

Minutes for August 9, 2023 Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 279 meeting.

The regular meeting of VVA Chapter 279 was called to order by President Hester at 1830 hours. Pres. Hester led the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were: President Hester, Secretary Halbkat, and Treasurer Haase. Vice President Mangiamelli was attending the National convention in Orlando, FL. There were 31 members and 3 officers present. We have a quorum.

New Members: We have 5 new members present, Rich Shivley, Pat Swift, Wayne Hamana, Bill Robinson, and Greg Kleve. Welcome aboard, gentlemen.

Sick Call: Dick Rowe is recovering from hip surgery. Ron Dupell is continuing chemotherapy, and Terry Voss is having surgery. We wish these brothers a very speedy recovery.

Secretary Report: The report for August, 2023 was sent out to the chapter membership via email. Motion to approve as written by George Abbott and seconded by Mike Steffan. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: The report was made available on the table to all members with Treasurer Haase explain all entries. Motion to approve as written by Ed Boller and seconded by Andy Dosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Parades: The Chapter has enjoyed a full summer of parades with only 2 left. We, as a chapter, have decided not to participate in the Aerospace parade in Bellevue. They want to charge us for being in it. We are veterans and should not have to pay to be in a patriotic parade. The 2 left are Millard Days and Labor Day. The chapter will be informed of time and place for meeting via email.

Golf Outing: Held at Pacific Springs course on Sept. 25. All is going well with raffle, silent auction and we have all teams signed up. Will need volunteers that morning to help with the sign ins.

Scholarships: No report

Veterans Home Board: No report

Correspondence reports: Pres. Hester read a nice thank you letter from the Gretna Chamber of Commerce for our great participation in their parade. It's great to get that recognition.

Veterans Court: Eddie Nelson reports 33 members in the program with a September graduation of 5 to 6 members. Great job, Eddie!!

National VVA Delegate report: No report. Dottie Barickman is at the National VVA convention and we look forward to her report at the September meeting.

Nebraska VVA Foundation: George Abbott reports our final payment from the state will be awarded in September and we will then see Hawkins Construction start moving dirt at the site.

Homeless Veterans: No report

POW/MIA: Ron Haase reports no change in the numbers. Holding at 1579.

Quilts of Valor: See Mike Steffan for a form.

New business: The church that is building in the mall that our legion post and meeting room is in has bought the entire mall. They have given the post a lease for 3 years with a 6 month notice to vacate. Just an FYI, the legion is looking for another location.

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 13, 2023 at 1830 hours, located at the Millard Legion Post 374.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ed Boller and seconded by Andy Dosa. Motion carried.

Submitted by;

Tom Halbkat, Secretary