



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

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Within the chapter, we have some who need our prayers. The following members and wives are either ill or recovering. Ern Grover, Robert Knight, Steve McMullen, Danny Sanders, Doug VanLear and Bill Corbin. Keep the families of Louis Royston and Bill Henry in your prayers. Bill Strang will have knee replacement surgery in March and Sharon Morris, our Wood Grill waitress will also have knee replacement the 17th of March. Linda Balsler's mom, Mary Lowery passed away on March 2nd. Prayers, cards and visits are always appreciated.

Minutes 2/18/2023 meeting

Attendance: 66 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 was absent.

Minutes presented by Tom Snook. Members approved.
Finance report presented by Sonny Clutteur. Approved by membership. Current balance is \$33,351.16.

Guest Speaker: None

Committee reports:

Membership: 154 members

Benefits/Health: Asa is reading a book about PTSD and will report on it next month.

Fund Raising: Destry will have tickets available at the March meeting for the gun raffle. The drawing will be at the May meeting. Destry is also writing a letter to ask for donations toward our scholarships.

Public Relations: Living Waters will speak in March; a hospice speaker will be in May; and Healing Waters will speak in June.

Newsletter: If you have an article for the newsletter get it to Paul. Also looking for short articles about our members' tours in Vietnam.

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

Honor Guard: Tom Snook has parade gloves. If anyone is interested in ordering let him know.

Web Site: The password is still VVA1061. Be sure to check the web site often for it is updated regularly. Wall of Faces can now be found on the website.

Helping Hands: Later this spring helping hands will help Richard Rines paint his shed.

Old Business: Chapter 1061 had around 50 members attend the JMU Luncheon yesterday. Jerry thanked all members who attended.

The Chapter will host the June 2023 State Council meeting; the pending date is June 24-26. More information will be coming.

The Budget committee will meet February 24 at the Church of Christ at 10:30. The next board meeting will be March 3 at 11:00 at Wood Grill.

New Business: The Chapter trip to Pigeon Forge is set for April 25 -30. The Long-Haul group will be there at the same time. Jerry is looking into a different hotel for the trip. He will have more information at the March meeting. The Chapter will help the West Rockingham Ruritan's with their chicken BBQ on March 11. Cooks need to be at the pit by 4:45 a.m.; wrappers are needed at 7:00 a.m. and sellers need to be at the park by 7:30. Chicken will be \$5.00 and white beans will be \$4.00.

Jerry has received some information about a Vietnam Veterans Legacy program in Washington D.C. May 11-13. He will try to get more information about the program. Jerry also has a copy of the VA's 2023 budget; PACT act warnings about companies soliciting help to represent the veteran and for fees being asked to file VA claims. To report this call 1-800-827-1000. To get VA forms go to www.va.gov//find-forms; and an article about co-pays in 2023. If you need a copy, see Jerry.

The Chapter now has a booklet that can be given to widows to aid them in finding out about their benefits. The Chapter is asking for copies of pictures from Vietnam to be used in our booth display. If you have any pictures, please get them to Jerry.

The monthly raffle was held at the end of the business meeting.

Roger Alger ended the meeting with prayer. Meeting adjourned at 11:15. The next meeting will be held March 18th with breakfast at 9 am, and the meeting starting at 10 am at the Wood Grill.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Snook, Secretary



Happy Birthday
To Everyone with an
March Birthday!



Happy Anniversary
To Those
Celebrating in
March!



Some photos taken at the 7th Annual Vietnam War Commemoration Luncheon on February 17th at JMU.



"Staff officer selection has never been better!"
 (L-R) Cadet Lt. (soon to be 2nd Lt Bennet)
 Doc Talbot and Cadet PFC Angelina Mae Robostello

The Best Friend

by Ray W. Hatfield

The scene was one I have seen before
 two companions toward the shore
 walking or sitting along the way
 to enjoy the sunset at the end of the day.

One friend moves with a measured gait
 and the other one follows as if by fate.

The pair are old and up in age
 at the end of a chapter or maybe a page.

The man looks down at his best friend
 and knows that their lives are nearing the end.

The old dog pulls closer to his master
 and is happy to be walking, but not any faster.

This is by a veteran Vietnam helicopter pilot whose dog,
 like so many of us has hip problems and age problems.

The Chapter is having a Women's Tee Shirt Sale!

Buy 1 for \$20 and get a second
 one half off.

11 Colors and 5 sizes

All the shirts have
 "Proud
 Vietnam Veteran's
 Wife"
 on them.



Contact Tom Pruitt for shirts



"Chaplain's Corner" by Roger Alger

[Psalms 5:11](#)

[But let all those that put their trust in thee, rejoice, let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.](#)

Who can we depend on for safety and protection? You may have some in your life who you trust, but we live in a fallen world. Even those we trust may let us down. But those who place their trust in the Lord will always be protected. Those who do not place trust in themselves or in others, but instead trust God, will find refuge. Why? Because God's love is for eternity. No matter what you face here on earth, you can rest knowing you will spend eternity with your savior.

Prayer - Father God, help me to place my trust in you alone. You alone are worthy. Help me not to become too self-dependent or self-righteous. Help me to avoid putting trust in people who will hurt me. When I am tempted to rely less on your strength, remind me that you are my refuge and my strength. Thank you, O Lord, for defending me and protecting me. You fill my heart with joy. May I continue to rejoice in all you have done and will do. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

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☘ BE LESS ☘
and your
Blessings
.....be MORE.....
AND NOTHING BUT
HAPPINESS
come through your
☘ >>> door
☘ IRISH BLESSING

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**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**



Dates to Remember

Next VVA Meeting - March 18

Wood Grill 9:00 - Breakfast 10:00 - Meeting

May 13, 2023 - Chapter Picnic

West Rockingham Ruritan Park 1 - 4 PM



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

Mitch Albom