

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 279
Meeting Minutes
January 5, 2016
40 & 8 Club, Omaha, Ne.
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Meeting called to order by President Schissel at 1830. President Schissel led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Chapter 279 officers Present: President Schissel, Vice-President Hester,
Treasurer Kjos. Secretary Grote.

Members in attendance: 4 officers, 13 members, 1 associate, 2 guests.

Quorum: Yes

NEW MEMBERS:

SECRETARY REPORT: Motion made by Ed Nelson and seconded by Jeff Smith to accept the
December minutes. Motion carried. (See attached sheets)

TREASURER REPORT: Motion made by Larry Kofoed and seconded by Frank Bracken to accept the
December report. Motion carried. (See attached sheets)

SICK CALL:

CORRESPONDENCE: REPORTS President Schissel reported on;
Thank You from the Wreaths across America Program and Omaha National Cemetery.
Thank You from National VVA for supporting The Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2015, that became
Law December 16, 2016.

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Frank Bracken Gave a Thank You for the Gift Cards given as handouts for
Veteran service organizations to give to Veterans. Frank also told us the VA is making it harder to
pursue a claim.

GUESTS:

VICTORY APARTMENTS:

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP: As of November 30. 126 members. 9 associates.

POW-MIA's: Ron Haase 1618 listed POW-MIA's Ron reported the DPAA is being underfunded and
searches are being cancelled.

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

AGENT ORANGE

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 Ron Haase seconded by Frank Bracken to pay \$746.60 for rent of the storage shed. Motion passed.

B: Habitat for Humanity and Home Depot have a Veterans Repair Program. There are income requirements, and covers siding, roofs and other things up to \$15000.00.

C: Ron Wilson spoke on eligibility for burial plots at the Omaha National Cemetery.

D: Terry Hester wants members to be on the lookout for items for golf outing silent auction.

F: Terry Hester presented plans for a Memorial Monument for the Omaha National Cemetery.

Motion made to adjourn by Jeff Smith seconded by Eddy Boller. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 1930

For the Good of the Order

Next meeting: 1830 February 2, 2017

Respectfully submitted:

Lloyd Grote