



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, CHAPTER 1054

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General Membership Meeting November 18th, 2023,

General Membership Meeting Minutes: Nov 18th, 2023

Meeting called to order by President West @ 1110

Minutes taken by Secretary (Pro-Tem) Darrell J Boyle

Bob Frink Opened the Meeting with Prayer

Flag Salute & Pledge of Allegiance led by President West

Officers Roll Call was taken

Officers		Jul 20	Aug 17	Sep 21	Oct 14	Nov 18
Pres	Gordy West	1	1	1	1	1
SR VP	Bob Syring	1	1	1	1	E
Jr VP	Darrel Boyle	1	1	1	1	1
Treasurer	Bob Frink	1	1	1	1	1
Secretary	Earl F. Cass	*	*	*	*	E
Chaplain	Troy Foster	1	E	1	1	E

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

- **Meeting Minutes** – **Secretary (Pro-Tem) Darrell J Boyle** read the minutes of the October meeting. (Kay Solberg mentioned that the Watertown Chamber of Commerce has no active interest in the lighted Parade, and that the Watertown Business Association are the prime movers there-of.) The minutes were then approved.
- **Treasurer’s Report** – Treasurer Bob Frink gave the financial report. Our net worth was \$112,001.81. Slides were also presented with an opportunity to ask questions. Treasurer Frink spoke about our Certificates of Deposit will be ready for renewal soon.
- An Honor Guard Donation of \$500 was received from the family of Robert K Holborn.



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Another donation to the Club, in the amount of \$200, was presented in Memoriam of Jerry Berg from his two Son's.

ANNOUCEMENTS

The Brookings High School Video Presentation was well received, with 250 'Thank You' cards from the students. Four of the cards were shown on the screen. A pictorial admonishment to "Keep (the video presentation) Alive" was also displayed.

Gift Cards, 131 cards from 7 counties for a total of \$18100 have been requested so far. Still waiting to hear from Brookings and Marshal Counties (zero requests at this time). A slide breakdown of planned disbursement was displayed.

The SDSU Basketball organization has invited us to attend the game on February 22nd. It will be free for all Vets.

The Christmas party will be held on December 2nd at 1 PM. Get tickets from Kay, \$15 pp

- Kay is again asking us to provide intersection security for the lighted parade on November 24th. The Watertown Business Association 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 presentation on the availability of License Plate Holders and VVA decals was given by Doug Modica.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Finance Committee-(Bob Frink) It appears our filing time with the IRS has been wrong. Bob is working the issue.



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- Membership report – Kay Solberg reported..... (VVA 442)..... (AVVA 72) = 554 Total.
 - Communication – (Phil Braeger) Phil attended the Legislative Round Table meeting. Wreaths across America and the Veterans Home were discussed. He mentioned that the meeting was poorly attended.

A motion was made and carried to donate \$1000 to the Salvation Army. The Veterans Home in Hot Springs has 13 unused beds. We are reminded, it is not an Assisted Living Facility.

There have been 682 Burials at the Veterans Cemetery.

- Honor Guard. Watertown and Milbank Honor Guards each did one funeral. They also participated in their respective cities Veterans Programs on Veterans Day.
- Elk Hunt – tickets have been received, Randy had them available at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS,

During this meeting, Phil received a communication that Brookings does have some names to add to the Gift Card list.

We have received a “Thank You” card from the Maui Veterans Council in appreciation of our \$5000 donation.

NEW BUSINESS

We will be doing the Annual Salvation Army Bell Ringing on Saturday, December 9th. Most of the volunteer slots are filled.

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- None noted.

ADJOURNMENT

50/50 drawing ticket number 9723074 was drawn. 52 attendee's.

- A motion was made, and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Ending Prayer and Flag Salute were conducted, meeting adjourned at 1205

Minutes prepared and respectfully submitted by Secretary(**Pro-Tem**)
Darrell J Boyle

