

Minutes for September 13, 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 4 officers and 26 members present. We have a quorum.

Guest Speaker: None

New Members: None

Sick Call: Ron Dupell is still taking chemo and is at home. A call, visit, or a card would sure help his spirits.

Secretary Report: The secretary's report for September 13, 2023 was sent out to the chapter membership via email. George Abbott made motion to approve as written and seconded by Jim Quick. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurers Report: The report was made available to the membership on the table. Treasurer Haase explained all entries and suggested we purchase another CD that will pay 5.35%. Ron Wilson moved purchase the CD and was seconded by Sid Howard. Motion carried. Treasurer Haase then handed out full report for year 2023 and budget for 2025 and answered any questions. Mike Steffen moved to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Glen Page. Motion carried unanimously.

Bills to be paid: Vice Pres. Mangiamelli \$1539 for National Convention, Tom Brown for \$39.50, Pres. Hester \$255 for parade expense, and \$240 for website. Ron Wilson moved to pay and seconded by Jim Kjosa. Motion carried.

President Hester gave a big thank you to the Chapter for our great participation in all the patriotic parades we attended in Omaha and surrounding communities. A big BIG thank you to George and Glen for the refreshments.

Golf Outing: It's here!!! Get with Ron Haase for job assignments. Only need a full crew from 7 to 9 am.

Scholarships: Tom Brown read some thank you letters to the chapter from recipients of the scholarships. One was for \$604.00 to University of Nebraska-Kearney and the other was for \$714.33 at Metro Community College.

Veterans Home Board: Tom Brown reports next meeting will be in Norfolk October 27, 2023.

Correspondence report: Vice Pres. Mangiamelli read a thank you letter from the JROTC cadets at Burke High school. They expressed gratitude for our donation to get them to the VVA Parade in Hawaii. We also received a letter from the Boystown Director thanking us for our gift to help the Cadets launch their coin program. Also received a letter from Ne. Dept. of Veteran Affairs. They wanted to know if there were any Veterans in our area on the Buddy Check system.

Veterans Court: Vice Pres. Mangiamelli reports One graduate 2 weeks ago and a large graduation ceremony this coming December.

VVA Delegates: Dottie Barickman reports there were 700 delegates at the convention. She also reports a dissolution of VVA in 2028.

Ne. VVA Foundation: George reports the foundation has applied for a 2.5 million dollar grant All else is moving along OK.

Membership report: Pres. Hester reports membership is at 205.

POW/MIA report: Ron Haase reports 1578.

Quilts of Valor: Mike Steffen has forms available for candidates.

New Business:

Pres. Hester reports the chapter has been invited to participate in the Offut Air Show on Aug. 24 and 25. We will have a tent. More info to follow .He also reports we will have a pair of boxing gloves signed by Bud Crawford and a football signed by Roger Craig for the silent auction at the golf outing.

Next Meeting: Wednesday,October 11, 2023 at 1830 hours, located at Millard American Legion Post 374.

A motion to adjourn was made by Dick Rowe and seconded by Tom Brown. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Tom Halbkat, Secretary