

## Secretaries Minutes for March 2022 Meeting

Regular meeting of the NE. Chapter 279 called to order by President Hester at 1830 hours. President Hester led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present were: Pres. Hester, Vice Pres. Mangiamelli, Tres. Haase. Sec Halbkat was absent.

There were 19 members and 3 officers present. We have a quorum.

No guest speaker.

New Member: Ted St. Claire, US Army

Richard Luth is getting better, and it looks like all the cancer is now gone. He hopes to make it to the next meeting.

Motion was made by Ed Boller and seconded by George Abbott to approve the February 2022 Minutes. The motion carried.

A motion was made by George Abbott and seconded by Glen Page to approve the Treasurer's report. The motion carried.

Election of officers was put on the floor by Tom Brown. He made a motion that we should stay with the same officers for the next 2 years. Seconded by Ed Boller. Motion carried. Next month all have to do is vote on the same officers at that time.

Was asked for nominations for Pres., VP, Sec., and Treasurer. There were none. Will vote at next meeting on April, 13, 2022.

Golf outing will be on September 26, 2022. Said we would have the outing again this year. Terry wants an advance on the golf tourney for \$5,000. A motion by Tom Brown and seconded by Ed Boller to cut Terry a check. Terry went over the charges. Cost will be \$95 per player. Went over selling of advertising and raffle prizes. Max of 36 teams. Try and get teams in June and July. Had 30 teams last year.

Parades with the new trailer and will set on pews that Terry got. Have extra one if anyone wants one. In April will start to set up parades. First one will be May 28 and from there will go on through June into August. Have many we can go to. Need dates set up soon.

Tom Brown has nothing to report for the Scholarship funds. The next meeting of the Vets Home board will not be until April.

Vice Pres. Mangiamelli reported that legislature was working on a bill on Toxic acts that will be going to the senate. This will go hand in hand with the Agent Orange bill. Terry and Joe went to a meeting that will expand the Nat'l cemetery so as to have enough room for the next 100-150 years. They want to name 2 new roads. This is to start in the fall of 2022. The roads were to be named "Fort Omaha Drive" and the other road "Fort Kearney Drive". But they think the 2<sup>nd</sup> road will be "Fort Offutt".

Dottie had recommended to Joe that we start a "KEEP MOTIONS LIST", Joe has 3 so far: 1- Donation Request Policy, 2-change by laws to 2<sup>nd</sup> Wed of month, and 3-Term of officers for 2 years.

Memorial Services for VVA member. Do we want to have something like we had for Howard Ball?

Ron Dupell talked about a cancer that is not tied to agent orange yet. Talked about PTSD for treatments.

Joe and Eddie on Veterans Court – going to have a graduation in 3weeks. One guy will graduate. Eddie will have a graduate coming up also.

Dave Teer and Roy Love will be trained by Ashley on the web page.

Ground breaking for Viet Nam Memorial will be March 29,2022.

The Chapter membership is now at 196 members and 10 associates.

Ron Haase reports there is no change to the POW/MIA report. Still at 1584.

On May meeting will have an attorney, Ann Burnett, to discuss on what to do with assets left for you children. The date will be May 11, 2022.

Motion made to donate \$250 for their conference of the Ladies of Viet Nam.

Motion by Andy Dosa and seconded by George Abbott. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be held April 13, 2022 at 1830 hours at the American Legion Post 374.

Andy Dosa made motion to adjourn the meeting and George Abbott seconded.

The motion carried.

Tom Halbkat – Secretary (done by Dick Rowe)