

Secretaries Minutes for September 2021 Meeting

Regular Meeting of NE. VVA Chapter 279 called to order by Pres. Hester at 1830 hours.

Pres. Hester led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present were: Pres. Hester, VP Mangiamelli, Sec. Halbkat, Trea. Ball, Asst. Trea. Haase. It was good to see Treasurer Ball at the meeting. He stated he has more recovery from his illness ahead of him. Asst. Trea. Haase will continue forward as the Chapter Treasurer.

19 members and 5 officers were in attendance. We have a quorum.

At this time, another new member was introduced to the Chapter. Allan Wolfe, will now become an active member of the Chapter. Welcome aboard.

It was reported that Eddie Nelson is on sick call. He had a knee replacement and we all wish him a speedy recovery.

A motion was made by Dick Rowe and seconded by Anthony Weathers to accept the Secretary's report. The motion carried.

In reviewing the treasurer's report, there are bills that need to be paid. The total is \$1431.51 and are listed on the treasurer's report. A motion was made by Dick Rowe and seconded by Anthony Weathers that we pay all bills and accept the treasurer's report. The motion carried.

In reviewing the Asst. Treasurer's report, there was some discussion about taking the Chapter's single CD of \$31,813.85 and dividing it into 3 separate CD's. Our current CD matures on September 17, 2021 and Asst. Trea. Haase said he would shop other banks and credit unions for competitive rates and report back to the officers before Sept 17. He would shop for 3 CD's: one at 12 months, one at 18 months, and one at 24 months, each carrying 1/3 of the existing CD. When the decision is made anyone of the following officers may enter the banking institution to make the CD change: Pres. Terry Hester, VP Joe Mangiamelli, and Asst. Trea. Ron Haase, since these officers have the approved signatures to make financial decisions. A motion was made by Pete Gill and seconded by Ron Wilson that the Chapter make these changes to our existing CD. The motion carried.

POW/MIA Day is September 17, 2021. There will be a program at Memorial Park at 1100 hours. All Chapter members are encouraged to attend. We will meet as a group at 1030 hours at the Park for the ceremony.

Veterans Day will be celebrated at Memorial Park on November 11, 2021. The Medal of Honor recipient's sister will be laying a wreath at the ceremony.

The Chapter's annual golf outing will be September 27, 2021 at Pacific Springs Golf Club. Since we have 4 carts over the limit we will have to split the cart cost with the Club. We need volunteers at the start of the tournament and they will be assigned duties.

Pres. Hester reports the Chapter has applied for the COVID Economic Recovery Grant Program due to substantial loss of funds in our annual golf outing for 2020 due to COVID. The maximum amount we can receive is \$1500.00.

VP Joe Mangiamelli read letter from the State VVA of Louisiana concerning the raising of funds for Veterans only to offset costs due to the recent hurricane disaster they incurred. Tom Brown states that the NE. state council is sending \$500.00. A motion we made by Andy Doza and seconded by Pete Gill that the Chapter donate \$500.00. The motion carried.

Pres. Hester presented a 8x10 picture and a flag plaque to James Hoskinson for his excellent work on the welding of the Chapter's new parade trailer.

Tom Brown reports that Vets Helping Vets at the Veteran Home in Bellevue has a shortage of help. An application is available if one wants to help. However, there is a rigorous process to go through, including background checks and fingerprinting.

Pre. Hester reports the procession for Cpl. Daegan Page from the airport to the funeral home in Millard will be hard to get all members in one place. It was decided that each member could do as they wish to honor this brave Marine. His funeral will be September 17, 2021 at St. Pauls Church in Millard. The Chapter honored him at the football game at the Millard South game on September 10, 2021.

VP Mangiamelli reports the Veteran's court graduated 3 more veterans at the Civic center.

Dottie Barickman reports she is up for re-election at the National convention. We know she will win and do us all proud as she has done in the past.

Tom Brown reported that the Memorial Huey is at Iowa Western College in Council Bluffs and that the ground breaking for the Memorial will be March 22, 2022. All members should get on the Memorial website to view the many pictures.

Pres. Hester reports 2 new members received from at large to members bringing our total to 192 members and 10 associates.

Ron Haase reports no change in POW/MIA. Still at 1584.

Joe Mangiamelli reports members who want to understand how Medicare works with the VA and Tricor need to check the following website: www.medicareplans.com/va-militart-and-medicare-benefits/resources

Ron Wilson made motion to adjourn and Jim Quick seconded. Motion carried.

Next meeting will be October 7, 2021 at 1830 hours at Millard VFW Post 8334.

Secretary VVA Chapter 279

Tom Halbkat