

Minutes, for August 13, 2025 Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 279 Meeting

The regular meeting of VVA Chapter 279 was called to order by President Hester at 1830 hours. After the salute to the American flag, President Hester led the Pledge of Allegiance and then Chaplain Holmes led the chapter in an opening prayer.

Roll call of officers: President Hester, Vice President Mangiamelli, Treasurer Haase, and Secretary Halbkat were all present. There were 4 officers and 26 members present. We have a quorum.

Guest Speaker: None

New Members: None

Sick Call: Please keep the following in your thoughts and prayers; Ron Dupell, Andy Doza, and Jim Quick's wife. We wish them all a speedy recovery.

Secretary Report: The report for July did not get emailed to all members so we will resend them to all members and approve along with August minutes at the September meeting.

Treasurer Report: The report was on the table for members to view. Treasurer Haase explained all the entries and expense checks for Dick Rowe and Tom Halbkat. The expense checks were \$1500.00 each for attendance at the National VVA convention in New Orleans. There being no further discussion Vice President Mangiamelli moved to accept the report and Jim Kjosa seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Presidents Report:

Aerospace Parade will be Saturday, August 16 in Bellevue at 1000 hours. Meet at 900 hours at 1510 Harlan Drive at the Family Fare parking lot. Joe will bring refreshments.

National Convention: Our own delegate, Dottie Barickman, was elected national treasurer. Way to go, Dottie!!!! The next convention will be in 2027, held in Washington DC.

Thursday, August 14 at 1000 there will be a WWII program held at the National Cemetery.

Golf Outing: September 29, 2025 – our 10th year. We have our 36 teams, now we need to work on the raffle prizes.

Scholarships: No report

Veterans Home Board: Tom Brown reports they are having their meeting at the end of August.

National VVA Delegate Report: Dottie should have a full report at next meeting.

Correspondence Report: No report

Veterans Court: Eddie Nelson reports that he has lost 2 veterans in the program.

Nebraska VVA Foundation: Tom Brown reports they are having their next meeting August 14.

Homeless Veterans: No report

Chapter Membership Report: President Hester reports 214 members and 12 associates. He also states that of the 214 members, 160 members get our emails.

POW/MIA: Ron Haase reports there is no change in the numbers. Still at 1567.

Please check out the chapter's webpage: nebraskavietnamveterans.com

Parades:

August 16 – Aerospace Parade, Bellevue August 23, Millard Days Sept. 6, Labor Day, Omaha. Times and meeting location will be sent out week before so watch your email.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2025 at 1830 hours, located at the Millard American Legion Post 374.

Motion to adjourn was made by Dick Rowe and seconded by Ed Boller. Motion carried unanimously

Submitted by:

Tom Halbkat