



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1089 Rutherford County TN

October 17, 2015

Meeting called to order at 0900

Invocation was given by David Pitre

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Wayne McCormick

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

Old Business:

Minutes from the September 2015 meeting were accepted.

Tiny House Project. Mike Cowger provided and update

New Website. Charles Dobbs continues to update our website at www.vvachapter1089.org.

Still waiting for a significant number of members to complete the questionnaire for a new place and time for our monthly meetings.

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 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

Phil LaPrad was nominated as Chairman of Mobility Assistance. He made his first report to the chapter and asked for volunteers to help him, Keith Rudlaff and Gary Robinson on their weekly trips to United Cerebral Palsy in Nashville.

New Business:

Bob Turpin spoke on behalf of "Wreaths Across America", an organization that places wreaths on the graves of 30 American veterans buried at the Stones River Battleground Cemetery. He asked for participation in the ceremony on December 12th at Noon. If anyone wishes to purchase a wreath, they are \$15.00 each. Jerry born made a motion for the chapter to purchase a wreath. The motion passed unanimously.

Eddie Lynch is still trying to contact Charlie Hobbs of the Chattanooga chapter about using their Tennessee Traveling Wall for a fundraiser. We will continue this task.

Jerry Born applied for a chapter Post Office Box. The cost is \$81.00 for a 6 month lease. The chapter mailing address is: **2255 Memorial Blvd, #10168
Murfreesboro, TN 37129**

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

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. The VA has requested that transient housing be included. They will provide free counseling to the participating homeless.

Claude Rouch is looking for volunteers to help with refreshment tables for the VA Hospital Veterans Day Parade on Nov 14th. The parade starts at 1000. If the chapter provides hot dogs and buns, the canteen will provide free condiments and soft drinks. The chapter can sell them and keep the profits. A motion was made and passed that the chapter would participate. It was decided that the sales structure would be as follows:

Hot Dog - \$1.50, Drink - \$1.00, Combo - \$2.00.

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 National Traveling Wall will be in Bell Buckle. We will need volunteers to man our chapter table. Volunteers are asked to contact any chapter officer.

Meeting was adjourned at 0959.