

Vietnam Veterans Association
Gold Vault Chapter 1051
Minutes of the Meeting
Of
8 October 2017

CALL TO ORDER: President David Cowherd called the meeting to order at 1403 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: David Cowherd recognized AVVA Members Joyce Durbin and Patti Cowherd as being in attendance. Dawn Marcum that had been raising funds for our chapter was introduced. He then presented a certificate from the chapter to Dawn in recognition of her significant efforts in fund raising for the chapter and the Wall Project.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING: Minutes of the meeting of 10 September 2017 were not available for review or approval.

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

Operating Account	\$2,218.10
Household Goods	100.62
Veterans Fund	\$409.00
Total	\$2,727.74

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

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Robert Griffin reported that Huey 369 will be at Knob Creek Gun Range on 13-14 October. Rides will be available.

Sally Johns stated that there will be a reception at the Brown Pusey House on 17 November 2017 at 1100 hours in honor of Vietnam Veterans. She encouraged the membership to attend and distributed forms for members to fill out and return NLT 1 November if they planned to attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Dave Jerrell reported on the fact that a VA Claim Appeal could take as long as five years to resolve. The VA Claim process remains a bureaucratic nightmare and claimants are urged to be patient and to have all paperwork filed properly with the initial claim.

James Jefferies is ready to install the Vietnam Casualty signs in LaRue County just as soon as they are made.

Wayne Ray stated that members of his helicopter unit in Vietnam are pressing for the approval of the Medal of Honor for a member of their unit who saved countless lives in Vietnam at great risk to his own life but was never properly recognized for his heroism.

The Radcliff Veteran Center will be officially named at a ceremony on 9 November at 1000 hours. The center is being named in honor of Master Diver Carl Brashear.

An article and pictures were in a recent issue of the News Enterprise newspaper regarding the Vietnam Wall and the project to bring a replica to Elizabethtown. Interviews with Bob Griffin and CT Christie were included in the article. Official groundbreaking ceremony will be on 23 October 2017 at the Veteran's Tribute Park.

Dave Jerrell reported that Golden Corral will provide a free meal to veterans on 13 November. Proper identification will be required to receive the meal. He also stated that Anheuser Busch is conducting a poll regarding the actions of NFL players deemed disrespectful to the military and to the US flag. He urged members to call the toll-free number and express their opinions.

David Cowherd stated that approximately \$50,000 was needed to complete the Vietnam Wall project. Funds have been requested from Ford Motor Company that may be enough to finish the project. Project competition date is 28 April 2018. The City of Elizabethtown hhbtyas provided most of the ground preparation work and is a great partner in this project.

Clean up of Veterans Parkway will be conducted on 19 October after the Allegro breakfast.

New VVA T-shirts are available at Gerald's Printing. You may select your own color and style.

Honor Flights are still being conducted. Members desiring to attend one must apply at: honorflightbluegrass.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS/EVENTS: None

HEALTH AND WELFARE: None

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

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made by Bill Wooldridge and seconded by Wayne Ray. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 1524 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lowe
Secretary

