

Minutes for July 12, 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, Vice President Mangiamelli, Secretary Halbkat, and Treasurer Haase. There were 27 members and 4 officers present. We have a quorum.

New Members: We have a new member, Alan Rowley. Welcome aboard, Alan.

Sick Call: Anthony Weathers is still recovering from surgery and Ron Dupell is at home recovering from cancer treatment. We wish these gentlemen a speedy recovery.

Secretary Report: The report for June 2023 was sent out to the membership via email. Motion to approve as written by Ed Boller and seconded by Jim Kjosa. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: The report was made available on the table to all members with Treasurer Haase explaining all entries. Motion to approve as written by George Abbott and seconded by Andy Doza. Motion carried unanimously.

Parades: Ashland on July 15 and Fremont on July 16. The Gretna parade will be July 29. Let's have a super turnout for these events. The Septemberfest parade in Bellevue will be held on Sept. 4.

Scholarships: no report

Veterans Home Board: Tom Brown reports the next meeting will be July 13 in Scottsbluff.

Correspondence Report: Vice Pres. Mangiamelli read a very moving thank you card from former member Ken Melhus' wife thanking the chapter for our participation at Ken's Celebration of Life last month. Along with the card was a \$100.00 donation to the chapter.

Veterans Court: Eddie Nelson reports the court is now fully staffed with officers.

Nebraska VVA Foundation: George Abbott reports there is now a grant being written so the foundation can finally receive the final payment.

Homeless Veterans: no report.

Chapter Membership Report: Pres. Hester reports 200 members and 12 associate members.

POW/MIA: Ron Haase reports numbers holding at 1579.

Quilt of Valor: See Mike Steffen for a form.

New Business: There will be an exhibit at Memorial Park to honor Korean War veterans on Saturday July 29 starting at 10am. There will be replicas of the soldiers at the monument from Washington DC along with the tomb of the Unknown and guest speakers. This is the same time our parade in Gretna is being held. Pres. Hester reminded the chapter that the golf outing will be here before we know it. We need VOLUNTEERS for every phase of the tournament. The coin cards are in for the JROTC at Boystown. Terry Voss made motion to donate \$300.00 to this cause and Jim Quick seconded. Motion carried

Next meeting will be August 9, at 1830 hours, located at the Millard American Legion Post 374.

Motion to adjourn was made by George Abbott and seconded by Ed Boller. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Tom Halbkat, Secretary