



**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
CHAPTER 751, LAWTON, OK
EXECUTIVE BOARD MINUTES
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President Robbie Robbins called the board meeting to order at 6:00 PM, 13 September 2005.

Edgar Gunn gave the invocation

President Robbie Robbins led the Pledge of Allegiance

Robbie Robbins conducted board member roll call. Gerald Green, John Mizelle, and Dan Tucker were absent. A forum was present to proceed with the meeting.

1. Terry Quisenberry presented the minutes of the last meeting. Stanley Selkirk made a motion to approve the minutes. Ray Sprieck seconded the motion, and they were approved by a vote of the board.
2. Robbie Robbins presented the Treasurers report. Jimmy Schutte made a motion to approve the report. Terry Quisenberry seconded the motion and it was approved by a vote of the board.
3. Robbie reported we would have a budget in place on or before December 2005. The budget will be a spreadsheet. Luis Cantu is working on it. Some of items are based on the bingo account. On donations if we make over \$25,000 we have to file. I asked him if we could set up a special account for donations.
4. Robbie related we sent \$2000.00 to Allen Manual in Louisiana. He is keeping track of the money he has spent, and letting us know what the money was spent for. Allen is purchasing \$50.00 Wal-Mart gift cards to give people so they can go purchase items they need. He asked Robbie about it and it was approved. We presently have \$2,500 and there is still a check coming from Bingo Country. Jimmy went over the list of items we have collected for the Hurricane Katrina victims. Jimmy related there is a need for people to work with the various activities.
5. Robbie thanked everyone for their assistance, and for all the hard work they have done.
6. Robbie addressed an amendment to change President-Elect back to Vice-President. Therefore, when it time for an election there will be a new President elected at that time, rather than have a President-Elect automatically step up into the position.
7. Robbie related the \$2000.00 we sent to Katrina came out of our everyday funds. Back last summer the money leftover from the wall we put into a savings account. Robbie recommended the \$2000.00 be taken out of the savings account when needed, and put into the checking account if we need too. The money is not needed it will stay in the savings account. Robbie related if he needs it he wants the permission to go get it. Ed related it was

passed if the money was going to be used it was to go before the membership. Robbie related it will be asked of the membership approve this request.

8. Robbie read an e-mail from John Frasca requesting he and his friends be approved for the purchase of a bench at the memorial. He related most of them went to Vietnam, and all of them remember Lawton. If there were a bench available they would like to purchase the bench in their names and OCS class. Robbie related he is going to get back with Frasca, as they were down at the Memorial today and there is room for seven more benches with no problem at all. Robbie related anyone with questions should meet with him at the Memorial in the morning at 10:30. Robbie addressed we still have bricks that can be sold.
9. Robbie addressed a uniform for our color guard. He related Nate Washington could get greens or gray pants and khaki shirts or what ever for a good reasonable price. Also, they could have good-looking boots. All of which is better than what they have now. Edgar Gunn related if everyone remembers the chaplain got up with green pants, and a green shirt with no decorations on the shirt, or anything else. He related that looked good. Robbie followed up they could wear the green jacket in the winter. Aaron Boone related it would improve our image.
10. Robbie read an e-mail from a Ms. Heather Bartow (sp). She is a VA employee, and she is the daughter of a Vietnam veteran, who died at the age of 59. He was 100% service connected disabled. In her father's honor they have created a college scholarship known as the George Bartow scholarship fund. They have established the scholarship for children who have lost parents to brain cancer, or anyone who has a parent who is badly ill due to brain cancer. If anyone knows of someone who meets the criteria let them know.
11. Jimmy Schutte reported on the fundraisers. He related they have several things being worked. They are planning a raffle sometime in March or April 2006. We still need a lot of items for the auctions and garage sales. He related we are in the process of moving the warehouse. As of 1 October the warehouse will be in the building behind the Optimist Club. He related this building is dry and doesn't leak water inside like the other one. He also related we are having the Open House at Fort Sill this weekend. On Friday they will be selling collectibles. They will be setting up on Thursday night. The only thing they will be taking out is Collectibles, and recruiting applications.
12. Billie Nash reported on the Collectibles. He related we have new hats with Iraqi Freedom written on them. He related they were set up at the PX last weekend and they did pretty well with the Iraq hats. We are hoping they will do well at the hospital. He has one more cap that says Vietnam Veterans Widow. He related Mr. Farley's daughter order one, and ordered one to keep in stock. They can be ordered one a time so anyone who knows someone who would like one tell them they are available. Felix requested clarification one when they would be at the hospital during the Open House. It was related they would be open for business from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM.
13. Felix Cruz reported on the membership. He related there were 338 present members, and we had lost 5 members. Felix addressed the need for telephone numbers to be checked. He related if there is an inaccurate telephone number on the recall to please attempt to get a valid number. Please let him know if you get a valid number or not so changes can be made to the roster. He related at the Saturday meeting he would like to borrow the sign in

roster to verify telephone numbers. Robbie requested to know if they included e-mail on the sign-in also? It was related they do. Robbie requested as they come in they should be requested to completely sign in all areas.

14. Robbie addressed the bulletin. John had related to him the bulletin would probably be done by Monday. Robbie related they are going to try to cut back on all the mailing. So they are going to start mailing bulletins via e-mail like we have started doing with the agenda and minutes. The bulletin will also be on the WEB page.
15. Felix Cruz addressed the Veterans Wall of Honor He related on the 21st of September at the Fort Sill Veterans Center there will be a ceremony conducted. He related Robbie Robbins was having his name placed on the wall, and we should have as many people present as possible. He requested that people be called and e-mail sent out announcing the ceremony.
16. Robbie passed out the recall roster for membership notification.

Page 1: Edgar Gunn; Page 2: Stanley Selkirk; Page 3: Jimmy Schutte; Page 4: Felix Cruz; Page 5: Ray Spriek; Page 6; Billy Nash; Page 7: Mr. Farley; Page 8: Aaron Boone; Page 9: Robbie Robbins; E-mail: Terry Quisenberry

17. Robbie called for Good of the Order:
18. Aaron Boone related he needs approval for \$69.00 for invitations. Robbie related he thought we were going to print them this time. Aaron related that was the programs. Robbie told Aaron to go ahead and get them, and we would pay him. Jimmy Schutte requested to know if that was for two services. Aaron related that is was only for our ceremony. Aaron requested that Terry see about getting Boy Scouts to hand out programs. Terry agreed to take care of it.
19. Nancy Nash and Nate Washington discussed if there is a need for a meeting room for AVVA at the State Conference too please let him know. It was agreed upon that Nancy would contact him as soon as she had the information.

Edgar Gunn conducted the closing prayer.

President Robbie Robbins adjourned the meeting at 6:42 PM.

Robbie Robbins
President

Terry L. Quisenberry, Sr.
Terry Quisenberry
Secretary