



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1089 Rutherford County TN

July 19, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm

Invocation was given by David Pitre

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Born

Officers present included Eddie Lynch, Jerry Born, Mike Cowger, Beale York, Ken Bergman, David Pitre, Gary Robinson, Keith Rudlaf, David Clatterbuck.

Committee Reports:

Minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's report was presented by Jerry Born and approved.

Old Business:

First meeting held at the 1st United Methodist Church.

Jerry and Mike to make presentation to the new Wal Mart.

Tiny House update. Four trailers remain on the property. Nothing can happen until they are removed.

Reminder letters were sent to members with expired membership or expiring membership. Letters included new application.

New Business:

Addressed Clarksville welcome home parade on Thursday September 15th. National President will attend. Eddie Lynch recommended researching the cost of a small bus if enough Chapter members wish to attend the parade. Decision would be made to either participate in the parade or just watch.

Saturday morning breakfast. A motion was made by Keith Rudlaf, seconded by Mike Cowger to hold the August breakfast at the National Guard Armory. Jerry requested that the motion be tabled until he can check with the Armory to ensure they could handle additional customers.

Members of Rolling Thunder would be interested in speaking at one of the Chapter meetings and would like our membership to speak at one of their meetings.

A recommendation was made to form a committee for the design and building of a new display for use at various locations. Mike Cowger volunteered to lead the committee. Dave Clatterbuck and Keith Rudlaf volunteered to help with the design. Eddie Lynch to speak to school ROTC group to see if they would be interested in providing assistance.

Eddie Lynch asked if new applicants could just provide a copy of their DD214 if an application is not available at the time of their interest. This would be OK as long as they can also provide other required information such as address, date of birth, telephone number.

Sick Call: Mike Porter is undergoing cancer treatment. He will miss a number of meetings.

Bruce Rogan made a presentation regarding Project Healing Water. A fishing program for female and male vets. More information is available at the Veterans Resource Center in Murfreesboro.

Mike Cowger made a presentation about "Operation Song". Song writers take stories from veteran's experiences and turn them into songs. The experiences of Keith and Gary may be turned into a song. Mike has purchased a number of the CD's and will request donations at our various displays. He will also take them to the next state meeting.

Phil LaPrad, Chairman for Mobility Service, provided an update. The Chapter helped an Iraq veteran from Hickman County. He is an amputee that required a chair and electric carrier.

Phil continues to need extra help for the volunteer work each Wednesday. If anyone wishes to help you can call him at 615-768-1204.

Chapter members were ask to re-register under the Kroeger Rewards Program after August 1st.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 8:35 pm.