



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 452

March 13, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Next meeting: April 10, 2024 @ 3:00 PM – our usual room at VFW Post 2290
Jan. Meeting Was Cancelled



Call to Order...Opening Prayer led by Fank / Pledge of Allegiance by Dennis

Roll Call of Officers

Treasurer / Chaplain - Fr. Joe (present)

President / Secretary - Frank (present)

1st Vice-President / Membership Chair – Dennis O'Connor (present)

2nd Vice-President – Bill Humphrey (present)

Quartermaster – Larry 'MOAT' Friend (present)

Webmaster – Richard Byrne (present)

GUESTS:

New members: Joe & Ed

Treasurer's Report (Fr. Joe)

See attachment in **e-mail**.

President's Report

- Donation given to VFW Post 2290 for use of the facility/ twice a year.
- Rich Byrne setting up the new 452 website.
- Copies of the recent Veteran magazine are available.
- Reviewed all mail items.
- Shoprite update - no change. Contacted the HR person in charge.
- **APRIL MEETING 4/10 is Elections – please consider self-nominating for a position.**

OLD BUSINESS

- Shirts to be ordered. Lee and Bill H. and Joe K. working on this.
- Frank continued to investigate the ShopRite situation again to accept donations.

1st Vice-President Report (Dennis)

- Membership Chair handling all necessary paperwork for any new and/or lifetime members. Dennis 'Welcome to New Members: Joe & Ed. He explained what he does as Membership Chair and Roster updates.

New Business & Events

Discussed membership into the Vietnam Memorial organization AS A CHAPTER, IN ADDITION TO INDIVIDUUAL MEMBERSHIP. Motion passed.
The Treasurer will send in the membership fee.

Proposed Somerville Shop Rite Dates to hand out poppies for donations.

- March 23
 - May 18
 - July 6
 - Nov 9
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- Frank reported on the Commemorative organization regarding present POW's / MIA's.
• **Barnegat High School Vietnam War Veterans Day ceremony from 'Thanking Vietnam Veterans Organization'...Tee and Jimmy Cavangnaro**

See attachment in e-mail

Lee – State Council Information

- Strongly suggest attending the Barnegat ceremony.
- State-wide fundraiser by ALL Chapters coming – details at the upcoming state council meeting.

- Briefed All member's present about the Vietnam War Veterans Day at Barnegat High School, which he attended last year. He strongly suggests attending the event.
- Lee brought some free olive-green military shirts for members.
- Lee reported on USS New Jersey Submarine Commissioning Ceremony.

For the Good of the Order

- Prayers for ALL...especially Wayne Cherwinski
- Vi Prevete (Frank's wife – cancer)
- Bill H's daughter (cancer).
- For Lee and Joe K. (medical issues - cancer).

“FLAG FACTS”

None, however, Post 2290 now has a drop off box for flags to be retired.

“QUOTE for the Month”

‘Never interrupt your enemy when he is making a mistake’...Napolean.

**USS New Jersey Submarine commissioning
Rescheduled to April 2024 – more information to come.**

See attachment in e-mail.

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:15
Closing Prayer by Fr. Joe**

*Submitted In Brotherhood
Frank Prevete, 452 President*