

**Vietnam Veterans of America
Nebraska State Council Minutes
Bellevue University Veterans Center
Date: July 10, 2021**

Meeting called to order at 9:10 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, and Treasure Kjosa, all present. Secretary Haase absent.

Roll call of Chapter Delegates: Chapter 279 - George Abbott and Ron Wilson, Chapter 455 – Steve Schawang, Chapter 727 – Terry Carpeck and Greg Halloway.

Introduction of Guest: Mike Jackman, DAV Dept. Commander.

Sick call /funerals: Howard Ball, Chapter 279 is recovering from a stroke.

President's report: President Brown presented the following information to the Council:

1. Records retention list for Exempt Organizations.
2. Tentative list of dates for futures State Council meetings. Discussed possible change in meeting start times.
3. Membership report by state.

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

Secretary's report: Minutes of the March 6, 2021 meeting where emailed to all delegates and officers. Reading of the minutes was waived. Minutes were not approved due to the absence of the Secretary.

Treasurer's report: The financial report for the months of March through June, 2021 was submitted. The report was approved as submitted.

Nominations and Elections: Not applicable for this meeting. The next Council election will be held in April 2022.

AVVA Report: No report.

Old business:

1. Need man hours and mileage reports.

2. Continue need for member outreach activities. At-Large member listing distributed for potential names to contact.
3. Life time membership remains at \$50. 88,063 total membership. 646 Chapters.
4. AVVA membership 9,894.

Committee reports:

1. Veterans Home Board. Dennis gave report on activities.
2. PTSD issues. Nothing new to report.
3. Women's Veteran. No report.
4. Agent Orange. Nothing new.
5. Veterans Health and Benefits. Update given by Mike Jackson.
6. POW-MIA. No report.
7. Legislative. No report

Chapter Reports:

Reports were given by Chapters 727 and 279.

New business:

1. Vietnam maps are still available for sale for \$10. Cost is \$1 to the chapters.
2. Paper safes are available as needed. Handed out at the VA and veteran's homes.
3. The Nebraska State Council can send 2 people to the National VVA convention. Tom Brown will be attending with his cost covered by National. A motion was made and approved that if a second person from the State Council decides to attend, the State Council would cover expenses up to \$1,800.
4. The State council's web page is: vvannebraskastatecouncil.org.

Calendar of events:

1. VVA National Convention, November 1 – 7, 2021, North Carolina
2. Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion, August 12-15, 2021, Lincoln, Ne. See vetsreunion.com for more information. Chapter 279 will have a display table there with VA literature for distribution. The Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation will also have a table. The foundation will be displaying remembrance tiles and taking orders for tiles (rather than bricks).

Next Meetings: October 2, 2021. Bellevue University Veterans Center.

Note: These minutes prepared using the tape of the meeting (very poor quality) meeting agenda and Tom Brown's notes.

Respectfully submitted:

Ronald A. Haase, Secretary

