



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Chapter 1061

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Within the chapter, we have some who need our prayers. The following members are either ill or recovering - Bill Henry, Ern and Grover, Robert Knight, John Burner (open heart surgery), Steve McMullen, Buddy Weekly and Bill Corbin. Prayers, cards and calls are always welcome for all. Remember all veterans and active-duty military throughout the holiday season. Norman Fifer asked for visits and/or cards be sent to Sharon at Brookdale. Our regular waitress, Sharon Morris' granddaughter is in the hospital.

Minutes 11/19/2022 meeting

Attendance: 71 members and guests attended

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by President Jerry O'Hara.

Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Roger Alger
Roll call of Officers- one absent.

Minutes presented by Tom Snook. Members approved.

Finance report presented by Sonny Clutteur. Approved by membership. Current balance is \$31,663.54.

Committee reports:

Membership: 154 members. Two new applications today.

Benefit/Health: Be sure to check with VA if you have any health issues to see if you qualify for compensation.

Bladder cancer is now an accepted effect of Agent Orange.

Fund Raising: Destry Thomas added another \$70.00 to the gun raffle total. The AmVets donated \$214.00 to Chapter 1061 Scholarship fund. We are planning to have another gun raffle in March.

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

Scholarship: Deadline for applications is May 15, 2023. Application is on the website.

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

Old Business: Information about the Region 3 meeting to be held March 2023 in Pigeon Forge is still pending.

JMU will hold a luncheon February 17, 2023 at the Festival Ballroom from 10:45 until 2:30.

The Veteran's parade in Harrisonburg was well attended by the Chapter. The Chapter received a thank you for participating.

The next Board meeting will be December 2 at 11:00 here at Wood Grill. Several important issues will be addressed.

New Business: The State meeting was held last month in Woodstock. The Pact Act has stated that all military who leave the service after November 1, 2022, will receive a toxic screening.

The VVA membership application has been revised.

There is a new address to mail applications to and Service eligibility has been changed to add Nov.1, 1955 through 1975 as service dates.

The State will send a letter to all chapters concerning State meeting attendance. A chapter must attend 2 out of 3 State meetings to remain an active chapter.

Chapter 1061 will host the June 2023 State meeting.

Jerry had a handout for Vietnam-era veterans and how the Pact act affects them.

Those receiving VA disabilities Compensation will receive an 8.7% increase in January.

The Chapter will hold a Christmas Party at 2 p.m.

December 2 at Central Church of Christ located at 822 Country Club Road. The Chapter will be accepting items for Open Doors (see Jerry for a list) and it will be potluck. If you receive a questionnaire in the mail about your health, be cautious about answering it.

Love Thy Neighbor accepts donations to be given to veterans.

The medical supply closet is fully stocked at this time.

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

The monthly raffle was held.

Roger Alger ended the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

Next Board meeting Dec. 2, 11:00 AM at Wood Grill

The next meeting will be held December 17th with breakfast at 9 am, and the meeting starting at 10 AM at the Wood Grill.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Snook, Secretary

Dates to Remember

Board Meeting – Friday, Dec. 2, 11:00 AM - Wood Grill

Christmas Party - Saturday, Dec. 3, 2:00 PM - Details on page 2

Next VVA Meeting - December 17, 2022 - Wood Grill 9:00 - Breakfast 10:00 - Meeting

7th Annual Vietnam War Commemoration Luncheon - February 17, 2023 - 10:30 - 2:00 - JMU Festival Center



Happy Birthday
To Everyone with an
December Birthday!

**Not everyone is
given the chance
to grow old. So
appreciate and
thank God for
every single day
of your life.**



Happy Anniversary
To Those
Celebrating in
December!



**December 3rd
2:00 PM
Central Church of Christ
822 Country Club Rd.
Harrisonburg
Please bring a covered dish
to share.**

The Chapter will be collecting donations for Open Doors
Please bring some of the following items: Socks, Gloves,
Men's & Women's undergarments (briefs for women and boxers for men, sports bras,
undershirts, thermals, etc. in all sizes) Chapstick, Travel size hygiene products: shampoo,
deodorant, toothpaste/toothbrush, lotion, hand sanitizer, etc.
Please bring all donations unwrapped.



Chapter 1061 members getting set-up for the Veterans Day Parade on November 6.

7 Rules To Be Happy In Life..

1. Never hate.
2. Don't worry.
3. Live simply.
4. Expect little.
5. Give a lot.
6. Always smile.
7. Keep in touch with God.



On Veterans Day the JMU ROTC, Air Force ROCT, and JMU Valor placed 7,057 American flags on the lawn of the quad at JMU. The flags were placed to represent the number of military members who were lost during the global war on terrorism. It is a very special and moving site to see.

Jerry and Ember O'Hara, Danny and Joyce Sanders, and Roger and Joyce Alger went on the Fall trip to Pigeon Forge, TN. Ember reports that it was cold and windy, but the group had a good time. They enjoyed some of our favorite restaurants, The Old Mill, Mel's Diner and the Farmhouse. They went to see the 50's, 60's & 70's Show and Danny says that Elvis was excellent. They shopped at the outlets, at the Island, the Apple Orchard shops, and the Veterans store too. A little moonshine tasting took place as well. (They had gifts to buy for a friend) They did the I Fly again and loved it. They drove around to see the Christmas lights and went back to Mel's Diner the last night for their favorite ice cream treats.



"Chaplain's Corner" by Roger Alger

Ephesians 2:10

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

We are God's creation - His workmanship and His masterpiece. His glory is revealed in us as we live like Him and do as He instructs us. We have been called to do Good works - as this is a reflection of the nature of Christ that is within us. This was God's plan from the very beginning.

Prayer

Father God, we thank you that you have always known our lives even before we came into existence. Lord, we pray that we display your goodness in our works, at all times. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN.



7th Annual Vietnam War Commemoration Luncheon

Join us in honoring the Veterans of the Vietnam War and their families.

Friday, February 17, 2023 / 10:45 AM - 2:30 PM

James Madison University

Festival Ballroom & Conference Center

Guest Speaker – John P. "Jack" Leonard, Lt Col, USMC (Ret)

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

Mitch Albom