

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 966
West End, NC

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on January 6, 2025. There were 14 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 except Vice President.
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 \$4,039.00 and expenses of \$8,166.42. Our current balance of \$11,537.23 was reported.
6. Secretary Report: There was no meeting in December 2024. Chapter was asked to submit whether a terminal date should be set for National or to not set a date. After a discussion on the issue, a motion was made by Mike Pusillo and seconded by Ed Jablonski. The motion was to have a terminal date set and to give Chapters lead time so they can continue in some form. Motion carried. Information was passed that the yearly member rebate may not be as much as it has been in past years, this was information that was passed to us by the State Secretary.
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, West End Fire Department has let us use an area in the storage building. All our Field of Honor items and the Podium are stored there now.
10. Chaplain Report: No Report. The Chaplain has our Banner and pole.
11. Outreach Report:
 - a. Toys from VVA Dinner were delivered to MMIA for Ft. Liberty families.
 - b. Paid for 2 months of Child Care and a Food Gift card to a Ft. Liberty family in need.
12. POW/MIA Report: No Report.
13. History/Website: We need to better utilize our website. We will leave the VVA Golf information off the web site. We will add Remembrance ceremonies and how we utilize donations.
14. Fundraising Report:
 - a. We received a donation from the Mary Magdalene Golf tournament.
 - b. Fundraising duties will be taken over by the incoming VicePresident

15. Old Business: The Chapter Christmas Dinner was a success. Duane Coppeler suggested having the event at the SLW Community Center this year. This has been tabled until the August 2025 meeting.

16. President Report:

- a. Live versus Artificial Wreath for our ceremonies was brought up for discussion. A motion was made by Mike Pusillo and seconded by Bill McNeill to continue purchasing Live wreaths for our ceremonies. Motion was carried.
- b. Mike Shapiro made a motion to donate \$250 to the West End Fire Department. Duans Coppeler seconded the motion and the motion was carried.
- c. Wreaths Across America was on December 14, 2024, and was a cold day but a great success.
- d. Bob Simmons made a motion to donate \$250 for the Veterans Memorial Committee and was seconded by Mike Shapiro. After discussion the motion was carried.

17. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 PM