

Secretaries Minutes for February 2021 Meeting

Regular meeting of NE. VVA Chapter 279 called to order by President Schissel at 1830 hours.

President led Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present were: Pres. Schissel, VP Hester, Sec. Halbkat, and Trea. Ball.

4 officers and 14 members were in attendance.

Dick Rowe made motion to accept Sec. minutes and Richard Luth seconded. Motion carried.

George Abbott made motion to accept Trea. Report and Tom Brown seconded. Motion carried.

No sick call.

There was no correspondence to be read.

Tom Brown reports all is going fine at Victory Apts. A donation of 5 cases of coffee was made.

Pres. Schissel reports that LB 387 is worth watching. If passed, a veterans pension will become tax free.

Joe Mangiamelli reports the Veteran Court now has 4 new participants of all ages.

Our club membership now stands at 190 members and 10 associate members.

Ron Haase reports POW-MIA now stands at 1585. An F4 pilot was found—a NE native.

Tom Brown reports no news concerning scholarships.

In new business: 2 bills totally \$33.00 were approved to be paid.

VP Hester reports that from Oct. 2019 to Oct. 2020 there were 691 new resting sites added to the Omaha National Cemetery, bringing a total of 3205 sites. To date, there has been an additional 265.

Hester also reports CUDOS are to go out to members of VVA 279 for getting word out for Covid vaccinations.

Terry also reports that Doug Olms partners daughter will be doing our new website. She will be paid somewhere between \$1000 and \$1500.00. She will use “Go-Daddy” format that way the club will own the site and it will only cost \$12.00 per month. She will design the rest of it.

George Abbott reports Woodmen of World has donated \$50k and Union Pacific has donated \$65k to the memorial foundation. He stresses that banks need to get involved. Memorial groundbreaking is set for the summer of 2022.

Howard states that there will be a helicopter, a wall of honor, obelisks for education, and 4x4 tiles with QR codes to tell the history of the veteran. We can get on facebook for more info on the Memorial at NEVVA monument. Dottie is working on education, website, and bios of the contributors. She is also working on lesson plans being formed for educators to use.

Dick Rowe made motion to adjourn and seconded by Ed Boller. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be March 4, 2021.