



Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 1089 Rutherford County TN

**MEETING MINUTES – OCTOBER 18, 2016**

Meeting called to order at 6:31 pm

Invocation was given by Dave Clatterbuck

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dave Clatterbuck

Officers present included Eddie Lynch, Mike Cowger, Ken Bergman, Gary Robinson, Keith Rudlaf, David Clatterbuck.

**Committee Reports:**

Minutes were presented and approved.

Treasurer's report was presented by Mike Cowger (on behalf of Joan Whitt) and approved.

**Old Business:**

Letter sent to each member regarding veterans appreciation dinner to be held at Bradley Academy Museum requesting number of attending the dinner. Sign-up sheet available at meeting. 25 members and family to attend. Contacted management at Bradley Musuem.

Reminder letters – No expiring memberships in October 2016

Mike Cowger continues to work on the design of a new display board. Keith Rudlaf and Dave Clatterbuck to provide assistance.

Mike Cowger established an account on Craig's List to sell various extra items including 14 foot lift.

**New Business:**

**Sick Call:** Mike Porter continues with treatments for cancer. He is home.  
Clarence Williams remains at the Veterans Home

No new members or visitors at this monthly meeting.

Membership renewal letter sent to one AVVA member.

Membership approved location of McKnight Park Sports Com facility for December meeting and pot luck dinner on Friday December 16, 2016 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm.

President received resignation notice, as 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, from David Pitre. Two volunteers for position, Gary Robinson and Ray Albrecht. Membership voted Gary Robinson as new 2<sup>nd</sup> VP.

Mike Cowger announced that Beale York is having medical issues that may require his resignation as 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Further update at next meeting.

Keith Rudlaff reminded members of veterans recognition function to be held Buckle and Hide Leather shop at 197 Enon Springs, Smyrna on Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Chapter will have a canopy set up.

Lou Hamilton provided information regarding a veterans service at the Stones River National Cemetery on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. They are looking for veterans to tell their story to visitors. Contact Ranger Jim Lewis if interested.

Bob Turpin talked about veterans function at the 1<sup>st</sup> United Method Church on Friday November 11<sup>th</sup>. He will be present with his Wings over America Group.

Chapter received thank you letter from Debbie Warrick for the members attending the funeral of her husband.

Mike Cowger continues to need in-country pictures from members. Pictures may be sent to him at [mjcowger@gmail.com](mailto:mjcowger@gmail.com).

Mike Cowger took a headcount of members planning to attend the two day state council meeting in May 2017.

Mike Cowger will be working with the Wilson County Chapter regarding renting their wall.

The State VVA Magazine will be published twice a year. Each Chapter will be required to provide articles for each publication. Secretary's son-in-law will provide assistance in writing article.

Eddie Lynch made a motion to take a collection to help Vietnam veteran with financial problems. \$150.00 was collected.

Paul Williams made a challenge to all members receiving 100% disability to donate \$100, to the Chapter, during the months of October, November and December. Mike Cowger accepted the challenge.

**Mobility Update** – Phil LaPrad provided the monthly update. A chair was given to a Korean War veteran. Mike Cowger was in contact with an Iraq war veteran that needed a scooter.

## **AVVA News**

No updates at this meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 7:30pm