

Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 966  
West End, NC

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on May 6, 2024. There were 17 members in attendance.
2. The Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence were conducted.
3. The following are the elected officials for 2024-2025: All were present except for Director McNeill
  - a. President- Bob Hall
  - b. Vice President- Don Boito
  - c. Secretary- Brian Brech
  - d. Treasurer- Mike Shapiro
  - e. Directors- Mike Pusillo, Bill Carl, Bill McNeill, Bill Carl and Jack Bergquist
  - f. State Delegates- Jim Ambler, Bill McNeill, and Jack Bergquist
  - g. AVVA Representative- Sandi Carl
4. Financial Report: Started the Fiscal year with \$15,664.65, since then we have had \$40 in income and expenses of \$2,659.02 for a current balance of \$13,045.63.
5. Secretary Report: Minutes for April 2024 meeting have been posted on the Chapter's website. A requirement for a Roll Call of Officials must be added to minutes.
6. Vice President Report: Nothing to report.
7. Membership Update: We have 114 Life members, 6 AVVA members for a total of 120.
8. Events Update:
  - a. Flags and Flowers for 7 Lakes Cemetery is May 20th at 0900.
  - b. Union Pines Awards Banquet is May 30th at 6PM, Mike Pusillo and Brian Brech will represent the Chapter and award our 3 scholarships. Scholarship awardees are: John Koyn, Asa Funk, and Pauline Sechet.
  - c. May 16th at 9AM is the Union Pines NJROTC Chain of Command ceremony. Chapter will honor Cadet Ellie Chapin as the Honor Cadet.
  - d. 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
  - e. Memorial Day Concert at Pinehurst UMC on Airport Rd on May 19th at 4PM.
  - f. Eagle Scout award presented to William M. Flint Jr on May 4th in Vass.

9. Outreach Report:
  - a. 2 Cases of items sent to troops
  - b. Blood Drive on May 11th at Southern Pines VFW.
  - c. MMIA Gala raised approximately \$35,000.
  - d. Sandhills Community College has a Veterans Outreach officer, David Daniels, and has a Veterans Dayroom. A motion was made by Mike Shapiro and seconded by Mike Pusillo for a \$250 quarterly donation for items to stock the dayroom. Motion carried.
10. Chaplain Report: Nothing to Report.
11. POW/MIA Report: Nothing to Report.
12. Fundraising Report: There are no scheduled Fundraising activities for this year.
13. Old Business: None
14. President Report: Funding of organizations. If not for Veterans than not for our funds. This is the President's opinion. He will research the Gold Star Organization and the Viet-Nam Memorial committee for possible donation from our funds.
15. Meeting Adjourned at 7:35PM