



## Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1044

### MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Sunday 07 March 2025

Meeting was called to order at 13:30 hrs. by president Joe Armstrong  
President requested that the members and guests join him in the Pledge of Allegiance to our flag. A moment of silence was observed for our POW/MIA's and troops now deployed.

**New Members:** Jim Martin & wife

**Special Guests:** Biddeford Mayor Marty Grohman

**Sick and Distressed:** Chaplain Jim currier

**Secretary's Report:**

Read, motion made and accepted

**Treasure's Report:**

Date 01 February 2025 – 28 February 2025

Starting Balance:	\$55,126.58
Received:	\$2,800.00
Balance	\$57,926.58
Expenses:	\$494.29
Ending Balance:	\$57,432.29
Dedicated Funds:	\$7,644.98
Working Balance:	\$49,887.31
Outstanding:	\$0

**Presidents Report:**

President introduced Biddeford Mayor Marty Grohman. Mayor Grohman spoke about the 50<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day ceremony to be held in Biddeford on March 29, 2025 and the meaning of the event. President once again reminded everyone that we still have an opening on the BOD if interested. President spoke about the U.S. Army will now award a purple heart to those members that can prove that either both or one ear drum was damaged because of combat duty,

**Vice-Presidents Report:**

Conrad presented Mayor Grohman a plaque in appreciation for the City of Biddeford bringing the traveling wall to the city

**Events:**

Ted Sirois spoke about the showing of the Vietnam documentary

**Fundraising:**

**Committees:**

**POW:**

Conrad Letellier spoke on how many veterans remains have been recovered since 1973

**Constitution:** Nothing to report

**Agent Orange:**

Joe informed members that there are 4 new illnesses covered by the PACT Act for benefit's

**Incarcerated Veterans:**

Conrad explained that even though a veteran is incarcerated he/she still may qualify for benefit's

**Homeless:** Mayor Grohman spoke about the Seeds of Hope in Biddeford

**Service Officer:**

Averaging 1 case a week now

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Announcements for the Good of the Chapter:**

Remind everyone that we have the FREE coffee for veterans every week

**Next Meeting:**

Sunday 06 March 2025 1:30 pm. President advised there will be a board of directors meeting prior to the regular meeting.

**Closing Prayer:**

**Adjournment:**

President asked if there was any other chapter business that any of the members would like to discuss. Seeing none meeting was adjourned by the president at 14:20 hours.