

Vietnam Veterans of America
Gold Vault Chapter 1051
Minutes of the Meeting
Of
9 August 2016

CALL TO ORDER: President David Cowherd called the meeting to order at 1807 hours at the Elizabethtown Police Department Training Room. A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND PRAYER: Chaplain Darryl 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 12 July 2016 were presented. There were no corrections or additions to the minutes. Bill Woolridge moved that the minutes be accepted. Second by CT Christie. Motion passed.

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

Operating Account	\$1,687.53
Total	\$1,687.53

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

GUEST SPEAKERS: None

OFFICERS' REPORTS: PAO reported that E-town News Enterprise was now publishing our meeting date, time, and location.

President Cowherd reported that a roster is being prepared for people to work boxes at Lowes. If you sign up for a particular date and then find out

that you cannot be there, it is your responsibility to find a replacement.

He further reported that a good time was had by all who attended the Bardstown trip. A fall trip along the Bourbon Trail may be scheduled if there is sufficient interest.

President Cowherd and CT Christie made a presentation to the Elizabethtown Tourism Council regarding the Vietnam Wall project. The council was very impressed and stated that some funding for the project was very likely. Amount of that support was to be determined. A similar presentation will be made to the Radcliff Tourism Commission later this week.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

GUEST SPEAKER: None

OLD BUSINESS: The chapter will not be manning a booth at the State Fair due to a lack of manpower.

NEW BUSINESS:

George Dille reported that a new Veterans' Center was now open at ECTC. Its mission is to help veterans with a variety of issues and especially to aid in furthering the veteran's education. It is located in Room 212 in the ATB building.

Denzil Lile advised that a "Coffee for Veterans" program would be coming to Elizabethtown sometime in September. Veterans are urged to attend to socialize and listen to guest speakers.

President Cowherd indicated that Denzil Lile was currently enrolled in Phase I of Service Officer training. The training costs \$150.00. George Dille made a motion that the chapter pay for this training. Seconded by Bill Wooldridge. Motion approved.

President Cowherd reported that a Soldiers' Cross was being cast by a sculptor and that it will be placed with the Vietnam Wall in Tribute Park.

Cost of the cross is about \$4,200.00 that will be borne by Vietnam Veterans and not taken from any donations to the wall project.

The Veterans Tribute Group will meet at the American Legion at 1800 on 16 August.

Volunteers of America will be holding its 4th Annual Stand Down with a focus on helping homeless veterans and others in need. President Cowherd suggested that this was a good project for the chapter to assist with. George Dille made a motion to provide funding in the amount of \$200.00. Seconded by Denzil Lile. Motion approved.

Dave Jarrett advised that a JVCO meeting was held in Bowling Green last week and Senator Rand Paul and Representative Bret Guthrie attended. He also indicated that veterans file Agent Orange claims on behalf of their children now in anticipation of the passage of a bill currently before Congress.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: None

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be on 13 September 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

