

Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 966  
West End, NC

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on June 3, 2024. There were 17 in attendance.
2. The Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence were conducted.
3. The roll call was conducted: The Secretary and Directors Bill McNeill, Mike Pusillo, Jack Bergquist, Bill Carl and AVVA Rep. Sandi Carl were present. The President, Vice-President, and Treasurer were absent.
4. Financial Report: Our current balance of \$12,867.53 was reported.
5. Secretary Report: Minutes for May 2024 meeting have not been posted on the Chapter's website as of the time of the meeting. They will be posted along with the June 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 was on May 20th at 0900. Nine members replaced flags and Flowers as needed. Taps was played at both the 7 lakes cemetery and the 211 cemetery.
  - b. 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.
  - c. Preston was in Normandy and placed 17,000 flags at the Normandy American cemetery. Our Chapter has supported him financially in the past.
9. Chaplin Report:
  - a. Mike Patullo is back in hospital, had a stroke which caused loss of peripheral vision. Scheduled for surgery on Wednesday.
  - b. CHaplin expressed thanks to Sandi Carl for always providing snacks for meetings.
10. Outreach Report:
  - a. Wall of Healing will be at 523 W. Walker Ave, Asheboro, NC on June 20-23.
  - b. Veterans Service has a new satellite office at Southern Pines VFW. They will be there on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month from 9AM-4PM.
  - c. Sandhills Community College Veterans Dayroom will be restocked on July 1st.

- d. Veteran (Dusti Jones Army E-8) in need of help fixing his house. He is in hospital at Richmond VA getting treatment from a biking accident. His wife travels to see him from Raeford. A motion was made by Jim Ambler and seconded by Jack Bergquist for up to \$250 to help as needed. Motion carried.
- e. Green/Blue Military ID cards are no longer valid. They have SSN on them and new ID cards have a DOD number.

11. POW/MIA Report: Nothing to Report.

12. Fundraising Report: There are no scheduled Fundraising activities for this year.

13. Old Business: Jack Bergquist and Bill McNeill will be attending VVA State meeting.

14. New Business:

- a. BGeneral LaBuff hosted an event to award the Master Aviator Wings for Jim Schrum at Fort Liberty on May 28th.
- b. There was discussion to donate to "Tunnels to Towers' ", the members were informed that 2 years ago the Chapter made a donation to cover 10 years worth of donations. This item was closed.
- c. Veterans and their family members need to be aware of VA burial limitations. If the family accepts a "free" VA burial Urn or a commemorative plaque from the VA, they give up their rights to burial in a National Cemetery. This information was sent to us from the Secretary of the NC VVA

15. President Report: No Report

16. Meeting Adjourned at 7:45PM