

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

Meeting called to order at 9:05 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, present and Treasurer Kjos and Secretary Haase, absent.

Roll call of Chapter Delegates:

Chapter 279 – George Abbott, Joe Maggiamelli

Chapter 455 – Steve Schawang

Chapter 727 – William Duffield

Introduction of Guest: Mike Jackman, DAV Dept. Commander

Sick call /funerals: Mike Wills, Chapter 279.

President's report:

- A. Financial report on the Pickles Fund. Balance of \$26,047.27 as of 4/9/2022.
- 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 January 8, 2022 meeting were emailed to all delegates and officers. No action to approve the minutes was taken due to the absence of the Secretary.

Treasurer's report: The financial report for the months of January, February and March 2022 were submitted. Payments were made to Tom Brown for \$235.00 for convention expenses, AVVA for Mike Jackson membership dues, \$1,000.00 Colorado Veterans fire aid and \$500.00 to Kentucky Veterans flood aid. No action was taken to approve the treasurer's report due to the absence of the Treasurer. There were no other bills submitted for payment.

Nominations and Elections: A nomination and motion was made to retain the existing slate of officers for a two (2) year term of office expiring in April 2024. Motion unanimously approved.

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. 89,113 total members, 587 Chapters.
Use "At-Large" report to get new members.
4. AVVA membership 9,963.

Committee reports:

1. Nebraska Veteran's council. No report.
2. Veterans Home Board. Dennis gave report on activities. Report attached.
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.
7. POW-MIA. 1,584 still remain listed as MIA.
8. Legislative. No report.
9. Vietnam War Commemoration. Nothing new.

Chapter Reports:

Chapter 279 – Report attached.

Chapter 445 – No written report.

Chapter 727 – No written report.

New business:

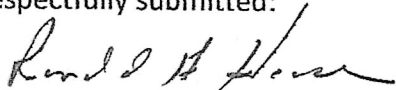
1. Website: vanebraskastatecouncil.org.
2. Vietnam maps are still available for sale for \$10. Cost is \$1 to the chapters.
3. Paper safes are available as needed. Handed out at the VA and veterans homes.

Calendar of events:

1. VVA National Convention – summer of 2023.
2. Nebr. State Council (NESC) meeting set for July 9, 2022.
3. Nebraska Vietnam Veterans Reunion, August 11-14, 2022, Kearney, Ne. See vetsreunion.com for more information.

Note: Minutes prepared from notes, handouts and conversation with Tom Brown, President.

Respectfully submitted:



Ronald A. Haase, Secretary