

Minutes for October 9, 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 33 members present. We have a quorum...

Guest Speaker: Jason from Hero Stock spoke to us about helping veterans move forward. They are a local group trying to grow their brand.

New Members: Fred Tisdale and Ron Deyo. Welcome, gentlemen.

Sick Call: David Teer is still in rehab for his hip

Secretary Report: emailed to all members. George Abbott made motion to accept as written and Anthony Weathers seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Haase made copies available to all members and explained all entries. Mike Steffen made a motion to accept report and it was seconded by Wayne Hamann. Motion carried. One bill to be paid, \$240.00 to Ben Kotrous, our web designer. VP Mangiamelli moved to pay and George Abbott seconded. Motion carried.

Golf Outing: A fantastic event. Everyone needs to be proud of such a grand event. \$28000.00 in income, \$10000.00 in expenses, \$18000.00 in profit. WOW!!!

Scholarships: Tom Brown read a letter from MCC thanking the chapter for scholarships.

Veterans Home Board: No Report

Correspondence Report: VP Mangiamelli read letter from National congratulating the chapter on 20% or more involvement in community affairs. Also, read letter invited the chapter to Quilt of Honor ceremony at St. John's AME Church on Dec. 7th, 2024. George Abbott made motion and Tom Brown seconded the chapter donate \$200.00 to this event. Motion carried.

Veterans Court: Eddie Nelson report Dec.7 will be graduation.

Nebraska VVA Foundation: No Report

Homeless Veterans: No Report

Chapter Membership: Currently, 211 members, and 12 associates

POW/MIA: 1575 DOD website states 1574

Quilts of Valor: See Mike Steffen for a form.

Check out our webpage: nebraskavietnamveterans.com

Next meeting: Wednesday November 13, 2024 Millard Legion Post 374 at 1830 hours

Events: Nov. 7 Shine On Memorial Park

Nov. 11 Veterans Day Memorial Park

Creighton University will hold a free dental clinic at National Guard Armory in Yutan, NE on Nov. 15 and 16.

Old or New Business: Still looking for someplace to store the trailer over winter months.

Ron Ingram has won the blanket that was a leftover from the golf outing.

Motion to adjourn made by VP Mangiamelli and seconded by Dick Rowe. Motion carried.

Submitted by:

Tom Halbkat, Secretary