



# Vietnam Veterans of America

## Chapter 1089 Rutherford County TN

November 21, 2015

Meeting called to order at 0902

Invocation was given by Bob Turpin

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eddie Lynch

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

### **Old Business:**

Minutes from the October 2015 meeting were accepted.

Tiny House Project. Mike Cowger provided and update

The Kroger community rewards Program was discussed. Member were encouraged to register, and to get there family, friends and neighbors to also register. These additional funds will help our chapter reach out to those Vets in the community who need our strength and support. Signing up is simple. Just go online to [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com) and register the VVA chapter NPO #70130. WE will have a computer at out next meeting to help members sing up.

Lifetime memberships are available for everyone through Dec 31, 2015. Our cost as current members will be \$80.00.

We are still taking names for interest in chapter rockers for our vests. The board is researching costs and volume pricing and report back. We are asking for a minimum of 20 prepaid orders to minimize chapter expenses

“Wreaths Across America”, an organization that places wreaths on the graves of 30 Veterans buried at the Stones River Battleground Cemetery. He asked for participation in the ceremony on December 12th at Noon.

The chapter has leased a post office box for 6 months. The chapter mailing address is:

2255 Memorial Blvd, #10168  
Murfreesboro, TN 37129

We also have an organization phone number. It is (615) 267-8213

**New Business:**

Eddie Lynch announced that Charles Dobbs Resigned as chapter vice-president for personal reasons. Volunteers were requested to act as VP until our general elections. Beal York volunteered, was nominated, voted on, accepted and sworn in.

Our guest speaker was Donni Mize of Roselawn Funeral Home. She gave a presentation on Veterans Burial benefits, and the need to preplan for this eventual event. She provided each attendee with Dignity Memorials "Veterans Planning Guide" and offered individual counseling appointments to those interested.

Mike Cowger updated the chapter of the Tiny House Project. Local house builders have volunteered to build the houses. We are seeking volunteers to participate. The program will be part of the "Tiny House Nation" TV program. Architectural plans have been approved by the county.

Phil Laprad and chapter volunteers rebuilt a wheelchair ramp for veteran John Smith of Antioch. Mr. Smith passed on his thanks to the chapter.

Keith Rudlaff took the VSO course and is now a certified Veteran Services Officer. Now he and Sam Burgett are available to assist our chapter members. Congratulations Keith.

Vests, patches, t-shirts and ball caps are available for purchase through our quartermaster, Ruth Lynch.

Lifetime memberships are still 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.

We will not have a formal meeting in December. Instead, we will meet for a Christmas pot luck breakfast. Same place, same time. Bring your favorite breakfast treat to share with the group and lets have a very Merry Christmas, and Happy and prosperous New Year.

Meeting was adjourned at 0958.