

Vietnam Veterans of America
Gold Vault Chapter 1051
Minutes of the Meeting
Of
8 January 2017

CALL TO ORDER: President David Cowherd called the meeting to order at 1401 hours at the Elizabethtown Police Department Training Room. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER: Daryl Durbin led a prayer for the meeting and the membership. Secretary Lowe followed by leading the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS: None

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting of 8 November 2016 were presented. Denzil Lile moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Second by Bill Wooldridge. Motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Gilbert Richardson reported the account status as being:

Operating Account	\$1,945.58
Household Goods	75.35
Total	\$2,020.93

Bill Wooldridge moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Second by Denzil Lile. Motion passed.

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

OFFICERS' REPORTS: Daryl Durbin asked that CT Christie be remembered in prayer because of his ankle and knee problems.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Veteran's Health Care and Benefits Act, HR 6416 passed the Senate is now on the President's desk for signature.

NEW BUSINESS:

President Cowherd briefed the group on what is going on regarding the future of VVA. A meeting will be held at National Headquarters next week to form committees to look at various

options. One group will study shutting down VVA and the other will look at combining with some other veterans' organization.

Jobs that need filling at the Region 3 Conference in April will be posted on the internet soon.

The Wall Fund is now close to \$270,000.00 after a donation of \$20,000.00 from a VFW Chapter in Indiana. Funds are also being requested from a VFW Post in Cordon. CT Christie is presently attending that meeting.

Individuals donating \$1000.00 will be presented a white Wall cap.

The first three veterans will be admitted to the new Radcliff Veterans Home on 15 February. The home will then receive its license two weeks later and will admit 21 veterans. Subsequently they will then open the home to capacity.

A new application will soon be available to schedule VA appointments. It is called "Veterans Appointment Request.

President Cowherd ask the group to consider providing some funding to the Region 3 Conference. Bill Wooldridge made a motion that we donate \$100.00. Motion seconded by Denzil Lile. Motion passed. Likewise, he asked that a donation be made to VVA Chapter 1104 (Harrodsburg Chapter) to create a Memorial Wall. Bob Griffin made a motion that \$100.00 be donated. Seconded by Darryl Durbin. Motion passed. Chapter 454 in Louisville is seeking donations for a monument in Jeffersontown. It is a \$1,500,000.00 project. Motion to donate \$100.00 was made by Bill Wooldridge and seconded by Richard Zahrdt.

Dirk Wright advised that a donation table will be set up again at Rural King to collect for the Vietnam Wall at a date to be announced.

A monument to Vietnam helicopter pilots and crews is being placed at Arlington National Cemetery.

EVENTS: President Cowherd advised that Boots in the Bluegrass will be held at the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington on 20 January at 1800 hours. It is a benefit for USA Cares. Those wishing to attend must notify David Cowherd NLT 10 January.

Two people will be needed to help George set up for the State Council Meeting on 12 March. 11 June, 10 September, and 10 December. Bill Armer, Denzil Lile, and Bob Griffin volunteered to help.

A committee to identify area Vietnam KIAs and have road signs erected in their honor is needed. Volunteers should see David Cowherd.

Reservations must be made for the Allegro breakfasts by calling 270-765-4414. A \$5.00 charge is now required for each breakfast.

The Mr. Gattis fundraiser is scheduled for 9 January. The last one netted about \$150.00 for the wall.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: Hypertension, Bladder cancer, and Pre-Parkinson's disease are soon to be added to the list of Agent Orange presumptive diseases.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on 12 February 2017 at Elizabethtown Police department at 1400 hours.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1510 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lowe
Secretary