

Secretaries Minutes for March 2021 Meeting

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

President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

4 officers and 11 members were in attendance.

George Abbott made motion to accept Sec. minutes and Ron Dupell seconded. Motion carried.

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

It was brought up by Pres. Schissel that one of our members, Geoffrey Harris, had passed and the membership at the meeting agreed to try to get a wooden flag to the family.

Pres. Schissel read newsletter from VA concerning outdoor permits. State of NE. will supply lifetime resident state park entry permits for "disabled NE. veterans" who qualify. Contact OutdoorNebraska.com

Tom Brown has delivered 2 cases of food to Victory Apts. He indicated that both locations in Omaha and Lincoln have their pantries full, but could use non-food items, such as, paper products.

Joe Mangiamelli reports that the Veteran Court held a ZOOM meeting today, Feb. 4th and there were 5 veterans that completed the course.

Our club membership now stands at 188 members and 10 associate members.

Ron Haase reports POW-MIA still standing at 1585. There are currently 803 SVN and 482 NVN missing. U.S. operations had stopped in March due to Covid. VN are doing unilateral operations.

Tom Brown reports no news concerning scholarships.

In new business, there were no bills to be paid. The VVA National Convention will be held in NC in November 2021. A quick survey of the membership concerning 2 types of convention. #1 being the live convention for 4-5 days in NC or #2 being in your home in front a ZOOM meeting on your computer for 4-5 day. Joe Mangiamelli moved the Chapter support a live meeting and Ron Dupell seconded the motion. All 15 members present voted for the motion.

At the April meeting there will be an election of officers and Dottie Barickman and Tom Brown are nominating committee members to receive nominations. Nominees must tell committee members they accept nomination via phone or email by March 30, 2021.

Ashley, our new web designer, will be paid \$1000.00. The web site will combine our Chapter and the State Council in one web site. Chapter 279 will own the web site. It will need a new domain name, which will be NEVietnamVeterans.com and cost \$10.00 per year. The hosting fee, which is godaddy.com, will cost \$217.00 for 3 years. Joe Mangiamelli made motion we accept fee for web designer and hosting fee and Ron Dupell seconded. Motion carried and will be paid in 2 separate bills.

News concerning the new Memorial: there are 3 committees set up. Education & History {Dottie is working on this and it will include a virtual tour}. Fund raising committee and Construction committee.

Howard Ball is heading up a committee that will work with PayPal and Facebook.

Other notes of interest concerning the Memorial are: there will be at least 1,000,000 pounds of granite used on the construction.

The helicopter being used is being stored in a barn in Bennington, NE. at NO cost.

The helicopter can be transported for restoration to Iowa Western Community College at NO cost.

Tom Brown made a motion to adjourn and seconded by Joe Mangiamelli. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be April 1, 2021.