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## **MARCH ITINERARY OF THE 54th INFANTRY (a part of The 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry) IN THE MEUSE ARGONE OFFENSIVE of the Great War WW I**

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**From the President:** No comments available at this time.

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**From Thomas Price-Editor/ Website Historian:** Members who were present for the conference-call vote for board members were:

Catherine Wilson, Thomas Price, George, Price, Danny Thomas, and Jonathan Mangione.

Thomas Price chaired the meeting.

Member Vote to add new Board Members:

George Price, Stephen Price and Jonathan Mangione as new board members.

Nominated and to be ratified were nominations for George Price as Chaplain, Stephen Price as Jr. Vice President and Jon Mangione as Chief of Staff Historian.

Our primary tool for historic preservation and education is our website which I hope that all of you have the opportunity to visit frequently.

From our Treasurer Danny Thomas:

This fiscal year to include July and August, our ending cash balance of \$6748.22.

As of today, to include a partial September, we had a donation of \$50.00 by Thomas Price as payment to the Oregon

Secretary of State. Operating expenses were \$133.00 for yearly bond payment and \$50.00 payment to the Oregon

Secretary of State.

Current income for the month of September is - \$133.00

Current cash balance \$6615.22

Your support continues to be vital and your contributions including your time, and your irreplaceable stories of service or those of your family members continues inspire us all. The 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division's Sightseers will not fade away.

You can contact me at: [admin@6thinfantry.com](mailto:admin@6thinfantry.com), or me or Danny at: [info@6thinfantry.com](mailto:info@6thinfantry.com).

**Thomas Price, Editor Website Historian,(son of Robert E. Price, 63<sup>rd</sup> Inf Co D, L & Hq)**

## NATIONAL OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

### NATIONAL OFFICERS

Sept. 2017 to Sept. 2018

#### PRESIDENT

Kessen, Clifford (Cannon & K Co, 1<sup>st</sup> Inf)

#### VICE PRESIDENT

Copinger, Jr., Roger (Co.F, 63rd Inf.),

#### JR, VICE PRESIDENT

Stephen Price (Grandson of Robert E. Co L, D, Hq. 63rd Inf.),

#### SECRETARY

Wilson, Catherine S., (Daughter of Andrew Sharpe, Co H 20<sup>th</sup> Inf)

#### TREASURER

**Danny Thomas** (Son of Vane W. Thomas Med Det. 20<sup>th</sup> Inf. Reg.)

#### CHIEF OF STAFF & HISTORIAN

JON MANGIONE

#### EDITOR AND WEBSITE HISTORIAN

Price, Thomas E., (Son of Robert E. Co L, D, Hq. 63rd Inf.),

#### CHAPLAIN

GEORGE PRICE (Son of Robert E. Co L, D, Hq. 63rd Inf.),

#### SURGEON GENERAL

Groff, Robin (Son of Robert Groff, Co L. 63rd Inf),

#### SGT.- AT-ARMS

Groff, Kelly (Son of Robert Groff, Co L 63rd Inf.),

#### TRUSTEE COMMITTEE

##### TWO-YEAR (2014-16)

Halberg, Virgil E. (HQ/HQ Btry, 80th.FA Bn.),

##### ONE-YEAR (2014-2015)

DuPriest, Wm. Lee (Co.E, 20th.Inf.),

##### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

An advisory function to the current president, consisting of active past presidents:

**Wessely, Joseph L** (Co.K, 63rd Inf.), [deceased] (DOD May 14, 2015).

## **Members who were present for the conference-call vote for board members were:**

**Catherine Wilson, Thomas Price, George, Price, Danny Thomas, and Jonathan Mangione.**

Thomas Price chaired the meeting.

Catherine Wilson acted as Secretary, taking notes until, after the vote was held she indicated that her weather was deteriorating and she was losing signal. Three attempts were made to reconnect her, only one was successful. Several attempts were made during the course of the meeting to call the telephone number of Roger Copinger, due to his communication that he could not connect via the Skype link. At least 3 attempts were made to the number Cathy had provided.

