



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 1054

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## General Membership Meeting October 14th, 2023,

**General Membership Meeting Minutes: Oct 14th, 2023**

**Meeting called to order by President West @ 1124**

**Minutes taken by Secretary Earl F. Cass**

**Chaplain Foster Opened the Meeting with Prayer**

**Flag Salute & Pledge of Allegiance led by President West**

**Officers Roll Call was taken**

Officers		Apr 20	May 18	Jun 15	Jul 20	Aug 17
Pres	Gordy West	1	1	1	1	1
SR VP	Bob Syring	1	E	1	1	1
Jr VP	Darrel Boyle	1	1	1	1	1
Treasurer	Bob Frink	1	1	1	1	1
Secretary	Earl F. Cass	1	*	*	*	*
Chaplain	Troy Foster	E	1	1	E	1



Key 1 = present, 0 = absent, E = excused, \* attended via zoom

- Meeting Minutes – Secretary Cass read the minutes of the last meeting which were then approved by the membership.
- Treasurer’s Report – Treasurer Bob Frink gave the financial report. Our net worth was \$115,453.23. Slides were also presented with an opportunity to ask questions.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Watertown CBOC will be providing Flu shots on three different dates in October. Times are 0830 till 1200 and 1300 till 1545.



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- Watertown Business Association in uptown Watertown is again asking us to provide intersection security for the lighted parade on November 24<sup>th</sup>. They will pay us \$800 to perform this task. We need volunteers. Plan is to meet at Mark's Auto at 1800 with intersection guards and a Color Guard.
- A guest and new member was introduced, Fred Andre. He was in the Coast Guard as a Gunners Mate from 69 till 99. He provided a brief description of his service, duties and locations.
- We received a thank you card from the District 5 American Legion Auxiliary for letting them show the movie we made. They also gave us a \$50 donation.
- We also received thank you cards from the family of the 94 year old vet in Henry, Robert Holborn.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance Committee-Bob Syring, Xmas gift cards have been presented to 5 VSO's at this time.
- Membership report – BOD member Denman reported 495 VVA members and 72 AVVA members for a total of 567.
- Communication – The legislative roundtable will be held at the Watertown Legion building on November 16<sup>th</sup> at 1100.
- Honor Guard. There was one funeral in Milbank. Watertown had one funeral with three members helping out at Milbank and 5 members helped out in Marietta. Another funeral is planned for Monday.
- Elk Hunt – tickets have been received.



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### OLD BUSINESS

- The recently approved PACT Act has significant benefits for Veterans and all of our membership needs to be aware of this. We will continue with our broadcast of this information. Many claims which were denied in the past are being reviewed and approved with this new law.
- Our Xmas party will be at the Elks on December 2<sup>nd</sup> starting at 1300.
- With Veteran's Day rapidly approaching, we need to continue discussions with the local schools about showing our video.

### NEW BUSINESS

- We have been successful in contacting Veteran's organizations in Maui and it seems the greatest need is money for transportation. A motion was made and seconded to send a check for \$5000 to the Maui County Veterans Council pending Membership concurrence. A motion was made and seconded to approve the BOD recommendation.
- Further discussion was held concerning the need for financial support of the Sisseton veteran's transportation provider. A motion was made and seconded to provide \$1000 pending receipt of additional information concerning the cause of the shortfall. We will table the action until the 25<sup>th</sup>.

### SICKNESS / DISTRESS and GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Nothing noted.

### ADJOURNMENT

- 50/50 Drawing won by ticket #2997 worth \$45



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- A motion was made, and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ending Prayer and Flag Salute were conducted, meeting ended at 1214.

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Secretary Earl F. Cass

