



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1089 Rutherford County TN

VVA Chapter 1089 Monthly Meeting on Aug 15, 2015

Meeting called to order at 0900

Invocation was given by David Pitre

Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Wayne McCormick

Board of Directors present included Keith Rudlaff, Eddie Lynch, Jerry Born, Mike Porter, Mike Cowger, Lou Hamilton, Wayne McCormick and Steve White.

No old Business to report

Mike Cowger attended the VVA Region 3 conference as our chapter delegate and gave a comprehensive on his meeting in Springfield, IL.

Mike Cowger also discussed the Little Home Project that will start in October. He proposed that it would be beneficial for the chapter to get involved in this great project.

Wayne suggested that the By-Laws be amended to allow AVVA members to vote.

It was mentioned that over 400 million served in Vietnam, and there are only about 800,000 still with us. The proposal was not discussed further.

Keith discussed the Wings of Freedom Fish Fry, sponsored by the Smyrna Rotary Club. Because the Rotary is only representing in country Vets, he Told the Rotary that the chapter would not support them.

Keith made a motion to replace Gail (due to medical reasons) from the Board of Directors. Gary Robinson volunteered.

Keith also made a motion to replace JC as 2nd Vice president (also for medical reasons). Charles Dobbs volunteered.

Directors voted in both replacements

Lifetime memberships are available for everyone, no matter their age, through Dec 31, 2015. Our cost as current members will be \$80.00. The chapter will absorb the remaining \$20.00.

Nov 5-9, the Traveling Wall will be in Bell Buckle. We will need volunteers to man our chapter table.

Sep 14-16 Welcome Home parade in Clarksville.

Keith suggested that each month a member give his/her history, A "Before, During, After Vietnam story. He started out with his own story and suggested that we highlight a different member each month.

Mike Cowger made a motion that the chapter allow wives of Vets be allowed to receive any equipment we have at no cost.

Motion was seconded and voted on.

Gary Robinson recognized Phil Lapard for his contributions and expertise in wheelchair repair.

It was announced that Nashville offers free parking for handicapped plaque or license plate, at any city parking meter.

Charles Dobbs presented pricing information for a Chapter web domain that is much cheaper and more benefits than our current one with GoDaddy. \$310.00 for 5 years with 25 email accounts.

A motion was made seconded and voted on.

Meeting was adjourned at 1049.