## **Member Vote to add new Board Members**

Previous motions had been made by Thomas Price, and seconded by Danny Thomas to add George Price and Stephen Price as new board members. Danny Thomas had seconded those nominations. Danny Thomas had also moved that Jonathan Mangione be added as a third new board member which Thomas Price Seconded. Thomas Price noted that President Clifford Keesen had sent via email his written proxy in favor of the nominated slate of new board members which had been previously published in the Fall 2017 Sightseer. Thomas Price, chairing the meeting called for a vote. All members present voted in favor of the new Board Members. The motion and nominations, therefore, carried and new Board Members are George Price, Stephen Price and Jonathan Mangione. Those present all accepted their nominations indicating a willingness to serve.

## **Board Meeting**

A discussion took place concerning several matters including the vacant board member seats that are available and subject to nomination and appointment by the board, which are:

Jr. Vice President—nominated—Stephen Price

Historian/Chief of Staff--nominated—John Mangione

Chaplain—nominated--George Price

All new board members were encouraged to consider which of those positions in which they might be interested in serving. Articles and Bylaws were sent to all members seeking to attend the meeting.

**New Business** A discussion took place on how to improve our ability to provide education and a resource through the website for persons interested in the history of the 6th Infantry Division. Danny Thomas proposed that we investigate whether or not the particular parts of the information on the website could be better categorized into different units, and most specifically, regiments. He indicated that he believed this would make it easier for those searching for relevant information to find both information and discussion about areas of interest. This is especially significant because most people searching the site are seeking something relevant to their particular veteran/service member/relative who served in the Sixth Infantry Division. Thomas Price volunteered to investigate this further and determine if there would be a way to better organized the website's material.

In addition, a discussion took place concerning how best to go about contributing relevant pictures, stories, pdfs, or other media, so that board members wishing to contribute or add information to the site have a means to do so. Thomas Price noted that this could be accomplished, but might take some additional investigation, training, and means of access to the board member to upload photos, media, and other information onto the site. Thomas Price cautioned that doing so, can be complicated due to the need to make sure that the media is uploaded to the correct place. The follow up plan is to consult with Leslie Baird and Stephen Price about what steps might need to be taken to accomplish both of these tasks.

Danny Thomas and Jon Mangione indicated that they had additional media/information that they have available and want to contribute to the site, or are in the process of gathering, but may need guidance or a means to have an easy way to upload historic photos and materials to the site effectively and logically.

We also discussed researching a better means to keep accurate track of membership including if persons are<sup>3</sup>

simply "donating" as opposed to seeking "member" status when they use the PayPal feature on the website.

Thomas Price

will consult with PayPal and Leslie Baird to determine if there is a better means to keep track of this. Typically, unless the contributor types in the reason for the contribution, we do not know if it is a donation or dues. Cathy indicated that she would share an update of our excel spread sheet of members with the group so that we can have a better ideal of the number and names of actual dues paying members that we still have. It was noted that once the reunions and newsletter went entirely web based, that we did lose a significant number of renewing members who sent in checks. The overall goal is to determine how best to expand our capacity to have contributors and the means to share and preserve the 6th Infantry Division's impressive story of service. Danny noted that every time he has the chance to help someone searching for information about their relative, sometimes, a son, daughter or grandchild, it gives him a thrill to do so. All agree about the importance of what the website continues to offer everyone in the community, and especially relatives of veterans, a means to understand the Division's story and especially the stories of the soldiers who served in it.

The meeting was adjourned.

Postscript--Danny, as treasurer, can you send around a report of our finances so I can include details from it with the Fall Sightseer?

And Cathy, can you send around an update of the excel spread-sheet?

Thanks to everyone and sorry to have missed those of you who could not attend, or who we missed. Please advise if there are any corrections to the details here that I should make.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Price  
Website Historian  
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