

## Secretaries Minutes for January 2021 Meeting

Regular meeting of Ne. VVA Chapter 279 called to order by President Schissel at 1832 hours.

President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

2 officers and 12 members were in attendance.

Larry Swartz made motion to accept Sec. minutes and seconded by Tom Brown. Motion carried.

Dick Rowe made motion to accept Treasurer report and seconded by Richard Luth. Motion carried.

No sick call.

Pres. Schissel read thank you letter from Cass Cty service officer regarding the food gift cards our chapter donated. He also read thank you letter from Bellevue University concerning the chapter's donation of \$250.00 to the Veterans Service Center.

Victory Apts. report----Tom Brown reports that more needed items are in short supply. Food stamps can take care of food, but not toilet paper, laundry and hand soap, paper products, light bulb, etc. It was suggested that in Spring a drive could be made for other things that are needed that can't be bought with food stamps. Tom York donated money for coffee at Victory Apts.

Pres. Schissel read correspondence concerning new license plates. One is universal for all the other is for the Vets Get Pets program. Proceeds go to Veterans Employment program and the other goes to Vets Get Pets program.

Veterans Court----Joe Mangiamelli reports he has 2 vets and Eddie Nelson has 2 vets. Judge James T. Gleason is retiring the incoming judge will be Judge Wheelock.

Members----190 plus 10 associates.

Ron Haase reports no change to pow/mia totals. USS Oklahoma remains are at Offutt and they have identified 29 service personnel.

Tom Brown has nothing to report on scholarships.

We lost a chapter member this past week, Lloyd Grote. In the past the chapter has always sent flowers, but members Schissel, Hester, and Brown talked about making a wooden flag. Hester made the flag with Lloyd's name on it and presented it to Mrs. Grote at the gravesite. Cost was \$60. A motion was made by George Abbott and seconded by Anthony Weathers to present a wooden flag with name at future funerals in lieu of flowers. Motion carried.

Tom Brown gave a report on NE.VVA foundation.

Next meeting will be February 4<sup>th</sup> at Post 8334 VFW hall.

Motion by Dick Rowe and seconded by Joe Mangiamelli to adjourn. Motion carried at 1928 hours.