

Vietnam Veterans of America
Gold Vault Chapter 1051
Minutes of the Meeting
Of
8 November 2016

CALL TO ORDER: President David Cowherd called the meeting to order at 1800 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 10 October 2016 were presented. Denzil Lile moved that the minutes be accepted as presented. Second by CT Christie. 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

CT Christie 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 he attended the showing of "Kentucky Veterans of the Vietnam War in Their Own Words" in Lexington and Louisville. Approximately 125 attended the Lexington showing and 165 attended Louisville's. KET will broadcast the entire two-hour movie on 10 November at

2100 hours. Daryl Durbin, CT Christie, Gary Downs, and David Cowherd were in attendance at the Louisville showing. David Cowherd distributed Agent Orange books while KDVA passed out 50th Commemoration memorabilia at both showings.

Greg Lowe, Daryl Durbin, David Cowherd, Don Cecil, Bill Armer, CT Christie, Rick Zahrndt, and Wayne Ray worked the Wreaths Across America roadblock on 5 November. Approximately \$8100.00 was collected.

Dirk Wright, Bill Armer, Daryl Durbin, Bill Walker, CT Christie, Don Cecil, Wayne ray, George Dille, and David Cowherd worked the table at Rural King collecting money for the Vietnam Wall. About \$732 was collected. Robert Griffin stopped by to ensure everybody was working.

A “second Saturday” booth will be set up in downtown Elizabethtown on the square on 12 November from 1700 to 2000 to collect for the wall.

Flags from Veterans’ Day will be picked up on Saturday 12 November at 1300.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

GUEST SPEAKER: None

OLD BUSINESS:

The Veterans Coffee and Donuts event at ECTC on 1 November went well KDVA Commissioner was present. In the afternoon, there was a resource fair and several veterans attended. Our Chapter had a booth where we passed out health information.

The Chapter Christmas Dinner will be held at Colton’s Steak House on 13 December at 1800. Members and spouses are encouraged to attend.

Flags will be placed at the Tribute Park on 11 November at 0900 at the site of the Vietnam Wall. Flags will honor Hardin County residents who were KIA in Korea and Vietnam.

A veterans' Day ceremony will be held at the Tribute Park at 1030 on 11 November. After the ceremony, the American Legion will be hosting a free lunch.

The proposed walk from the American Legion to the Tribute Park has been canceled due to safety concerns.

NEW BUSINESS:

A veterans' Day Parade will be held in Vine Grove on 12 November at 1000 hours. After the parade a ceremony will be held in the Vine Grove Optimist Park.

Next meeting on the Region 3 conference will be in Frankfort on 9 November at 1300 hours.

The Vietnam Wall committee will be meeting on 15 November at 1800 at the American Legion Post.

Keith Monument Company received the Soldiers Cross but it was damaged in transit and had to be returned for repairs.

Dave Jarrett reported that Kensington Manor is looking for people to have lunch with some of their resident veterans at 1245 on 11 November.

The VVA State Council is urging the legislature to honor Vietnam Veterans by naming roads for them in the State of Kentucky.

David Cowherd indicated that we need approximately \$40,000.00 to purchase the wall. Costs to erect the wall will be over and above the cost of the wall. Mark Nelson from Planet Fitness has indicated a desire to donate to the wall. His business partner is from Laos and escaped the war.

DAV in Elizabethtown will donate \$5000.00

HEALTH AND WELFARE: None

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on 13 December 2016 at Elizabethtown Colton's Steak House in Radcliff at 1800 hours.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 18500 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Lowe
Secretary