

HCVVO Membership Meeting July 12, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Marla Berkshire.

Sgt. of Arms Gary Carlile led Pledge of Allegiance and prayer was led by Chaplin Dennis Chapman.

Roll call of officers resulted in 11 present and 5 excused.

New/Renewal Memberships were read with 6 Annual Memberships for \$150.00 and 3 Lifetime Memberships for \$450.00 for a total of \$600.00. Motion to accept was made by Jackie Myers and 2nd Chuck Shane and passed.

At this time Marla introduced Christina and Andrew Grimes from Operation Restoring Hope. They took ownership of the armory in Benton County recently. They have raised \$250,000.00 to purchase property. This is a shelter to restore Hope for Veterans. This is a unique shelter in Indiana to help in every aspect of their life and suicide prevention. They just wanted to introduce themselves and ask for support. They will be doing here at the reunion to do fundraising.

Minutes to last meeting were read. Motion to accept was made by Joey Cavazos and 2nd by Roger Roe and passed.

Laura Howard made a motion to investigate Marla and Tim Minnick. It was 2nd by Faith Gordon. A vote was taken and motion was denied. There was more shouting. Marla called an immediate recess until Gary could remove Becky and Jerry.

Financial Report was given and motion to accept was made by Chuck Shane and 2nd by Joey Cavazos. Motion was passed.

Angie read the proposed by laws for the 2nd reading. The final reading will be in August and an Election Committee will be nominated in August as well.

Bobby has got some painting to do and will get it done soon.

Chappy said the parade @ Kokomo went well. He said that Norm Crawford's wife passed and her celebration of life will be in the afternoon. The sign for the Associate Memorial Garden should be in next week. Also will be having 2 bricks put in on Saturday of the reunion not Friday.

Jackie said the east end roads are coming along. They are having a meeting next week to finalize all the work. She praised ALL of the people and workers for all that they have done to

make this happen and free for HCVVO. Marla praised these people for all their help and they gave us \$10,000.00 as well. They have made a documentary film and we will be getting a copy of this.

Mike said 663 sites are paid. 329 sites have not been paid and still have 100 sites open for reservation.

Larry Shaw reported enrolled act #433 training for all city, county and state service officers re-accredited and keep being trained and tested to better serve the veteran.

House enrolled act 1637 will make more people eligible for benefits where it had been limited to only those with an honorable discharge. It also covers dependents, homeless veterans and care givers plus established the medal of honor license plate.

July 2, 1942 160,000 allied troops landed in Sicily beginning operation Husky.

July 14, 1944 marines invaded Guam.

July 20, Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

5th District Rep for Victoria Spartz will be at Kokomo Library, Tues, 15th from 1-4pm.

Academy nominations are open for class of 2030. Must be received by Friday Oct. 17, 2025.

Jim Profit complained about the by laws not being read in April, May & June. He said that because every member of the organization was not notified of the change that the vote on the by laws would not be legal. Marla looked it up in Roberts Rule of Order that as long as you do your due diligence and as long as we addressed concerns & challenges it was legal and we definitely did our due diligence. Final reading and vote on each new by law will be taken at that time.

Chuck Shane made motion to adjourn and Joey Cavazos 2nd and passed. Motion passed and meeting adjourned at 12:10.