

Vietnam Veterans Association  
Gold Vault Chapter 1051  
Minutes of the Meeting  
Of  
14 May 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** President David Cowherd called the meeting to order at 1402 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 9 April 2017 were presented. George Dille 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	\$2,495.18
Household Goods	-\$8.58
Veterans Fund	\$24.58
Total	\$2,511.18

George Dille moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Second by Robert Griffin. Motion passed.

**GUEST SPEAKERS:** None

**OFFICERS' REPORTS:** Daryl Durbin reported that the Fort Knox Federal Credit Union wanted to have a discussion with the board concerning the Wall. The want to contribute but that amount has yet to be determined.

CT Christie stated that Ford Motor Company has agreed to make a donation but that amount is unknown at the moment. He also stated that the DAV has given another \$10,000.

Greg Lowe reminded the membership that Hooray for Heroes would be held in Radcliff on 20 May 2017 from 1100 hours to 1600 hours. This year's event will honor the Military Spouse. All members and spouses were encouraged to attend.

David announced that the Allegro Breakfast would be on 18 May at 0930 hours. Cost of the breakfast is \$5.00. If enough people are present we will police Veteran's Way after breakfast.

David also advised the group that the 18-hour documentary film series "The Vietnam War" will air on KET 17-21 September and 24-28 September.

Harry Braxton reported that he had found 8 of the 20 soldiers from Hardin County that were KIA in Vietnam. He has asked the News Enterprise to help gather information on the remaining 12 through an article about our project.

Greg Lowe shared a note from Richard Gambino. We had found his driver's license on Veteran's Way during the last cleanup. He was most appreciative that we had found it and returned it to him. He thought it ironic that it was found by a Vietnam Veteran, returned to him by a Vietnam Veteran, when he lost it working on a project at the Nature Park for Vietnam Veterans. His grandfather was also a Vietnam Veteran.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The Region 3 Conference went well. Many people complimented the organizing committee for a job well done in spite of some glitches on the part of the hotel. Marj Graves presentation was especially well received and garnered her an invitation to speak at a future National VVA conference. David thanked those from our chapter who helped with the planning and execution of the conference and those who were interviewed by Joe Galloway.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

David reviewed the registration for the National VVA Convention in New Orleans in August. We are allowed two delegates. Wayne Ray and David Cowherd will be our representatives. If David gets a slot from the state's allocation then another member from our chapter can attend. There are 81 members on our rolls at present.

President Cowherd asked if there was any interest among the members in organizing a tour of Washington, D.C. for 5 or 6 days next fall. We would need 30-40 people to attend and the cost would be \$600 or \$700 per person. Those present indicated that they would be interested.

The road block for the Wall netted \$8,366.24. The Wall is now paid for and there is \$24,385.00 available to apply to the construction costs. The Electric Co-ops in Kentucky have pledged \$2,500.00 toward the Wall.

The Combat Vets Motorcycle Club will have a ride for the Wall on 22 July going from Boundary Oaks Distillery in Radcliff to Bardstown and back to the Nature Park.

**HEALTH AND WELFARE:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be on 11 June 2017 at Elizabethtown Police department at 1400 hours.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Wooldridge and seconded by Bill Armer. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1449 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lowe  
Secretary