

Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 966  
West End, NC

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on October 7, 2024. There were 15 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 the President.
4. Introduction of Guests: There were no guests
5. Financial Report: We had a starting balance of \$15,664.65, with net income of \$1,360.00 and Expenses of \$4,296.56. Our current balance of \$12,728.09 was reported.
6. Secretary Report: Minutes for September 2024 meetings have been posted on the Chapter's website. Please ensure that you sign-in on the roster to ensure that we have a legal quorum for the meeting.
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:
  - a. 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.
  - b. Cemetery Flags and Flowers will be replaced as required on November 4th at 9 AM at the 7 Lakes Cemetery.
  - c. Union Pines JROTC Pass in Review was Thursday, September 26th, unfortunately we had only 2 members show to support the program.
10. Chaplin Report: Looking for a good phone number for Doug Burns.
11. Outreach Report:
  - a. Thanked a member who donated to cover the cost of mailing packages to deployed soldiers. Received a letter from a group that received one of our packages, Sandi read the letter.
12. POW/MIA Report: Nothing to report.
13. History/Website: No Report
14. Fundraising Report: There are no scheduled Fundraising activities for this year. Will check on a donation from Mary Magdalene Golf TOurnament.
15. Old Business:
  - a. 7 Lakes Veterans Parade will be on November 11th at 2PM. Will meet at the old location of First Bank. Larry Rushing and Ed Jablonski will carry the Chapter's banner. Jim Ambler, Mike Shapiro, and Jack Bergquist will

carry the US flag, MIA/POW flag and 1 of the service flags. Looking for more volunteers to carry the other service flags.

- 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.

16. New Business:

- a. Jubilee has designed a T'Shirt for Hurricane Relief. The cost is \$25 of which \$20 goes to Samaritan's Purse. Go to Jubilee to order.
- b. Mike Shapiro made a motion that was Seconded by Mike Pusillo to purchase Sweatshirts for the Union Pines JROTC Orienteering Team not to exceed \$500. Motion carried.
- c. Jim Ambler made a motion to send \$500 to Samaritan's Purse for Hurricane relief. Motion carried.
- d. Jack Bergquist made a motion for not to exceed \$1000 for 5 packages for deployed Soldiers. Jim Ambler seconded the motion. Motion carried.

17. President Report:

- a. Jack Bergquist introduced a flier for a Community Kick-off of a Veteran's Home build, with an organization called "Homes for Our Troops". Home to be built in Southern Pines for Army SFC Jacob Green.

18. Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 PM