

VVA#23, Meeting Minutes, August 11, 2026

Call to Order: Quorum Met . 27 Members present

Officers : Pres: George Mutlos, 1st VP Richard Bongiorno, 2nd VP Louis Cohen , Sec: Patrick Lewis, Tres: Andrew Zawoyski .

Motion to approve Minutes of July 14th, 2026 : Approved 27/0

Presidents Report : Presidents Report was cut short , due to time constraints for presentation by State Representative Robin Bartleman on the pros and cons of the new bill to eliminate Property Taxes and its effect on local services administered by City and County Government Offices.

(1) THIS October MARKS THE 16TH Anniversary of The Chapter Retirement of The Michael Savenelli Wall to the Broward County Veterans Clinic in Sunrise Florida. It traveled throughout Broward and Palm Beach from 1991 until its retirement, with its last presentation at The Vietnam Veterans of America Convention in 2010, in Orlando , Florida.

Committee Reports

(1) Richard Bongiorno - Spoke about Apple Support on its products and how helpful they are should you ever have a problem. Also thanked Robin Bartleman for giving a presentation at our meeting.

(2) Louis Cohen :

There is not any VTC report for August 10, 2026. I use the past court date of August 03, 2026.

There were 3 Misdemeanor cases, 3 veterans, all males, dates of birth: 1978, 1982, 1984. Cases were: Wear mask/hood on property of another M-2, Assault M-2, DUI M-2, Unlawful Speed, Failure to Register Vehicle M-2, Resist/Obstruct w/o Violence M-1.

There were 6 Felony cases, 6 veterans, 2 females, 4 males, dates of birth: 1952, 1956, 1960, 1961, 1974, 1979. Cases were: Burglary w/Assault/Battery F-1, False Imprisonment F-3, Possession of Cathinones. (Class of stimulant drugs), Possession of Cocaine F-3, Attempted Burglary/Unoccupied Dwelling F-3, Fail to Remain/Accident-involving Non Serious Injury F-3.

I always wonder how much alcohol abuse and drug usage were a part in the deaths that took place of our military in Vietnam, and also if the usage of alcohol and drugs are explicit in the crimes of present day in the United States and all countries.

Misc: Broward Veterans Council meets on August 17th, 2026. DAV Chapter #73 to start doing VA disability claims.

New Business : None

For The Good of The Order: Next Meeting September 8th, 2026 at 6PM - Adjourn 7:20 PM

Patrick Lewis , Secretary..