

Vietnam Veterans of America

Nebraska State Council

Bellevue University Veterans Center

October 4, 2025

Meeting was called to order by President Brown at 0900 hours. He led the group with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Attendance:

President Brown, Vice President Schissel, Secretary Halbkat {excused-family conflict}, Treasurer Kjosa {also excused due to hospital visit}.

Delegate Attendance: Chapter 279 and Chapter 727. Chapter 455 has been closed. We have a quorum.

Introduction of Guests: None

Sick Call: Treasurer Kjosa is hospitalized with 2nd round of chemo

Presidents Report: President Brown reports the new membership-at-large is now 169/with 24,500 nationwide. He also had printouts for the meeting with one important one concerning a scam trend involving veterans. A phone number was given out if we feel like a scam is happening.

Vice Presidents Report: The Nebraska Veterans Home Board convened on July 24, 2025 in Scottsbluff with Chairman Greg Holloway and Dennis Schissel in attendance. Sixty-two applications were submitted and were accepted. All homes gave an extensive review of present status. In the CNVA home, the administrator reports the pond is being filled with fish for the annual tournament at the home. Three of the four homes now have Veterans Service Officers. Upcoming events include Womens Veterans Symposium, Dental Clinic, Pets for Vets, and License Plates. Next meeting will be Oct. 24, 2025.

The pickle fund started the quarter with 72,510.55 with expenses of 9,900.38 with a balance of 62,610.17. Chapter 727 made motion to accept Vice Presidents report and Chapter 279 seconded. The motion carried.

Secretarys Report: The reading of the minutes was waived. Chapter 279 made a motion to accept them as written and Chapter 727 seconded. The motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Not available.

AVVA Report: No Report

Nominations and Elections – April 2026

Old Business: Lifetime Membership still \$50.00. 542 chapters with 92,626 members and 46 state councils. AVVA membership is now 11,577.

Veterans Health and Benefits: Mike Jackman reports the VA has not shutdown normal benefits and services. The regional office closed due to some employees working remotely. It is now reopen and starting meetings.

Ron Haase reports the POW/MIA numbers now at 1566.

Chapter Reports: Chapter 279 reports members marched as a color guard and participants for the Arrows to Aerospace parade in Bellevue and for the Millard Days parade. The Labor Day parade was rained out. Members attended the National POW/MIA Recognition Day celebration at Memorial Park, provided pall bearers for a funeral service at the Omaha National Cemetery for Dennis Speck. Members also assisted with headstone cleaning at the Omaha National Cemetery. The Chapter also kicked off the annual golf outing at Pacific Springs Golf Course by providing a color guard and wreath laying prior to golfers hitting the shotgun start at the course with 36 teams participating.

Chapter 727 had no report this quarter.

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Vietnam maps and paper safes are still available.

Our next meeting will be January 10, 2026, at Bellevue University—812 Bruin Blvd.

At 1031 hours, Dennis Schissel made a motion to adjourn and Greg Holloway seconded. Motion carried.