

Minutes for June 11, 2025 Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 279 Meeting

The regular meeting of VVA Chapter 279 was called to order by President Hester at 1839 hours. After the salute to the American flag, President Hester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of officers: President Hester, Vice President Mangiamelli, Treasurer Haase, and Secretary Halbkat were all present. There were 4 officers and 35 members present. We have a quorum.

Guest Speaker: None

New Members: We welcome aboard Richard Hagen and Ron Norgard both from the US Army.

Sick Call: Jim Quick's wife is still recovering from a stroke. Keep her in your prayers.

Secretary Report: The report was emailed to all members. Joe Mangiamelli moved to accept the report as written and George Abbott seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer Report: The report is on the table and Treasurer Haase explained the entries. With no corrections to be made, Mike Steffan moved to accept report and Jim Quick seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Bills to be paid: \$30.00 --- Secretary of State office for name change info, \$240.00 – website maintenance, -- \$84.00 – Glen Page for parade mileage, \$191.00 – fidelity bond. George Abbott moved we pay the bills and Mike Steffan seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Golf Outing: September 29, 2025. This is our 10th year and our biggest money maker.

Scholarships: No Report

Veterans Home Board: Tom Brown reports the next meeting will be in Scottsbluff.

Correspondence Reports: Vice President Mangiamelli read letters from Elkhorn Chamber of Commerce thanking us for participating in the Elkhorn Days parade, President Hester read a letter from the husband of the woman that sent the Nebraska Quilt of Honor to be donated to the club.

Veterans Court: Eddie Nelson reports there will be a December graduation and that there are 28—30 members in the program.

National VVA Delegate Report: Dottie Barickman reports we should hold off on name change until we find out more about it at the convention.

Nebraska VVA Foundation: No Report

Homeless Veterans: No Report

Chapter Membership Report: 215 members and 12 associates

POW/MIA: Ron Haase reports 2 more souls found and number now at 1570

New Business: MOH recipient James Foust will have the new fire dept. training tower named in his honor on June 13, Friday. The Papillion parade is Saturday June 14. Be there at 9am. Ray Coenen is supplying the refreshments.

Please check out the chapter's website---nebraskavietnamveterans.com

Next Meeting: Wednesday July 9, 2025 at 1830 hours located at the Millard American Legion Post374.

Motion to adjourn was made by George Abbott and seconded by Dick Rowe. Motion passed.

Submitted by:

Tom Halbkat, Secretary