

Secretaries Minutes for April 2022 Meeting

Regular meeting of the NE. VVA Chapter was called to order by President Hester at 1830 hours. President Hester led the chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present were: Pres. Hester, VP Mangiamelli, Treasurer Haase, Secretary Halbkat

There were 28 members and 4 officers present. We have a quorum.

At the May meeting we will have a guest speaker. Attorney Ann Burnett will be here to discuss assets for our children. Spouses are urged to attend.

We have 4 new members at the meeting today. Welcome aboard, gentlemen!!

Motion was made by Joe Mangiamelli and seconded by Ed Boller to approve the March 2022 minutes. The motion carried.

Motion was made by George Abbott and seconded by Andy Doza to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Ron Wilson and seconded by Andy Doza to accept last months election of officers. Motion carried and Dottie Barickman swore in all 4 existing officers to another 2 year term.

Pres. Hester reported on the progress of the chapter's annual golf outing. It will be held at Pacific Springs Golf Club. Registration will be at 7:30 am and tee off will be at 9:00 am. There will be certificates to the sponsors this year. Be sure that Terry gets the names of the sponsors. Glen and Dottie suggest listing the names of our sponsors on our flyers.

The chapter needs to get in front of the public and one way is by participating in local parades this summer. There are a number of them we should be looking at:

Memorial Day	May 28	[Joe said the bar will be open at the The Son's of Italy]
Elkhorn Days	June 11	
Papillion Days	June 18	
Ralston	July 4	
Fremont Days	July 10	
Ashland	July 16	
Gretna	July 30	

Bellevue August 20

Millard August 27

Downtown September Fest Labor Day

Tom Brown reports no new activity concerning scholarships.

Tom Brown also reports that the Veterans Home board will hold their elections on April 22, 2022. He also reminded us that if you are at least 50% disabled your taxes will be 50% reduced.

Joe and Eddy report there will be a ceremony of 6 graduates of Veterans Court.

Dottie Barickman reports that since the national convention the transition of new officers has been slow.

Nothing new to report on homeless veterans.

Ron Haase reports POW/MIA numbers still hold at 1584.

Chapter membership is now at 197 members and 10 associate members.

Andy Doza and Leroy Christensen have volunteered to work on putting the church pews on the parade trailer. Leroy's shop will be the gathering spot. Need more volunteers.

Glen Page has volunteered to get the membership list updated with current emails and phone numbers.

Tom Brown thanked all who showed up at the NeVVA Memorial groundbreaking. We had a grand turnout. In 2 months we should see an article in the Veteran Magazine about our Memorial.

We are looking for a "PR" person to promote our chapter events.

Dottie gave a short talk about the interviews of chapter members to be put at the memorial. Sample questions will be emailed to all members.

Dick Rowe made a motion and seconded by Andy Doza that we adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be held May 11, 2022 at the American Legion Post 374.

Tom Halbkat-----Secretary