

Regular Meeting of Ne. VVA Chapter 279 called to order by President Hester at 1830 hours.

President led Pledge of Allegiance.

4 officers and 9 members were in attendance.

Guest speaker was David Conrad from VA hospital and gave an excellent talk regarding veteran's benefits.

Richard Luth made motion to accept secretaries minutes and Jim Quick seconded. Motion carried.

Joe Mangiamelli made motion to accept treasurer's report and Jim Quick seconded. Motion carried.

Ron Haase gave a report on liability insurance for the chapter. Insurance is through State Farm and is for \$100,000. Motion made by Jim Quick and seconded by Walt Love that chapter pursue this avenue. Motion carried.

Because of outdated and worn flags and holders, it was suggested that we buy new equipment. President Hester will check into cost. Andy Doza made motion to buy and Joe Mangiamelli seconded. Motion carried.

The chapter will participate in the Ralston 4th of July parade. We will have an honor guard and 3-4 pickups carrying members. Meet at old Legion club on Q Street at 1030 am

The chapter will allot \$1500.00 for 4 members to attend National Convention to be held in Greensboro, NC.

The NE. Vietnam Veterans reunion will be held August 12-15. We will have a table setup for info on the new Memorial. The agenda will follow at next meeting.

Bills to be paid: Sec. Halbkat qtrly allowance for supplies and Pres. Hester for recognition plaque. Joe Mangiamelli made motion to pay and Richard Luth seconded. Motion carried.

The chapter's annual golf outing scheduled for Monday, 9-27, 2021 at Pacific Springs Golf Club is nearing quickly. Take flyers from table, please. Ron Haase and Glen Page are in charge of \$ donations and Pres. Hester in charge of the auction.

Joe Mangiamelli reports there are 87,950 Vietnam vets left, of that number 435 are in Nebraska.

Dottie Barickman and Tom Brown are looking for volunteers to interview for the Nebraska Memorial.

Joe Mangiamelli and Eddie Nelson report 3 graduates from the veterans court and 3 new members'

No reports from the Ne. VVA Foundation or the homeless vets.

Ron Haase reports no change in POW/MIA numbers. Holding at 1584.

Jim Quick made motion to send fruit baskets to families of deceased members rather than flowers and Andy Dosa seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be July 8, 2021 at Millard Post #8334 at 1830 hours. Joe Mangiamelli made motion to adjourn and Andy Dosa seconded. Motion carried.

Secretary, Chapter 279

Tom Halbkat