

Secretaries Minutes for February 2022 Meeting

Regular meeting of Ne. Chapter 279 called to order by Pres. Hester at 1830 hours. Pres. Hester led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present were: Pres. Hester, Vice Pres. Mangiamelli, Trea. Haase, and Sec. Halbkat.

There were 17 members and 4 officers present. We have a quorum.

Tonite's guest speaker was Tim Butz from the DAV. His talk was on VA benefits with emphasize on claims. He noted that hypertension is now a presumptive attached to Parkinsons Disease which is connected to Agent Orange. If anyone needs help with a claim he can be reached at the Veterans Center at 72nd and Spring. For an appointment call 402-212-7221.

Richard Luth is still on sick call. He is at home now but to tired to make it to meeting. Get well, Rich.

Vice Pres. Mangiamelli made a motion and Andy Dosa seconded that chapter accept new by-law change for our meeting time and place. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Rowe and seconded by Ed Boller to approve the January 2022 minutes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Ed Boller and seconded by Tom Lundquist to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

The chapter is seeking volunteers to setup and schedule parades. Contact an officer if you are so moved. The chapter has been given 4 church pews at no cost to be used on our trailer for the parades. We will find someone to secure them to the trailer. Our first parade will be May 28, the gold star parade.

Tom Brown has nothing to report for the Veterans Home or the Scholarship fund.

Vice Pres. Mangiamelli read correspondence from Kentucky State Council that thanked us for our donation of \$500.00 to help after their tornado disasters. He also read a thankyou from the Washington County VSO for the gift card donation.

In regards to Veteran courts, Eddie Nelson reports there are now treatment centers in all legislative areas. He also reports there will be 2 more graduates in March.

Ne. VVA Foundation reports the ground breaking ceremony for the memorial will be March 29, 2022. The keynote speakers will be Gov. Ricketts and former Sec. of Defense Chuck Hagel.

Dottie Barickman reports that resolution 23 was passed at Natioal Convention and it states that the VVA will be a "last man standing" organization. .We need to make plans now for our future or all our assets go to the state of NY.

Pres. Hester reports that veteran interview on camera will start soon. He will send out the forms to the chapter. If there are any changes in e-mails, addresses, or phone numbers, please let him know.

According to the VVA constitution, election of officers is to run for a 2 year term. Tom Brown made a motion and George Abbott seconded that we comply with said law. Motion carried.

The chapter membership is now at 196 members and 10 associates.

Ron Haase reports there is no change to the POW/MIA report. Still at 1584.

Our next meeting will be held March 9, 2022 at 1830 hours at the American Legion Post 374.

Dick Rowe made motion to adjourn the meeting and Ed Boller seconded. The motion carried.

Tom Halbkat-----Secretary