

Minutes for June 12, 2024 Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 279 Meeting

The regular meeting of VVA Chapter 279 was called to order by President Hester at 1830 hours. President Hester led the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were: President Hester, Vice President Mangiamelli, Treasurer Haase, and Secretary Halbkat. There were 4 officers and 26 members present. We have a quorum.

Guest Speaker: None

New Members: None

Sick Call: Ron Dupell is still on sick call, but after 18 months of chemo he is in remission. He says after he gains his strength he will be back. You go, Ron. See you soon!!!

Secretary Report: The report was sent to all members via email. George Abbott made a motion to approve as written and it was seconded by Glen Page. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: The report was on the table for all members to review. Treasurer Haase walked us through all the month's entries. A motion was made to approve the report by Anthony Weathers and seconded by Dwain Holmes. The motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Haase then presented the chapter with bills to be paid in the amount of \$400.00. \$240.00 for website services and \$160.00 for padding for the parade trailer benches. A motion was made by George Abbott and seconded by Ron Ingram to pay the bills. The motion passed unanimously.

Review of Chapter By Laws: Article IV was amended concerning the position that the officers could hold during their time in office. It was unanimously passed. Article VI was amended concerning the numbers of officers to be on the board of directors. Andy Doza made motion and Rich Henderson seconded that we accept all changes. Motion passed unanimously.

Parades The Papilion parade was a great success. The Air Show at Offut Air Base will be held Aug. 24 and 25. The Millard parade is still up in the air. Next parade is Ralston on July 4..If you have not attended a parade, consider this one. They are a lot of fun and very moving for a Vietnam Veteran.

Golf Outing: Still on for Sept. 30, 2024. We have 11 teams signed and need 25 more. Time is slowly running out.

Scholarships: No report.

Veterans Home Board: No report.

Correspondence: Joe Mangiamelli reports the fee has been waived for the Bellevue parade.

Veterans Court: Eddie Nelson reports there will be an end of year graduation and he would like to see some chapter members at the function.

National VVA Delegate Report: No report.

National VVA Foundation: George Abbott reports the grand opening of the National Memorial was a huge success. A crowd of over 2000 attended. The Memorial will be open every day. If you have not seen this magnificent display, you MUST go see it.

Homeless Veterans: No report.

Chapter report: President Hester reports 210 members and 12 associate members.

POW/MIA report: Ron Haase reports 1576 and holding.

Quilts of Valor: Please see Mike Steffen for a form.

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Our next meeting will be July 10, 2024 at 1830 hours at the Millard American Legion Post 374.

A motion to adjourn was made by George Abbott and seconded by Andy Doza. Motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by:

Tom Halbkat, Secretary