

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 279
Meeting Minutes
May 4, 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, Secretary Grote.

Treasure Kjosa-excused absence.

Members in attendance: 3 officers, 16members, 1 associate.

Quorum: Yes

NEW MEMBERS: George Glocke

SECRETARY REPORT: Motion made by Tom Brown and seconded by Dick Rowe to accept the April minutes. Motion carried. (See attached sheets)

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

GUEST SPEAKER: Veterans Outreach Court Probation Officers Scott Carlson and Robert Blanchard Gave a report on the Douglas County Veterans Treatment Court, how it works and what it does for Veterans.

SICK CALL:

CORRESPONDENCE: REPORTS President Schissel reported on;

Read Governor Pete Ricketts Proclamation on the seventy second anniversary of WW 2.

Reported on meeting with Congressman Don Bacon.

Presented the invitation to the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Eastern Nebraska Veterans Home on May 29,2017 at 2:00 PM.

Dick Rowe Reported on the Valley Nebraska American Legion Memorial Park Dedication

Signing a petition to stop the Senate passing a bill that would cut 9/11 GI Bill benefits for military families.

VETERANS AFFAIRS: Dottie Barickman encouraged members to contact Representatives and Senators to vote for the Blue Water Navy Bill. The bills are H.R.299 and S.422.

GUESTS:

VICTORY APARTMENTS: The box on the main level of the 40 & 8 Club is for donations to Victory

Apartments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Ron Haase Discussed Budget.

Motion made to approve budget by Dottie Barickman seconded by Dick Rowe. Motion Passed.

MEMBERSHIP: 127 members. 9 associates.

POW-MIA's: Ron Haase reported 1611 listed POW-MIA's

SCOLARSHIPS: 5 at Metro Tech.

AGENT ORANGE PTSD:

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.
- D.

NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Elkhorn Days June 3, 2017.
- B. Ralston 4th of July Parade.
- C. VVA National Convention Aug 6-12 New Orleans.
- D. Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion, August 10-13, Cornhusker Hotel Lincoln Ne.
- E. Second Annual Golf Outing Oct 2,2017
- F: Motion made by Howard Ball seconded by Eddie Nelson to give \$1000.00 to the Veterans Outreach Program. Motion Failed.
- G: Motion made by Tom Brown seconded by Tom Halbkat to give \$500.00 to the Veterans Outreach Program. Motion Passed.

ADJOURN

Motion made to adjourn by Tom Halbkat seconded by Tom Brown. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 2000,
For the Good of the Order,
Next meeting: 1830 June1, 2017.
Respectfully submitted:
Lloyd Grote