

## Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 1051

### Gold Vault Patriots

Minutes of the meeting of

14 April 2019

**CALL TO ORDER:** David Cowherd called the meeting to order at 1405 hours at the Elizabethtown Police Department Training Room. A quorum was present.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Daryl Durbin led in a prayer for the meeting and membership. Greg Lowe led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Dawn Marcum will hold bake sale at Marketplace in Radcliff
- To read very important information about Agent Orange, Burn Pits, and other information concerning veterans go to <http://agentorangezone.blogspot.com/>
- E Scrap collection day at AGC on US62 at 8:00 to 2:00 p.m. on April 20<sup>th</sup>
- VA's new Mission Act is now out and can be read by going to <https://www.va.gov/oei/missionAct/>
- To help guide you through the benefits of VA they now have a Welcome Kit. Go to <https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/> to download your copy.
- David Cowherd said he is having problems forwarding e-mail from his G-mail and has reverted to the chapters Yahoo which isn't as easy.

#### **RECOGNITION OF GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS:**

No guests

No new members

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:** Minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2019 need to be corrected to include, under New Business, motion was made by Bill Wooldridge and second by Denzil Lile to give Wayne Ray and Daryl Durbin \$ 400 each for VVA Conferences expenses. The motion passed. Motion was made and second to approve the minutes as corrected, passed

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved by all present.

General Fund: \$1244.19  
Veteran's Fund: \$ 691.28  
HHG Account: \$ 166.59  
Total \$2102.06

#### **REPORTS:**

- Chaplain, CT is still very sick and needs our continued thought and prayers
- Public Affairs, none
- Service Officer, Denzil said he will no longer be working as a service officer due to the continued request for paperwork from VA that would allow him to submit claims for veterans and family members.
- Membership, several possible new members from the veterans dinner at American Legion
- AVVA, none
- Sign Committee, none

#### **EVENTS:**

- Tom Mabe will have a comedy show at the American Legion on April 18, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. with all proceeds going to Radcliff Veterans Center. Cost of tickets is \$15.

- Veterans Wheel Chair Games in Louisville July 11 to 16, 2018
- April 28, 2019 at 3:00 p.m. we will lay a wreath at the Vietnam Memorial Wall to honor the dedication of the Wall.
- July 15, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. begins project to repair the Vietnam Memorial Wall. One panel has a name spelled wrong. Other panels are buckling due to too much stress from weather changes and bolts are seizing up due to the mixture of stainless steel to aluminum. This project is expected to take about 2 weeks. Helpers are needed for this work.
- April 26 Derby Party at Allegro Assisted Living, 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. call 270-765-4414 to reserve your seat.
- April 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. is the next Veterans Breakfast at Allegro Assisted Living.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Health Fair at Allegro Assisted. Our VVA Chapter will have a booth with health and benefits information.
- May 10<sup>th</sup> in London KY we will host another Agent Orange Towne Hall meeting. It will be held at the Jackson Energy Cooperative, 177 Barbourville Rd. at 6:00 P.M. VVA chapters 868 and 1050 will be assisting.
- May 18<sup>th</sup> Hooray for Heroes 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Honoring War on Terror Veterans.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Brown at the Brown's Funeral Home was ask about putting flags on the hearse when there is a veteran's service, he said that they place flags on the front fender if the hearse on each side.
- The financial report is in the process of being done.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Motion made to add \$200 to Wayne Ray and Daryl Durbin to be used for VVA Conference expenses. This would now be that our chapter would pay a total of \$600 each to help offset the cost of their expenses.
- Volunteers of America will have a Veterans Stand Down on Sept. 13, 2019 at Pritchard Community Center. They are asking for funds to help them pay the cost of putting together items to give to veterans that are in need such as bedding, personal care, and clothing. A motion was made to give them \$250, the motion passed.
- Convention talk, Elections right now all office positions only have 1 person running except Treasurer and there are 4 running for that position, Our Region 3 director we have 2 running Sarah McVicar and Jack Mattingly. See website for VVA.org then click on National Convention, select Elections, then Official Candidates Roster or Candidate Statement.
- What are Resolutions? This are the areas that VVA will work to get passed or support programs that help veterans.
- What are Constitution changes? These are the changes to VVA's by-laws and they should start being put online in June.
- All chapter members need to read the information concerning elections, resolutions, and constitution so that they will be able to advise the delegates on how they would like them to vote.

**CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS:** none

**NEXT MEETING:** May 5, 2019 at the Elizabethtown Police Department at 1400 hours.

Meeting adjourned at 1450 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl Durbin  
Acting Secretary