

Secretaries Minutes for August 2021 Meeting

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

President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Officers present were: Pres. Hester, VP Mangiamelli, Sec. Halbkat, Asst. Trea. Haase.

19 members and 4 officers were in attendance. We have a quorum.

Terry Hester made motion to accept sec. report and Joe Mangiamelli seconded. Motion carried.

In reviewing the treasurer's report, a motion was made by Larry Swartz and seconded by George Abbott that we close the raffle account of \$3668.66 and put it in the general fund. After much discussion, the motion carried and the report was accepted by the Chapter.

No new bills were brought before the Chapter at this meeting.

President Hester read two letters pertaining to the Chapter's presence at the funeral of the 22 year Navy Chief Petty Officer that had no family. The letters were very touching.

We were informed by Pres. Hester that we will not need insurance on our new trailer for parades. We already have coverage.

Tom Brown, who is on the board for veteran's homes, states they are no longer accepting new members because the staff is below acceptable level. There is a need for more help and they are in the process of working on incentives to keep their help.

The parade in Gretna was a huge success. Thanks to all who showed up. We have been asked to march in Millard Days Parade on 8-28 at 11 AM. Let's all show up.

The NE VVA reunion will be this Friday and Saturday in Lincoln and we will need volunteers for the tables.

The golf outing is moving forward and our thanks go out to those helping with the prizes, especially, Glen, Ron, Terry, and Joe. It should be a good one.

It has been published that all VA workers must be vaccinated against Covid and all service members must also be.

Eddie Nelson reports that veterans court is progressing even through the pandemic.

Dottie Barickman reports that our National Convention delegates will be Joe Mangiamelli and Richard Luth. We will see the resolutions in October before the convention.

Tom Brown reports the Helo for the Memorial is at Iowa Western college in Council Bluffs for reconditioning and that there will be a tour of NE cities that had KIA veterans from Viet Nam to be sure names are not left out at the Memorial. He also states there is nothing new to report on homeless vets.

Ron Haase reports no change to MIA/POW numbers—still at 1584. He also reports 2 new members which brings total to 190 members and 10 associates.

In new business, Terry Hester made motion and seconded by Jim Quick that Chapter should send a plaque and a flag to the company that welded our parade trailer in lieu of money. Motion carried.

Motion made by Walt Love and seconded Andy Dosa that the Chapter pay Ashly, our webmaster, \$100.00 for her extra work spent on our website. Motion carried.

Pete Gill gave members MIA/POW patches and Vietnam patches.

Larry Schwartz made motion and George Abbott seconded that we adjourn. Motion carried. Next mtg. will be Sept. 9, 2021 at 1830 hours.

Secretary Chapter 279

Tom Halbkat