



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1089 Rutherford County TN

January 16, 2016

No meeting was held in December. Instead we had a potluck breakfast and social time. Thanks to all those who were able to attend.

Meeting called to order at 0900
Invocation was given by David Pitre
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eddie Lynch

Board of Directors present included Eddie Lynch, Jerry Born, Mike Porter, Mike Cowger, Lou Hamilton, Joan Whitt and David Pitre.

Old Business:

Tiny House Project. Mike Cowger provided an update. Architectural plans have been approved by the county. We are still looking for volunteers. See Mike if you are interested.

Donni Mize of Roselawn Funeral Home gave a presentation on Veterans Burial benefits. She is available for consultations, if you wish to learn more.

The Kroger community rewards Program was discussed. Members were encouraged to register, and to get their family, friends and neighbors to also register. Members are encouraged to push it to all their friends and family. This is free money that we can use to promote the chapter.

The order has been placed and the rockers should be available at the February meeting. Extras have been ordered so those who haven't purchased them already, and wish to do so can see Ruth Lynch, our chapter Quartermaster. The cost of a set of rockers is \$15.00. She also has ball caps Tee shirts vests and patches for sale.

We will continue to meet at Patterson Park until we can make more permanent arrangements.

New Business:

The chapter now has generic business cards for our members to carry with them. Just place your name in the space provided and share them with Vets you meet and invite them to a meeting.

Phil Laprad continues to lead a small group of chapter members in his role as Chairman for Mobility Services. He always has a need for additional help so see Phil, Keith or Gary if you have some time.

The chapter received a donation of \$1000.00 from the George and Teresa Lucas Fund at the Community Foundation Greater Buffalo. We were recommended for this grant by Mr. and Mrs. Ken Bergman. Please thank them for thinking of the chapter. This grant will go a long way in helping us help others.

We received our quarterly contribution from the Kroger Community Rewards Program. This quarter's check was for \$229.00. Thanks to your continued recruiting of friends and family it is much higher than last quarter. Keep up the good work.

National has voted to continue to offer Lifetime memberships for \$100.00. This is a great deal. If you haven't done so already, and can do so, let us know and we will get your paperwork submitted.

A motion was made and seconded to organize Canon County into Chapter 1089. After discussion the motion passed. The president will have to bring it up with Barry Rice for approval.

Since the Chapter is not sure if changing meetings to evenings would increase attendance, we discussed trying to have two meetings in March, one on our normal 3rd Saturday AM and another on the 3rd Monday evening. Board members will contact members via phone tree.

A recommendation was made to try holding our March meeting in the evening. Many members have suggested that evenings might attract more members who have conflicts on the weekend. March was suggested because it will start getting dark later. For those who may have nighttime driving issues, we can make possibly make transportation arrangements.

Tennessee Council of the VVA will meet Sunday 1/17/16, 1100 at the VA Hospital auditorium.

Meeting was adjourned at 0958.