



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1089 Rutherford County TN

September 19, 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, Wayne McCormick, Sam Burgett and Steve White.

Old Business:

Minutes from the August 2015 meeting were accepted.

Tiny House Project. Mike Cowger provided and update

New Website. Charles has completed our new website. Check it out at www.vvchapter1089.org.

New Business:

Eddie Lynch announced that Keith Rudlaff resigned as Chapter President, and he stepped up to assume that position. Charles Dobbs stepped up from 2nd Vice President to Vice President.

As of October, chapter meetings will be held back at Patterson Park. Until further notice the meetings will continue to be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 0900. A questionnaire was handed out to the members for suggested times and places they would like to conduct our meetings. If you didn't get a chance to fill out the form go to our website, www.vvchapter1089 to post your suggestions.

A motion was made and carried to honor Keith for all of his hard work and dedication in starting and building the chapter.

Chapter 1089 had a table at the Wings of Freedom Fish Fry, celebrating Vietnam Vets. Turnout was very strong, with over 700 vets in attendance. We sign up two new members.

The Kroger community rewards Program was discussed. The chapter received a check from Kroger from last quarter for \$144.19. This is with only 16 participants currently signed up. If every member who shops at Kroger, or has friends and neighbors who do, this could grow this quarterly check dramatically every single quarter. 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 our next meeting to help members sign up.

Mike Cowger discussed "Robert's Rules of Order" and passed out summary sheets, explaining our need to conduct our meetings in an orderly fashion.

Anthony Knox asked the Chapter for their support of "United Native America", by signing a resolution in support of designation for a national holiday for all Native American Code Talkers. If you didn't get a chance to sign the resolution, and wish to do so, there is a PDF file on our website.

"Victory Over PTSD" Town Hall Meeting Will be held September 22, 2015 in Lebanon. Flyers have been passed around. The Tennessee State Council has asked that we help support Chapter 1004 with this very important endeavor. WE will meet in Murfreesboro to carpool there

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.

Eddie Lynch suggested that the chapter should get a Post Office Box, instead of having chapter mail delivered to elected members homes. This would provide a more permanent address. He will research and report his findings to the Board of Directors

Jerry Born made a motion to order chapter rockers for our vests. It was seconded and discussed. The board would research costs and volume pricing and report back. The motion was voted on and carried. We are asking for a minimum of 20 prepaid orders so that the chapter does not have to tie up too much funding for inventory.

A motion was made and carried that we designate Phil Lapard as Chairman of Mobility Assistance, as he is our resident expert in the repair and maintenance mobility equipment.

The Chattanooga VVA chapter has offered bring up their Tennessee Traveling Wall for us to use as a fund raiser. They will transport, set up and break down the wall. All we have to do is split the donations with them. Eddie Lynch will contact their president and provide more information at our next meeting.

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 0957.