

Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 966  
West End, NC

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on December 1, 2025. There were 14 in attendance.
2. The Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and a Moment of Silence were conducted.
3. The roll call was conducted: All Board members were present, except Treasurer.
4. Introduction of new members/Guests - no new members or guests.
5. Financial Report: Our current balance of \$7,749.32 was reported.
6. Secretary Report: The minutes for November's meeting were briefed. A motion to accept was made by Mike Pusillo and seconded by Bill McNeill, motion carried.
7. Vice President Report: Nothing to Report.
8. Membership Update: We have 113 Life members, 6 AVVA members for a total of 119.
9. Events Update-
  - a. A discussion on the Field of Honor, There is concern that each year we lose volunteer help in putting up and taking down the Field. Next year will be the 10th year.
  - b. 93 Flags and flowers were replaced at the 7 Lakes cemetery with the help of 6 chapter members.
10. Chaplin Report:
  - a. A Member reported that Larry Rushing's wife is doing well.
  - b. Mike Shapiro is recovering from reverse shoulder replacement. Cards will be sent to each.
  - c. Mike Patullo is receiving cancer treatments.
11. Outreach Report:
  - a. Sent cards to Linda Rushing and Chuck Spellman.
  - b. Delivered 15 Christmas Gift cards to the County VSO.
  - c. Please bring a Christmas toy to Christmas dinner.
  - d. Flags placed at the entrance to the 7 Lakes HOAs each holiday has been turned over to the HOAs
12. POW/MIA Report:
  - a. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced that US Army Master Sgt. Donald P. Gervis, killed during the Vietnam war, was accounted for May 26, 2025.
  - b. Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced that US Air Force Master Sgt. James H. Calfee, killed during the Vietnam war , was accounted for August 8, 2025.

13. History:

- a. No Report

14. Fundraising Report:

- a. Received a check from Mary Magdalene Church.

15. Old Business:

- a. Chapter Christmas Party is scheduled for December 4th at Beefeaters. Respond to Bill McNeill by November 22nd, if attending. Show at 5:00PM, order at 5:30PM and Dinner at 6:00PM. Please bring an unwrapped present for a child.
- b. The 20th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for April 18, 2026. It will be held at the West Side Community Center from 5-8:00 PM. The meal will be catered. More information to follow.
- c. Wreaths Across America will be December 13, 2025 at 10AM at 7 Lakes Cemetery.

16. New Business:

- a. Chapter PA System is currently controlled by Brian B.; however, he will be unable to attend the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony. Looking for a chapter member to learn the system.
- b. Chapter VVA Golf for December 3rd is cancelled.

17. President Report:

- a. I have been out of town, due to family matters.

18. Meeting Adjournment

- a. Motion was made by Jim Ambler and seconded by Larry McCallum. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.