

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Nebraska State Council Minutes
Bellevue University Veterans Center
Date: July 9, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by President Tom Brown. The President led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call of State Council Officers: President Brown, Vice President Schissel, Treasurer Kjosa and Secretary Haase, all present.

Roll call of Chapter Delegates:

Chapter 279 – George Abbott, Jim Quick
Chapter 455 – Steve Schawang, Randy Holke
Chapter 727 – Terry Carpeck

Introduction of Guest: Mike Jackman, DAV

Sick call /funerals: Deceased members include Clifford Baldwin, Lloyd Berk and Gilbert Styskal.

President's report:

- A. Financial report on the Pickles Fund. Balance of \$30,701.70 as of 6/30/2022.
- B. There are 127 VVA members in the 'At-Large' category in Nebraska. Possible contacts to join our three chapters.

Vice President's report: VP Schissel gave a report on the Nebraska Veterans homes. Written report included.

Secretary's report: Minutes of the April 9, 2022 meeting were emailed to all delegates and officers. Minutes approved as submitted.

Treasurer's report: The financial report for the months of April, May and June 2022 were submitted. Member rebates from National were received, along with a small amount of interest. There were no disbursements during the quarter. The treasurer's report was approved as submitted.

Nominations and Elections: The next election of officers for a two-year term will be in April 2024.

AVVA Report: No report.

Old business:

1. Need man hours and mileage reports.
2. Continue need for member outreach activities.
3. Life time membership remains at \$50. 89,608 total members, 587 Chapters.
Use "At-Large" report to get new members.
4. AVVA membership 10,086.

Committee reports:

1. Nebraska Veteran's council. No report.
2. Veterans Home Board. Dennis gave report on activities. Report attached. Next meeting to be held on August 4, 2022.
3. PTSD issues. Nothing new to report.
4. Women's Veteran. No report.
5. Agent Orange. Nothing new.
6. Veterans Health and Benefits. Update given by Mike Jackman. Suggested that veteran's not use attorneys to file claims. Anything they receive using them ends any future compensation from the VA. PACT Act passed by the Senate is now back to the House for final debate. Thailand, Laos, Cambodia and Guam are additional countries that may be added for those exposed to AO.
7. POW-MIA. 1,584 still remain listed as MIA. New ID lab to be built somewhere in Bellevue.
8. Legislative. Homestead exemption to be reviewed for those with 50-90% disabilities.
9. Vietnam War Commemoration. Nothing new.

Chapter Reports:

Chapter 279 – No written report.

Chapter 445 – No written report.

Chapter 727 – No written report.

New business:

1. Website: vvannebraskastatecouncil.org.
2. Vietnam maps are still available for sale for \$10. Cost is \$1 to the chapters.
3. Paper safes are available as needed. Handed out at the VA and veterans homes.

Calendar of events:

1. VVA National Convention – summer of 2023.
2. Nebr. State Council (NESC) - Participate in the reading of the names in DC in Nov?
3. Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion, August 11-14, 2022, Kearney, Ne. See vetsreunion.com for more information.
4. Leadership Conference - August 9-13, 2022 in Greenville, SC,

Respectfully submitted:

Ronald A. Haase, Secretary