

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 966
West End, NC

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on November 4, 2024. There were 20 in attendance.
2. The Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence were conducted.
3. The roll call was conducted: All Board members were present
4. Introduction of new members/Guests - no new members or guests.
5. Financial Report: We had a starting balance of \$15,664.65. A net income of \$1,394.00 and expenses of \$5,246.56. Our current balance of \$12,784.33 was reported.
6. Secretary Report: Minutes for October's meeting were read. NCVVA is pushing the green light campaign.
7. Vice President Report; Nothing to report.
8. Membership Update: We have 114 Life members, 6 AVVA members for a total of 120.
9. Events Update- Field of Honor update. Setup will be on November 9th at 9 AM, Ceremony on November 10th at 2 PM, and take down is scheduled for November 23rd at 9 AM.
10. Chaplin Report: Bill Carl is getting a heart valve replacement on November 6th. Joe Kristic is pretty much homebound.
11. Outreach Report:
 - a. Tony Pugh is now working with Gold Star Families.
 - b. A military family has 4 children, 3 have a genetic defect that causes loss of sight. Child care is \$928 every 2 weeks. Spouse was out of work for 2 months due to a medical problem. Family is behind on car payments. Jim Ambler made a motion for 1 months child care (\$1964.00) and a \$500 Food Lion card. Motion seconded by Joe Easley. Motion carried.
12. POW/MIA Report: No Report.
13. History/Website: No Report
14. Fundraising Report:
 - a. Still waiting on a donation from Mary Magdalene Golf tournament.
 - b. Jack Bergquist is leaving the area after 19 years. During that time VVA chapter was started and Jack learned fund raising from Jim Schrum. During that time the chapter has donated over \$100,000 to needy veterans. Jack will be missed.
15. Old Business:
 - a. 7 Lakes Veterans Parade will be on November 11th. Personnel will meet at the old location of the First Bank.

- b. The Chapter Christmas Dinner will be on December 5th at Beefeaters, Social at 5:30 PM, Dinner at 6 PM. Please bring an unwrapped toy for a donation. Please let Bill McNeill know if you plan to attend by November 15th.
16. New Business:
- a. Duane Coppeler gave information on Wreaths Across America, it will be December 14th at 10 AM.
 - b. Jim Schrum was on a pilgrimage to Europe. Visited Normandy and became very emotional. Went looking for Ray Lambert's rock, but it was high tide.
17. President Report:
- a. Members may want to donate to the Chapter's funds.
18. Meeting Adjourned at 7:54 PM