

Vietnam Veterans Association  
Gold Vault Chapter 1051  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Of  
12 March 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 12 February 2017 were presented. Bill Wooldridge moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Second by C. T. Christie. Motion passed.

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

Operating Account	\$1,912.32
Household Goods	-59.30
Total	\$1,853.02

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

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**OFFICERS' REPORTS:** George Dille will provide forms for members to use to record mileage and hours worked in support of chapter activities. The IRS could require this information in accordance with maintenance of our tax-exempt status.

Daryl Durbin was presented a certificate for his activities in support of the POW/MIA recognition activities in the area.

James Dearborn was presented a cap by CT Christie for donation \$1000 or more to the Vietnam Wall project.

Navy Federal Credit Union will be hosting a Day of the Veteran on 13 May 2017. They have not requested any direct support. Greg Lowe advised that this is being conducted one week prior to

the Hooray for Heroes event and that Navy Federal Credit Union declined to support that event in favor of their own.

Sally John reported that the News Enterprise has been good about publishing announcements of the chapter meetings. She is still working with the Gold Standard to get the same level of support.

Denzel Lile stated that lots of veterans are still not registered in the VA system. This could cause them problems later if they apply for VA benefits.

Bobby Alexander advised that the Dean Sycamore. State Representative will provide signs honoring veterans who were KIA in Vietnam from Meade County. He will probably provide the same service for veterans from Rineyville and Vine Grove. Likewise, Jerry Lucas from Breckenridge County is most eager to help with this project. Signs will be erected once all the next of kin have been contacted.

Harry Braxton reported that thus far seven families had been contacted. Signs will be placed on the road on which the veteran lived or near his church, home, or along Veteran's Parkway.

CT Christie announced a roadblock to raise funds for the Wall will be conducted on 15 April for 0900 to 1600 on 31-W in front of the recently rebuilt McDonalds. Additionally, there will be a poker run on 22 April for the same purpose.

President Cowherd stated that a booth will be established at the Region Conference to highlight the Wall and take donations.

He also advised members to register at: [BirthDefects.org](http://BirthDefects.org) and [COVVHA.net](http://COVVHA.net) regarding the effects of Agent Orange and veterans.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:** President Cowherd indicated that there were still a number of unfilled work positions for the Region Three Conference. Volunteers were urged to sign up to work ASAP. Additionally, more items for the gift basket are needed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Funds for the Wall now amount to \$76,866.72 in the bank, \$10,000.00 down payment made, \$150,000.00 being held by Tourism and Travel and \$50,000.00 being held by the Vietnam Veterans Trust Fund. This totals \$286,866.72. \$293,000.00 is required to purchase the Wall. An additional \$200,000.00 will be required for the construction/erection of the Wall. The goal is to have the Wall in place by Veterans Day 2017.

House Bill 51 dealing with vehicle taxes and House Bill 59 concerning property taxes on veterans have both stalled in committee and are unlikely to be passed during this legislative session. Both bills affect veterans with 100% disability.

**EVENTS:** The Allegro breakfast will be held on 16 March 2017 at 0930 hours.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on 9 April 2017 at Elizabethtown Police department at 1400 hours.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Wooldridge and seconded by CT Christie. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1515 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lowe  
Secretary