting to order at 12:30 P.M.

- National Chaplain Erwin Sharp led in prayer.

- Roll call was taken by Sec. Howard W. Camp.

- Present were Pres. Harley J. Coon, 1st Vice Pres. Jack Edwards, 2nd Vice Pres. Kenneth Cook, Directors: Larry McKinniss, Joseph Pirrello, Don Byers, John (Jack) Delap, Jerry Lake, Michael Mahoney, James F. Jones Jr., William Mac Swain, Dorothy Schilling and Warren Wiedhahn. Director Richard Adams was absent.

- Head count of those present recorded 197. Quorum need was met.

There were no prior minutes read by the Secretary for a lack of a quorum at the General Membership meeting held at Branson MO in October 2002.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Treasurer Thomas Gregory. Total cash assets on hand as of June 30 2003 is \$662,731,43. Fixed assets (1 M-1 Rifle and 2 45's pistols) on hand is \$4,067.92 for a total of \$666,799.35. *Joe Getz made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Jim Martin seconded. Motion passed.*

Dir. Michael Mahoney VAVS Chairman gave a report. KWVA volunteers have donated for the year 2002 a total of 54,873 hours. The IRS figures this at \$16.01 per hour of time. This comes to a total in monies of \$878,516.73. Donations of magazines, clothes, games and other related items is \$136,951.87. Cash for VA programs, awards and other like items is \$98,784.54. Total value to the VAVS system from our organization is \$1,114,253.14. Great job. The Navy would say "Well done people."

Dir. James F. Jones By-Laws Chairman reported on the (2) changes to the By-Laws IE: (1) Article III Section 6 Paragraph J. "The By-Laws Committee be included as a member of the Standing Committees appointed by the President. (2) Article IV Section 6 on number needed for a quorum for a general meeting was changed from 100 to 75. Both

of these were approved on the ballot bearing the names of those running for election.

There were (2) new requests for changes to the By-Laws. Under Article V Section 3. This section refers to the names of the officers IE: President and etc. A request to change the names to Commander and etc. This change is being asked for the departments and chapters. The recommendations from the By-Laws Committee is (and this will be voted upon by the general membership after being published in *The Graybeards Magazine*.) Quote "After their election to their respective offices be either department or chapter their title name can be changed with the approval of the departments or chapters during their time in office." *Dir. Don Byers made a motion to accept the recommendation and seconded by Dir. Jerry Lake. Motion passed 10-1.*

The second request was on Article V Section 6, length of "Term in Office" IE: "From one year to two years." The By-Laws Committee decided not to recommend this change. *A motion to accept the recommendation was by Dir. Larry McKinniss and seconded by 2nd Vice Pres. Kenneth Cook. Motion passed 10-1.*

Elections Committee Chairman 2nd Vice Pres. Kenneth Cook presented the results from the ballots cast for the election of (4) new Directors. Results are as follows: James E. Ferris 1103 - Joseph Pirrello 1070 - Charles R. Wells 978 - Thomas Nuzzo 957 - Larry McKinniss 928 - Stanley J. Grogan 868 and Paul W. Sutphin 848. Messrs Ferris, Pirrello, Wells, and Nuzzo are the four new directors. Their terms run from 2003 -2006

A motion to destroy the ballots by T. Dale Snyder and seconded by Larry McKinniss. Motion passed.

A up to date active membership mailing list shows 16,306. Life members (active) 6,845. Regular members 7,464. Medal of Honor 25, Gold Star 46, Complimentary 25 for a total of 96. Associates/Auxiliary 312. POW's who pay for *Graybeards* subscription

fee is 211.

Vince Krepps (Editor of our magazine *The Graybeards*) announced to the general membership that next year in July 2004 is his final year as the Editor. Vince gave a good report on the *Graybeards*.

Vince, my man you have done a most excellent job. I know, as have many other that your performance as Editor has been tremendous. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

Deputy Secretary of Defense DPMO/MIA/POW Jerry D. Jennings presented a up date on the Department's work in securing the remains of our fallen comrades that are still listed as Missing in Action. He spoke of the ongoing work that lies ahead. I think the most memorable statement he said was Quote "We will not waiver, tire, falter, fail until our missing veterans are accounted for." Likewise Congress had also given their total support for this work.

General Raymond Davis USMC Ret. MOH spoke unto the members. Let us keep General Davis in our payers. As some may not know his health has not been the best these past few months. Likewise for the General's lady Mrs. Davis, She is a grand Lady. God bless them both.

(Editors note: As most of you may know by now Gen. Davis passed away in September well after these minutes were taken and written. Please continue to keep them in your prayers.)

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm by President Harley J. Coon.

A program beginning at 2:45 by the Korean Group known as Parents and Children organization. They presented to all Koreans veterans present, a beautiful medalion and certificate in appreciation for their service given to South Korea.

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Respectfully,

Howard W. Camp, Secretary