

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 279
Meeting Minutes
August 4, 2016
40 & 8 Club, Omaha, Ne.
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Meeting called to order by President Schissel at 1831. President Schissel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Chapter 279 officers Present: President Schissel, Vice President Hester, Treasure Kjosa. Secretary Grote.

Members in attendance: 4 officers, 15 members, 1 associate, 4 guests.

Quorum: Yes

NEW MEMBERS:

SECRETARY REPORT: Motion made by Larry Kofoed and seconded by Frank Bracken to accept the July minutes. Motion carried. (See attached sheets)

TREASURER REPORT: Motion made by Tom Brown and seconded by Larry Kofoed to accept the July report. Motion carried. (See attached sheets)

SICK CALL:

CORRESPONDENCE:

Sen Sue Crawford Sent out an email discussing her July 18 meeting with local colleges about Veterans Bridge programs in Nebraska.

Discussed the schedule of events for the International Commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. To be held in Honolulu, Hawaii. May 22 – 28 2017.

VETERANS AFFAIRS:

Frank Bracken Gave update on how the VA processes claims.

Dottie Barickman reported on the high incidence of hepatitis C in Vietnam Veterans

VICTORY APARTMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: 106 Members, 10 Associate Members.

POW-MIA's: Ron Haase 1615 listed POW-MIA's

SCOLARSHIPS: 5 Total. 3 at U of N, Kearney, Lincoln and Omaha. 1 at Bellevue. 1 at Metro Tech.

AGENT ORANGE: Members are urged to call Ben Sasse office as he is not supporting S2921 the Toxic Research Bill.

OLD BUSINESS:

- A) Chapter members DD214 (National Requirement to have them on file.)
- B) Everyone welcome at the 40 & 8 before and after meeting.
- C) VVA Information booth set up in the VA lobby every 2nd and 4th Wednesday.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A: Motion made by Terry Hester seconded by Frank Bracken to donate \$400.00 To Cliff Leach for 13 Stripes and 50 Stars, an organization that installs flagpoles for disabled Veterans. Motion passed
- B: September fest Parade – September 5, 2016
- C: Setting up a golf fundraiser for October 3. More information to follow.

Motion made to adjourn at 1935 by Ron Wilson seconded by Richard Luth. Motion passed.

For the Good of the Order

Next meeting: 1830 September 1, 2016

Respectfully submitted:

Lloyd Grote