



# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

## Chapter 1061

Harrisonburg, Virginia 22803



Within the chapter, we have some who need our prayers. The following members are either ill or recovering - Bill Henry, Ern Grover, Robert Knight, Holley Watts, Norman and Sharon Fifer, Layton and Diane Payne, Bruce Orebaugh and Tom Snook. Prayers, cards and calls are always welcome for all.

### Minutes 07/16/2022 meeting

Attendance: 53 members and guests attended  
Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by President Jerry O'Hara.

Pledge of Allegiance by Roger Alger

Opening prayer by Roger Alger.

Roll call of Officers- Three absent.

Minutes presented by Tom Snook. Correction: Tressa Shifflett, daughter of Sam Balsler. Approved by membership.

Finance report presented by Sonny Clutteur. Approved by membership. Current balance is \$25,693.99.

Guest Speaker: Brian Morris, Veterans Service Representative from Staunton spoke about services and procedures that help veterans get VA benefits. VSR has 6 lawyers that can help with veteran's appeals. To get Army records go to [nationalarchives.gov](http://nationalarchives.gov). The office is located at 1600 N. Colter Street, Staunton. The hours are M - F 8:30 – 11 (appointment only) and 1 - 3 walk-ins. A VSR rep. is in Harrisonburg at the CBOC on Thursdays by appointment.

Committee reports:

Membership: 155 members. .

Fund Raising: Destry Thomas has a handout available for members to sign up for fund raisers. Please return forms to Destry.

Public Relation: Kenny - Next speaker will be in October.

Newsletter: If you have an article for the newsletter get it to Paul.

Honor Guard: If anyone is interested in serving as part of the honor guard please see Fred Rhodes.

Web Site: The password is still VVA1061. Be sure to check the web site often for it is updated regularly.

Old Business: A thank you from Tressa Shifflett was read and Mary Daniels thanked the chapter for her granddaughter's scholarship.

Honor Flight is scheduled for September 24<sup>th</sup> leaving from Harrisonburg. Information is on the web site.

The Chapter picnic was a great success and a good time was had by all. Special thanks to Mary Pruitt and Kathy Clancey for organizing the picnic.

### NEW BUSINESS:

New Business: U.S. Bill HR 3967 (Honor Act Pact) has passed the house and has been sent back to the Senate. This bill supports veterans' health care, Agent Orange and toxic chemical exposure.

Brookdale Breakfast this month was not held because of a type-A flu outbreak at the facility. The next Breakfast with the Veterans is August 11 at 8 am. State Council Meeting was held last month.

The current officers were reelected. The next state meeting will be held in Edinburg October 21-23.

Regions 3 and 4 are planning a convention in March of 2023 in Pigeon Forge Tn. More information later.

Anyone interested in a group trip to Pigeon Forge Nov.14 -17 let Jerry or Ember know.

September 10<sup>th</sup> is the Fall Festival in Broadway.

The Chapter will set up a booth at the festival.

The Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster Pa. is presenting The Miracle of Christmas during the months of Nov. and Dec. The admission is \$74.00 per person.

If interested in getting a group together to go to the production let Jerry know.

Tom Pruitt has tee shirts and vest available after the meeting.

Norm Fifer thanked the Chapter for all the help, cards, calls and visits for him and Sharon during their illness.

The next Board meeting will be September 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wood Grill with lunch at 11:30 meeting starting at noon.

The monthly raffle was held.

Roger Alger ended the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30.

**Advice to Old People**  
**Do not sit on the floor without a plan**  
**on how to get back up.**

### Dates to Remember

Breakfast with the Veterans at Brookdale Second Thursday  
8 - 9 AM August 11 Call Maggie to RSVP 540 280-9836  
Next VVA Meeting – August 20, 2022 - Wood Grill  
9:00 - Breakfast 10:00 - Meeting



Happy Birthday  
To Everyone  
with a  
August Birthday!



Happy Anniversary  
To Those  
Celebrating in  
August!

On Saturday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at West Rockingham Ruritan Park, members gathered for a Chapter Picnic. The first in 3 years.

Everyone had a great time.

Lots of good food and fellowship  
and just time to be together and visit.



Brian Moyers, Veteran Service Representative. Thanks for the information you shared.



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Kenny Emerson

**"Chaplain's Corner"** by Roger Alger

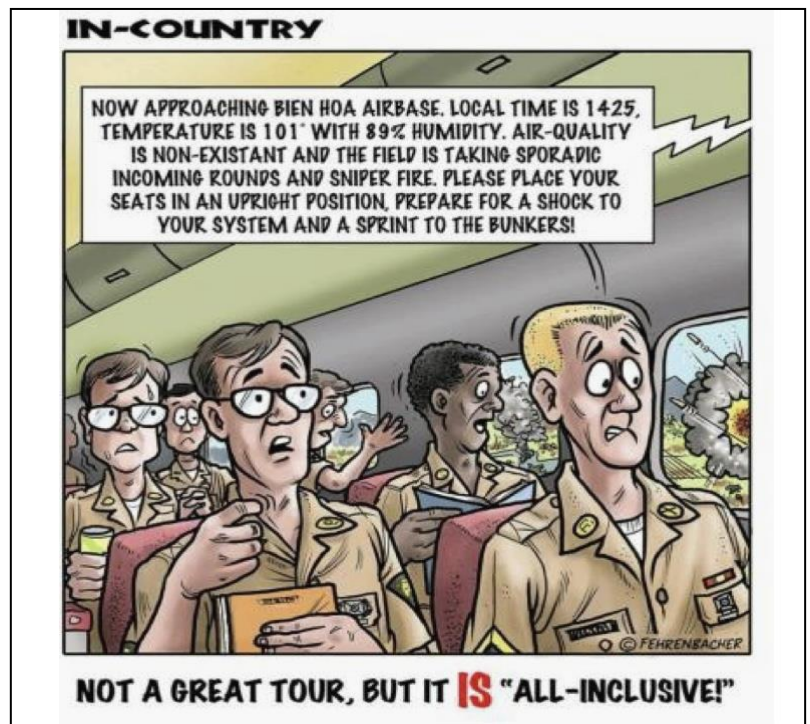
John 15:12-13

Jesus is speaking. *"My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

There will always be individuals who try our patience and stretch our capacity to love. It's helpful to realize that God enables us to love others. Jesus does not command us to feel a certain way; he commands us to show love to one another through our actions.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, we know we will always fall short of your glory. We do not deserve the love and forgiveness you have shown. Help us Lord Jesus to love others that they may see your love through us. In Jesus name we pray. Amen



*"Sharing tales of those we've lost is how we keep from really losing them."*

Mitch Albom