

Minutes for the July 13, 2022 Vietnam Veterans Chapter 279 meeting.

The regular meeting of VVA Chapter 279 was called to order by President Hester at 1830 hours. President Hester led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were President Hester, Vice President Mangiamelli, Treasurer Haase, and Secretary Halbkat.

There were 19 members, 4 officers, and 1 guest present. We have a quorum.

Those in attendance introduced themselves and welcomed potential new member Sid Howard.

The minutes of the June 2022 meeting were sent in advance via email to the membership. Motion to approve as written by Terry Voss and seconded by Glen Page. Motion passed unanimously..

The Treasurer's report was available in hard copy and presented by the Treasurer, motion to approve as presented by George Abbott and seconded by Ed Boller. Motion passed unanimously.

In addition, Treasurer Haase discussed bills to be paid as follows:

Pres. Hester 59.15 for printing, Vice Pres. Mangiamelli 20.00 for stamps, State Farm Ins. 200.00 for trailer, 70.15 for liscence for trailer, Pres. Hester 31.76 for funeral frame, Millard parade entry 62.05. Motion to approve as read by George Abbott and seconded by Glen Page. Motion carried unanimously.

Golf Outing: Pres. Hester reports it is time for all to help the cause. We need raffle donations, hole sponsors, and teams. This is our only fundraiser of the year.

Parades: This has been a very inspiring endeavor for the chapter and really spreads goodwill with those viewing the parades. Think about attending. They are soooo much fun. The next one will be in Ashland.

Scholarships: Tom Brown has nothing to report.

Veterans Home Board: Tom Brown is on the board and has a meeting on August 4<sup>th</sup>. He will report back at the next meeting.

Correspondence: Vice Pres. Mangiamelli gave a short talk on how the Bellvue Veterans Home will be expanded. We can view plans and progress on [Veterans.Nebraska.gov](http://Veterans.Nebraska.gov).

Veterans Court: Eddie Nelson reports there will be another graduation the 1<sup>st</sup> week September.

National VVA Delegate Report: Dottie Barickman reports communication is getting better now that the computer system is being upgraded.

Chapter Membership Report: We presently have 198 members and 12 associate members.

POW/MIA: Ron Haase reports 1584. No change. Ron also has wristbands for sale if anyone so desires.

New business:

George Abbott and Tom Brown report 94% of our goal for the Memorial has been met. Work is progressing along with the restoration of the helo. Her name is "Snoopy 1". We will need some help in the following weeks with the rotors if anyone is interested. See George for more info. We want to thank Tom Brown and George Abbott for their excellent write up in the Veteran magazine. 90,000 vets were exposed to the work that Chapter 279 is doing. And George has become a TV star. Thanks, guys!

FYI the vets reunion is August 11-14.

There are now 4500 interments at the Omaha National Cemetery. They are going to expand soon.

Next meeting will be Wednesday, August 10,2022, at 1830 hours, located at Millard American Legion Post 374.

A motion was made to adjourn by Ed Boller and seconded by George Abbott. Motion passed unanimously.

Submitted by,

Tom Halbkat, Secretary