

Vietnam Veterans of America
Gold Vault Chapter 1051
Minutes of the Meeting
Of
10 October 2016

CALL TO ORDER: President David Cowherd called the meeting to order at 1802 hours at the Elizabethtown Police Department Training Room. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER: Al Stover 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: Robert Woosley was welcomed as a guest of the chapter. Martin Nunn presented himself for membership.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting 13 September 2016 were presented. Date of the next scheduled meeting should be changed to the 10th of October. Bill Wooldridge moved that the minutes be accepted as amended. Second by James Jefferies. 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

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

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

OFFICERS' REPORTS: President Cowherd reported that there would be a Coffee and donut event at the new Veterans' Center at ECTC on 1 November from 0900

to 1200. Following that event would be a Resource Fair in the afternoon with representatives from KDVA there.

Members were urged to attend the upcoming funeral of MSG Hall at the Veterans' Cemetery in Radcliff. He had no immediate Family in this area.

Service Officer Denzil Lile is continuing his course work to become a certified Service Officer recognized by VVA and the state.

Kentucky is hosting the Region 3 Conference in Frankfort 20123 April at the Capital Plaza Hotel. Our chapter will assist in putting on that conference.

Robert Griffin reported that Huey 369 would be at Knob Creek Gun Range 13-16 October and would be providing rides from 0900-1800. Cost is \$100 per person.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

GUEST SPEAKER: Bobby Woosley spoke about his experiences in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 providing supplies to the troops in combat. He then shared his experience on a recent Honor Flight from Louisville to Washington, D.C. The Kentucky Colonels sponsored his flight. They have just recently extended the qualification for a flight to Vietnam Veterans. He further related that they toured all of the various war memorials in Washington and Arlington National Cemetery. Kentucky Lieutenant governor Jeanine Chapman met with the group. After supper at the airport, they flew home to Louisville and were met by a crowd of approximately 2500 people welcoming them home and thanking them for their service. He was overwhelmed by the experience and encouraged all members to apply for a future flight. There is no cost to the veteran for the flight or for meals.

OLD BUSINESS: Warm Blessings raised approximately \$13,000 at the cardboard Nation event. More volunteers from the chapter will be need next year to collect and store boxes.

Meeting dates for 2017 will be on the 2d Sunday of each month at 1400 at the Elizabethtown Police Department. The room was no longer available to us during the week.

NEW BUSINESS:

The meeting for 8 November will be held at 1800 at EPD. The December meeting will be a no host dinner at Colton's Steakhouse in Radcliff at a time TBD.

President Cowherd reported on the various presentations made to local and state organizations seeking funds for the Vietnam Wall. We currently have approximately \$250,000. Grants and donations were made by Radcliff tourism and Travel, \$500; Veterans' trust fund in Frankfort, \$50,000 and Elizabethtown tourism, \$150,000. Contact is being made with Swope Family of Dealerships, area American Legion Chapters and the Louisville Tourism Office. Comcast has pledged a donation of an unspecified amount.

We will place flags at the proposed site of the Vietnam Wall on Veterans' Day to honor each of the service members from Hardin County that were KIA in Korea and Vietnam.

A group plans to march from the American Legion Post to the Veteran's Tribute Park on 11 November to call attention to the service of area veterans. Members were encouraged to participate.

Trash needs to be policed up on Veterans' Way. Weather permitting we will try to do it after the next Allegro breakfast on 20 October. Be sure to call Allegro at 270-765-4414 to make a reservation.

There will be a planning meeting on 12 October in Frankfort to continue planning for the April conference. Meeting is at 1300.

Wills and Powers of Attorney will be prepared for veterans at the American Legion Post on 4 November at 1300 hours. You must register in advance for this service. No walk-ins will be seen. Call 1-844-268-0838 or email veterans@laslou.org to make a reservation.

The film "In Their Own Words" is scheduled to be shown in Lexington and Frankfort during the month of November. Check the chapter website for the dates and times of the showings. It will also be shown on KET on 10 November at 2100 hours.

The Radcliff Veteran's Tribute Group will be having a fundraiser dance and auction on 5 November.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: None

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on 8 November 2016 at Elizabethtown Police Department at 1800 hours.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1920 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lowe
Secretary