



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1089 Rutherford County TN

MEETING MINUTES – MARCH 21, 2017

Meeting called to order at 6:29 pm
Invocation was given by Dave Clatterbuck
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Born

Officers present included Jerry Born, Eddie Lynch, Ken Bergman, Keith Rudlaff, David Clatterbuck, Joan Whitt, Roger Lanphere, Mike Cowger.

Committee Reports:

Minutes were presented and approved.
Treasurer's report was presented by Joan Whitt and approved.
Secretary reports 90 active members as of 12/31/2016.

Old Business:

Reminder letters – Two expiring membership in March 2017. Both members renewed.

Ebay Account Activity – Mike Cowger's brother-in-law will buy the 14' lift.

New trailer purchased from Loew's at discount price (\$499.00). Member Frank Rankin modified the walls to provide for better handling of loads.

New cell phone was purchased for the Chapter.

New Business:

Sick Call: Mike Porter continues with treatments for cancer. He is home.
Bill Pruskowski is undergoing cancer treatments

New Members: Potential new member – Ed Mayerick

Visitor: No visitors

There is an addition lift available for our taking. President advised of the potential need to form a work party to dismantle the lift. Date and time to be determined.

Chapter 596 (Cleveland, TN) is holding a VVA golf tourney on May 20th at the Chatata Valley Golf & Country Club located at 4179 Benton Pike. \$60.00 per person for two man teams.

DAV Post 43 is holding a golf tourney on May 27th at Champions Run Golf Course in Eagleville, TN. They are looking for sponsors for each hole (\$100 to \$250). Entry fee is \$100 per person and \$25.00 mulligan fees.

Chapter 203 (Chattanooga) is sponsoring a special program in remembrance and celebration of the LaDrang battles. March 27th meet and greet supper at 1st Tennessee Pavilion beside Finley Stadium (5:30pm – 7:00pm), March 28th movie “We Were Soldiers”(10am, 1pm and 4pm), March 29th Memorial service at the National Cemetary beginning at 6pm.

VVA Region III conference to be held in Frankfort, Kentucky April 20th through 23rd. Our Chapter can send two delegates. Mike Cowger is one is anyone interested.

VVA National Convention will be held in New Orleans from August 8th through 12th. Our Chapter may send two delegates. Mike Cowger is one, if no additional interest the Chapter will give one spot to another Chapter.

Wal Mart VAP Grant Program (i.e. Volunteer Associate Program). They will provide employees to help with projects such as building ramps. The program provides for Wal Mart to then pay the Chapter for the number of hours the employees worked.

Tony Knox has a contact (John Daily) that would like to donate his wheel chair to the Chapter.

Paul Williams presented a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 (as a donation of \$100 for the first 10 months of 2017) and challenges all Chapter members that are classified 100% disabled to accept his challenge.

The Chapter is trying to get together for an informal dinner once a month (thanks to the efforts of Jacquelyn and Keith Rudlaff). The next scheduled dinner is on April 22nd at Tokyo Steak House on President’s Way in Smyrna. Please check the Chapter facebook page for additional information.

The Chapter has been invited to participate at a “Veteran and Family Benefits Expo at MTSU on April 22, 2017. We have been asked to set up a booth to provide information of our Chapter and the projects and assistance we provide to veterans.

AVVA membership is not restricted to spouses. Speak to your friends to see if there is interest

Mike Cowger continues to need in-country pictures from members. Pictures may be sent to him at micowger@gmail.com. Or by jpicks.

Tony Knox made a brief presentation on “America’s Drug Card”. A discount drug program that has the potential for additional income for the Chapter. The cost is \$49.00 for 7,500 cards (cards would be given to anyone that utilizes prescription drugs). The Chapter would receive \$1.50 for each prescription filled under the card program. Jerry Born indicated that this program will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Mike Cowger gave a brief update on Project Song. He will be doing an interview with Dutch television. He also asked if there were any members that would like to visit the recording studio with him. Mike will also be looking for volunteers to help with a “Soldier’s Child” Program that will be sponsored by Operation Song in September. Additional information will be provided in future meetings

Mobility Update – Keith, Gary and Dave going to get an aluminum ramp on Wednesday.

AVVA News

Marie Born has been attempting to find a location for our next garage sale (April or May). At this time the potential location will be at the Kabota tractor sales location in Murfreesboro. Information to be updated at our next meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 7:10 pm.