

Veterans Group of San Quentin



28 September 2014 General Meeting Held in the ARC Trailer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Chairman	Chris Schuhmacher		
Vice-Chairman	Jesse Hernandez		
Secretary/Treasurer	Garvin Robinson		
Outside Coordinator	Wesley Eisiminger		
North Block Member-at-Large	Lawson Beavers		
H-Unit Member at Large	Samuel Gaskins		
West Block Member at Large	Gary Cooper		
Donner Section	Ken Goodlow		

To maintain the integrity of the Founding Fathers of the VVGSQ, we the current body of veterans have incorporated changes to our previous By-Laws to include and address all honorably discharged veteran's needs. Subsequently, we have changed the name of our group to the Veterans Group of San Quentin (VGSQ).

We endeavor to bring personal accountability and structure into our lives. We will continue to maintain the high standard of honor and integrity that our Founding Fathers set forth. We know that we must take responsibility for our own actions. However, it is not enough to just try and get home, but rather to live free regardless of our circumstances.

Sgt. of Arms Wells called the group to attention to pay honor to the United States Flag. All present were then asked to remove their hats for a moment of silence for those Missing-in-Action, those Killed-in-Action, and all other service members deployed in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world.

Chairman Chris Schuhmacher called the meeting to order at 1024 hrs. Roll was called: 44 members present, 1 members were absent and 4 members had excused absence. There was a quorum. All members received the minutes from the August meeting, corrections were noted and a motion to accept the minutes passed.

Chairman Schuhmacher welcomed our sponsor Ms. Heather Entzel, our Web Master Mrs. JLynn Manley, and Gloria Godchaux from Operation MOMS to the meeting. Thank you for joining us.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT:

We currently have no money in our account and no outstanding debts.

OUTSIDE COORDINATOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Eisiminger reported that letters were sent to the Wounded Warriors Project and the Ronald McDonald House concerning our collected Stamps and Tabs. He stated he hasn't heard back from them

yet. He also informed the group that 4 DAV magazines will be available from Secretary Robinson in the lower yard shack. He asked that you please return the magazines, so others may read them.

SGT.-AT-ARMS REPORT:

Sgt.-at-Arms Wells passed out a Veterans meeting Order of Operations to all members based on Robert's Rules of Order. He asked that if any group members have any comments/concerns, please see him after the meeting.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN'S:

BY-LAWS:

TBD

COLOR GUARD:

Chairman Johnson states that October 17 the Color Guard will be posting the colors at the Native American Pow-Wow. There will be a WW II Silver Star recipient at the banquet. On November 11, the Color Guard will post the colors at the annual Veterans Day Roll-call.

HISTORIAN/WEBSITE:

TBD

STAMPS FOR SOLDIERS, TABS FOR RMHC:

Member Peter Rooke was appointed the Stamps for Soldiers/Tabs for Tots Chairman. Chairman Rooke selected a four-man team to collect stamps/tabs from the various housing units as follows:

North Block: Pete Rooke

West Block: Norfleet Stewart and Tyson Morgan

Donner: Kenneth Goodlow

H-Unit: Tommy Bryant

All stamps and tabs should be turned in to Mr. Rooke at the monthly meetings. Mr. Rooke also requested that a chrono be generated so each member can possess stamps/tabs in their cell until they can be turned in. Mr. Rooke made a request of 1-2 stamps from each group member to help pay the postage of the stamps/tabs through R & R.

CAMARADERIE NIGHT:

Chairman Darryl Farris stated that a date for a Camaraderie Event is yet to be determined. If a group member has any suggestions for an event including space and time, see Mr. Farris.

OPERATION MOM:

Nothing to report at this time

SO MEDIA:

Chairman Jaspar reported that he wrote an article concerning the Veterans Group for the San Quentin News. He is in the process of getting it copied for the group. He also asked the group for ideas/suggestions for future articles for a Veterans Column.

VETERAN AFFAIRS/VIP OFFICE:

Chairman LaCrosse notified the group that he is in contact with retired Lt. Col. Pete Contay who is a lobbyist for the VVA in Sacramento. Mr. LaCrosse stated that the Lt. Col. might be willing to help bring the Vietnam Memorial Wall inside the walls of San Quentin. Lt. Col. Contay will inform Mr. Lacrosse of any/all veteran legislation that may be useful to the group.

In order to see a Veteran Service Representative (i.e. George Kennedy, Marcy Orosco, etc.) you must schedule an appointment through Member Capell or V.I.P. clerk Self. Mr. LaCrosse and Mr. Capell has 1010-EZ forms available to enroll members into the health care system.

HOLIDAY TOY PROGARM:

Vice-Chairman Hernandez informed the group that committee Chair Cooper is currently in the hospital and he will be standing in. A committee of five members will be selected, as well as three alternates for Main Visiting and Toy Program representative for H-Unit, Mr. Gaskins, informed the group that Mr. Ericson, Mr. Hutto, and Mr. Richardson have been selected to work the holiday weekends.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business

NEW BUSINESS:

The Veterans Group of San Quentin unanimously voted Mr. Stephen Wilson into the group. Mr. Wilson received his blue hat and thanked the group.

Member Tedrick Sims asked about the possibility of purchasing a popcorn popper for our Camaraderie movie events.

Mr. Sanders stated that once paroled, he will continue to support the group to the best of his ability upon release.

The VGSQ by-laws are still pending approval. To view a copy of our unsigned by-laws see any member of the Executive Body.

