

MINUTES OF UNITED VETERANS MEETING

DATE: 17 January 2023

LOCATION: VFW Post 5154

Meeting called to order: Mike Kennedy

Prayer by: Jene Thompson

Pledge by: DougBurt

Roll Call of Officers:

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| Commander: | Mike Kennedy | VFW Post 10855 | P |
| Sr. Vice Commander: | Frank Kusiowski | AMVETS Post 76 | P |
| Jr. Vice Commander: | Don Mattingly | DAV Chapter 76 | P |
| Treasurer: | Don Mattingly | DAV Chapter 76 | P |
| Sgt-At-Arms: | Don Pressley | AMVETS Post 22 | P |
| Service Officer: | Nathan Weinbaum | | P |
| Chaplain: | Jene Thompson | DAV Chapter 76 | P |
| Recorder: | Doug Burt | VFW Post 5154 | P |

Roll Call of Organizations:

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| American Legion Post 13 – | P | Auxiliary- | A | Sons of the Legion- | A |
| AMVETS Post 22 - | P | Auxiliary- | A | | |
| DAV Chapter 76 - | P | | | | |
| MOPH Chapter 1814 – | P | | | | |
| Navy Seabee Veterans of America (NSVA) X-2- | A | | | | |
| VFW Post 5154- | P | Auxiliary- | P | | |
| VFW Post 10855- | P | | | | |
| Vet to Vet Tennessee- | P | | | | |

Minutes of Last Meeting: Read and approved

Treasurers Report:

Balance Forward: \$ 2520.97

War Dead Acct.: \$7055.98

Income: \$ 320.

Bills: \$148.63

Ending Balance: \$ 2612.13

Service Office Report:

VA- As of 17 January 2023 suicidal veterans, any status, can go to Any Medical Center for free

treatment for suicidal crisis.

988 is the new Crisis Line number for help.

Pact Act- More than 20 presumptive conditions have been added. A lot in the Middle East area,

but also for Vietnam era and additional locations.

Let the VA know if you're looking to file. Submit an intent to file.

Please reach out to surviving spouses. They may be eligible for benefits.

The naming of the bridge in honor of Sgt, Michael Ferschke is moving forward. Hopefully legisla-

tion will be passed in May or June. Then coordination with the family to ensure they can attend.

A proposal has been made to name 2 bridges on U.S. 321, near the Foothills Parkway, In honor

of WW II Marine Clayton Narveson. Clayton survived the landings at Tarawa and Iwo Jima.

A motion was made for the United Veterans of Blount County to support the proposal.

Motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business:

The United Veterans want to thank Anna McKeehan, of VFW Post 5154 Auxiliary, for the donation for the UVBC Christmas tree at the Courthouse and food for the Veterans Day program.

It was brought up about the cleaning of the War Dead Monument and the plaque to remember those who worked to get the renovations done.

New Business:

It was suggested that a listing be kept of Commanders and communications POC of the UVBC member organizations be maintained. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Good of the Order:

Veterans in need: It was brought up that Jene Thompson and Don Mattingly will both be undergoing surgery in the upcoming weeks.

Closing:

Salute the colors.

