

DISABLED AMERICAN VETERANS
Chapter 123
Merritt Island, Florida 32952

General Membership Meeting Minutes
8 March 2012

Call to Order – Commander Benagh called the meeting to order at 10:30.

Pledge of Allegiance – Commander Benagh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation – Chaplain Hanson gave the Invocation.

Roll Call of Officers – Adjutant Smith reported a quorum was present.

Introduction of Visitors – Mr. Todd Cooper

Minutes of Last Meeting 9 February 2011 – Approved.

Treasurer's Report/Bills against the Chapter – Approved.

Reports:

Service Officer

Senior Service Officer Bibby gave the Service Officer report.

Membership/Introduction of New Members

Commander Benagh noted that we need 2 more members to reach the Chapter's quota, and that only paid-up life members count toward our quota.

Legislative

Legislative Officer Caron noted that an Asbestos Trust Fund has been set up for Navy Veterans by Leslie Controls, Inc. Navy veterans exposed to asbestos may file a claim directly with the Trust.

Welfare/ Sickness and Distress

Chaplain Hanson and Commander Benagh visited a vet at Wuesthoff Hospital.

Chaplain Hanson is having difficulty obtaining a badge at Holmes Regional Medical Center.

A burial site with all expenses paid, except for the headstone, has been donated to the Brevard Veterans Center.

Chaplain Hanson is running for election as the DAV Department of Florida Chaplain.

Pelican Post – Date of next issue TBD.

Forget Me Not – No report.

Others – No other reports.

Reading of Communications:

Commander Benagh read two communications concerning the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall and the Annual Vietnam & All Veterans Reunion. The Wall organizers are looking for volunteers to be Wall Monitors; any Chapter volunteers should contact Adjutant Smith (610-8064). The Chapter has been asked to provide color bearers for the Opening Ceremony; Bob Brekke and Don Rathbun will perform this duty. The Chapter has also been asked to participate in the Wreath-laying Ceremony; Don Bullen will check to see if the Chapter's wreath is in the storage locker.

Old Business:

Adjutant to contact Merritt Island and Cocoa Beach High School JROTC about awards ceremony dates.

Semi-annual audit complete.

Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion will be discussed at General Meeting and next EXCOM Meeting.

New Business

Nominating Committee reported the following nominees for the next year:

Commander—Benagh

Sr. Vice Commander—Ford

Jr Vice Commander—Caron

Treasurer—Zecman

Chaplain—Hanson

Three Year Executive Committee—Rathbun

Plaque Inscription: Bob Brekke provided the design for the Plaque.

Bylaws changes will be posted to the Chapter's web site and will be voted on at the next General Membership meeting.

Vietnam and All Veterans Reunion:

Don Bullen will be the Point of Contact for the Chapter's booth at the Reunion. Items needed are the tent, chairs, the Chapter banner, and a table (to be provided by Dick Malpass).

Good of the Order – No announcements.

Adjournment – Commander Benagh adjourned the meeting at 11:15.

Moment of Silence

Prayer – Chaplain Hanson gave the closing prayer.