Chairman Schuhmacher asked the group that if space and time were available, would they be interested in holding a second monthly meeting for things like Camaraderie and Committee Chair meetings. A motion was voted on with 40 members in favor of an additional meeting and 4 against.

Chief Sponsor also informed the group that monthly membership meetings will now be held from 1000 to 1200 hours.

The Veterans Group of San Quentin will be losing three of our esteemed members including Mr. Sanders, Mr. Lynchard, and Mr. Poindexter. May God bless your journey in your lives after prison.

To close the meeting, group member Poindexter and Chairman Schuhmacher played Toby Keith's American Soldier for the group. Also, Dex played a heartfelt original song speaking of getting out after 20 long years in prison.

Chairman Schuhmacher thanked all the group members for their participation and attendance. He also thanked sponsor Heather Entzel, Mrs. JLynn Manley and Gloria Godchaux for their continued support.

A motion to adjourn the meting was made by Mr. Jesse Hernandez and seconded by Mr. Rooke. The meeting was adjourned at 1145 hrs. The next meeting is scheduled for 26 October 2014 at 1000 hours.

CURRENT ROSTER as of 9/29/2014

	NAME	CDC#	HOUSE	ETH.	CUST.	STATUS	COMMENTS
V	ARNOLD, RICHARD	P-27171	2N069U	WHI	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
1	BAER, STAN	K-06285	3N004U	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
1	BEAVERS, LAWSON	P-14974	1N015L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG / NB Member @ Large
A	BRYANT, TOMMY	F-95454	5H042L	WHI	MEDB	Voting Mbr	
1	BUTLER, DUANE S.	D-91464	2N017L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
A	CAPELL, TRENTON	E-91949	3N011U	BLA	CLOB	Voting Mbr	Veterans Information Project
E	COOPER, GARY	T-15604	3W091L	WHI	CLOB	Voting Mbr	WB Mbr @ Large/Toy Program
√ ·	DAWSON, DON	D-77157	1N023L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
1	EISIMINGER, WESLEY	T-04210	3W063L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	Outside Coordinator
1	ESPINAL, PEDRO	K-94652	5N032L	OTH	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
1	ERICSON, ERIC	AL-0979	4H006L	WHI	MEDB	Voting Mbr	
1	FAISON, POPEYE	C-68462	1N075	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	. VIG
1	FARRIS, DARRYL	T-33812	5N071U	BLK	CLOB	Voting Mbr	Camaraderie
1	FOSTER, JAMES	J-40236	2N075L	BLK	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
1	GASKINS, SAMUEL	C-27569	4H053L	BLK	MEDA	Voting Mbr	H-Unit Member @ Large
1	GAZZENY, ANDREW	T-30217	5W039U	MEX	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
1	GOODLOW, KENNETH	C-75705	1D047L	BLA	CLOB	Voting Mbr	Donner Member @ Large
1	GUMPAL, MAURO	P-00591	4N036L	OTH	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
1	HARRIS, MARVIN	C-91589	1W020L	BLK	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
1	HERNANDEZ, JESSE	K-21116	4W045L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG / vice-Chairman
1	HOLLEY, JOEL	B-77761	1W088L	BLK	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
1	HUTTO, WILLIAM	V-07641	3H100L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
1	JASPAR, MATTHEW	K-93684	1W069L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	SQ Media
1	JOHNSON, CRAIG	C-08327	3W021L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	Color Guard/VIG
1	JONES, MALCOLM	J-04780	3W024L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
1	KASER, BOB	D-41415	2N025L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
V	LACROSSE, DENNIS	C-67683	2N080L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	Veterans Affairs
√	LYNCHARD, JOSEPH	F-73524	· 1D037L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
7	Mc CORMICK, JEFFREY	J-19530	4W092L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
-√	MILLIGAN, EMERY	T-29757	1N008L	BLA	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
√	NELSON, DENNIS	D-72724	3N015L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	OLSON, HARRY	P-45420	2N084L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
4	POE, HENRY	K-06466	1W104L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
√	POINDEXTER, LENNY	K-34848	4N088U	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
E	POLLEY, AHMAD	C-57727	2W084L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
4	RICHARDSON, ANDRE	AC5095	3H032L	BLK	MEDB	Voting Mbr	
1	ROBINSON, GARVIN	K-52086	2N008L	BLA	CLOB	Voting Mbr	Secretary/Treasurer
√ .	ROOKE, PETE	C-76159	1N020L	WHI	CLOB	Voting Mbr	Stamps for Soldiers/Tabs for Tots
1	SANDERS, GREG	E-05222	4W040L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG
1	SCHUHMACHER, C	T-31014	4N093L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	Chairman
1	SIMS, TEDRICK	D-82488	2W038L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
1	SOLTERO, DANIEL	D-65858	1W037U	WHI	CLOB	Voting Mbr	Color Guard
1	STEWART, NORFLEET	E-90026	2W034L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	Color Guard
E	TARVAN, DAVID	E-76518	2W100L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	Color Guard
1	TERRY, HARRY	T-80118	2W045L	BLA	CLOB	Voting Mbr	
-	TYSON, MORGAN	C-81713	4W001L	BLK	MEDA :	Voting Mbr	

V	VICK, ERNIE	P-59262	2N016L	WHI	MEDB	Voting Mbr	VIG
1	WELLS, BRUCE	K-54573	1W038L	BLA	MEDA	Voting Mbr	VIG / Sergeant-at-Arms
√	WILSON, STEPHEN	C-56197	5N074L	WHI	MEDA	Voting Mbr	
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E = Excused Absence

A= Unexcused Absence

Submitted,

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