



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1089 Rutherford County TN

MEETING MINUTES - SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm
Invocation was given by Ken Bergman
Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jerry Born

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

Committee Reports:

Minutes were presented and approved.

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

Highlights from State Council Meeting on Sunday September 18th were made available to the members

Old Business:

Dave Clatterbuck indicated that Charles Dobbs and his wife attended the Welcome Home Parade in Clarksville on Thursday September 15th. It was a long day.

Jerry Born reported that Loew's and WalMart will not allow us to place our display at their entrances. The managers both indicated that it is against corporate policy.

Tiny House Project. Mike Cowger reported that the building of Tiny Houses is not going to happen due to various problems in obtaining approval from the City of Murfreesboro. The plan has been revised to build an apartment complex for disabled and homeless veterans. More details will be made at future meetings.

Reminder letters – No expiring memberships this month.

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

Golf Shirts – Jerry Born has the order sheet for the new golf shirts.

14 foot lift continues to be listed for sale on Craig's list.

New Business:

Sick Call: Mike Porter continues with treatments for cancer
Clarence Williams remains at the Veterans Home

No new members or visitors at this monthly meeting.

The outreach group from Patterson Park was not present to provide additional information for the appreciation dinner on November 11th to be held at the Bradley Museum located at 425 South Academy Street, Murfreesboro, TN.

Revised business cards include monthly meeting day and monthly breakfast day. The times for each will be included in the next print.

Paul Williams presented the Chapter with donations of \$198.00. The donations were collected in conjunction with the Shelbyville Lyons Club fund raiser. Many thanks to Paul for his efforts. The Chapter has asked the Secretary to send a thank you letter to the Lyons Club.

Jerry Born received permission for the Chapter to place our display at the Wings over America Fish Fry on Saturday September 10th. The display resulted in donations in the amount of \$411.00.

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

Jerry Born and Mike Cowger asked for Keith Rudlaf's assistance in meeting with Mrs. Polsgrove regarding the availability of her barn to accommodate Chapter storage.

The State VVA Magazine will be published twice a year. Each Chapter will be required to provide articles for each publication. Members were asked to consider presenting an article. Mike Cowger will be working on an article to identify the Chapter's work with UCP.

The State VVA Vice President will be taking an aggressive fund raising effort for the VVA. Jerry Born will be included in any presentation at the Nissan Plant.

State Council meeting for May 2017 is scheduled to be a two day meeting. The meeting will include a banquet and entertainment. All members and spouses are invited to attend. A tentative head count will be required prior to the function.

A Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Celebration is scheduled at Centennial Park in Nashville TN on October 9th from 11:00 am through 6:00 pm.

Jerry and Marie Born made a request to have a Pot Luck Christmas Party in lieu of the December monthly meeting. The request was approved by the membership. A location will be identified at a later date.

Mobility Update – Keith Rutlaf and Gary Robinson provided the monthly update. They received 5 chairs from the Tennessee Veterans Home. Two additional new chairs were also donated by an individual. A scooter was given to the gentleman that donated the chairs. The VVA Lebanon Chapter is donating a chair and truck lift.

AVVA News

No updates at this meeting.

A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 7:25 pm.