



Vietnam Veterans of America Tennessee State Council

Sunday, January 29, 2017
Alvin C. York Medical Center
Murfreesboro, TN

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- I. Call to Order 11 AM Barry Rice
- II. Opening Ceremonies
- III. **Motion** to Accept Agenda - **ADOPTED 170129001** Barry Rice
- IV. Roll Call of Officers and Chapters Mike Myer
TSC Secretary, Denise Ramier absent
Chapters 262, 580, 1099, 1124 absent
- V. Welcome First Timers Barry Rice
Roster was not available
- VI. AVVA Remarks Beverly Pounds
Beverly talked about the importance of counting AVVA hours.
- VII. Miscellaneous Barry Rice
The Springfield chapter is waiting to receive their charter.
Barry thanked all the chapters that gave donations to assist Gatlinburg area veterans who lost their homes in the December 2016 fire.
Don Smith, Chapter 1078 President, spoke about the 38 veterans, spouses and friends who are currently visiting Vietnam and Thailand. These numbers include Knoxville's Channel 10 John Becker and his camera man, Jerry Owens. Postings about this trip can be found on Chapter 1078's FaceBook page.
- VIII. Minutes from September 18, 2016 Barry Rice
Motion to Approve Minutes - **ADOPTED 170129002**
- IX. Treasurer's Report George Cooper
Beginning as of 03/01/2016 \$ 1,449.51
Income for 2016 - 2017 \$27,703.51
Expenses for 2016 - 2017 \$27,717.70
Ending, as of 08/31/2016 \$ 1,435.32

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- X. Legislative Update Ralph Land
Ralph spoke about the upcoming Veterans' Legislative Day February 8 in Nashville and urged all to attend if possible.
- XI. Old Business Barry Rice
None
- XII. New Business Barry Rice
A. Fundraising Terry Yates
Terry spoke about different ways chapters could raise funds. He had a list of all the electric power companies in TN and shared it with the delegates.
- B. Membership Barry Rice
Barry asked chapters to have someone available for email voting; either the Chapter President or the Council delegate. Barry thanked Chapter 203 for bringing their "wall" to counties that were starting new chapters.
- C. Convention 2017 - New Orleans
The number of Chapter delegates will be determined at the end of the 2016 fiscal year. TN could possibly send as many as 73 delegates to the National Convention. Shirt colors for the Convention days was discussed. More information can be found on Chapter 203's website.
- D. Honorary Life Memberships
Two Chapters awarded Honorary Life Memberships; Chapter 240 to Jennifer O'Neal and Chapter 1078 to Mayor Tim Burchett.
- E. Next TSC Meeting - April 30, 2017
- XIII. Miscellaneous Barry Rice
Charlie Hobbs spoke about changes to the chapter membership rosters. VVA will no longer send out hardcopy rosters. One designated Chapter member will have access to electronic/web based rosters.
Don Smith, Chapter 1078, reported that 42 veterans lost everything they had during the Gatlinburg fires. Chapter 1078 has donated money to five (5) affected veterans so far.

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- XIV. Awards Barry Rice
Barry recognized 10 Chapters that made donations for the Gatlinburg veteran fire victims. Certificates of Appreciation were given to Chapters 203, 240, 824, 875, 950, 995, 1004, 1015, 1078, and 1089.
- XV. Adjournment
Motion was made to adjourn at 1PM - **ADOPTED - 170129003**

01/29/2017

Mike Myer, (Acting Secretary)

Date

Tennessee Vietnam Veterans Inc. Foundation

- I. Call to Order 1:05 PM Barry Rice
- II. Treasurer's Report George Cooper
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| Beginning, as of 01/01/2016 | \$ 11,047.50 |
| Income for 2016 | \$ 52,353.05 |
| Expenses for 2016 | \$ 41,906.86 |
| Ending, as of 12/31/2016 | \$ 21,493.69 |
- III. Adjournment
- Motion** to adjourn at 1:15 PM - **ADOPTED – 170129004**