

Vietnam Veterans Association
Gold Vault Chapter 1051
Minutes of the Meeting
Of
11 June 2017

CALL TO ORDER: President David Cowherd called the meeting to order at 1400 hours at the Elizabethtown Police Department Training Room. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER: James Jefferies 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: John Wiseman was welcomed as a visitor and potential new member.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting of 14 May 2017 were presented. Bill Wooldridge moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Second by Robert Griffin. Motion passed.

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

Operating Account	\$2,496.10
Household Goods	-\$8.58
Veterans Fund	\$420.20
Total	\$2,907.45

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

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

OFFICERS' REPORTS: Robert Griffin reposted that Daryl Durbin was attending a 1st Cavalry Division reunion. He also stated that the 1st Cavalry Division reunion in 2020 will be held in Hardin County. Daryl has also sold them on the idea of supporting the Wall in Elizabethtown.

David Cowherd stated that the list of Service Officers in the newspaper is severely outdated and members should be careful about whom they refer people to in this area. The DAV have Service Officers in both Radcliff and Elizabethtown.

Denzil Lile reiterated the importance for family members to know where a copy of the service members DD 214 is located. Many benefits are hinged on the family being able to produce that document upon the service members death.

Wayne Ray reported that we have 83 members on the rolls.

Harry Braxton indicated that we are currently at a standstill on the road naming project. He still needs assistance from the News Enterprise to locate servicemembers homes in the county and he needs to secure permission from the county to erect the signs wen all locations have been identified.

Sally Johns reported that the DAR wants to present coins and certificates to us on 17 November 2017 at 1100 at the Brown Pusey House.

President Cowherd said free dental care is available to veterans on 24 June at Aspen Dental in Elizabethtown. Some appointments are still available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by CT Christie for the Chapter to pay for the registration fees and one breakfast for our two delegates to the national convention. Seconded by Denzil Lile. Motion passed.

Gilbert Richardson made a motion that the chapter donate an additional \$500.00 to the Wall project. Seconded by Harry Braxton. Motion passed.

CT Christy made a motion that the chapter donate \$200.00 to the Volunteers of America Mid-States for the military appreciation day/stand down on 9 September. Motion seconded by Bill Wooldridge. Motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Cowherd reported that we were still waiting on the plans for the base of the Wall to be produced by the college.

Friday, 16 June will be the burial for John Locke at the Veterans' Cemetery in Radcliff. John was killed in a traffic accident enroute to Rolling Thunder in Washington DC over the Memorial Day weekend.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS:

A fund raiser and cookout will be held at Creekfront Park in Hodgenville on 1 July. The Chapter will have a booth there to raise funds for the Wall.

A ground-breaking ceremony for the Tri An monument in Jeffersontown will be held on 19 June at 1000. All members are invited to attend.

A roadblock for the Wall will be held in Elizabethtown on 8 July from 0900 to 1600. Members need to attend. Approximately 15 workers are required to cover all lanes of traffic.

Allegro breakfast is 15 June at 0930. Clean up of Veterans Way will commence after breakfast if enough members are present and weather permits.

The Vietnam War, a 10-part documentary by Ken burns and Lynn Novak will air 17-21 and 24-28 September on KET.

Several care giver bills are currently in Congress. Members are urged to have their legislators specifically approve H.R. 1472, H.R. 1802 and S.B. 591.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: None

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on 9 July 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 1525 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lowe
Secretary

