



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, Steve McMullen, Ern Grover, Robert Knight, Holly Watts, Danny Sanders, Carolyn Wilfong, and Bill Corbin. 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. Prayers, cards and calls are always welcome for all.

Minutes 12/17/2022 meeting

Attendance: 50 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 – four were absent.

Minutes presented by Tom Snook. Members approved.

Finance report presented by Sonny Clutteur. Approved by membership. Current balance is \$32,353.78.

Committee reports:

Membership: 155 members. Three applications pending.

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: Looking forward to a gun raffle in the spring and setting up at Walmart again. Will have a sign-up sheet to see who would work at a chicken BBQ at next meeting.

Public Relations: Kenny will have a JAG lawyer speak

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: JMU will hold a luncheon February 17, 2023 at the banquet hall from 10:45 until 2:30. There will be handicapped parking available.

The Chapter will host the June 2023 State Council meeting. 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.

The Board met on December 2nd. The National Conference will be held in Orlando August 8 – 12, 2023.

The Chapter has budgeted up to \$5,000.00 to cover expenses.

2023 fundraisers were also discussed. We hope to be able to return to the Walmart in the spring.

The Widows of Chapter 1061 were discussed. The Chapter has had 35 members die and we could have as many widows. The contact person for the Chapter will be the President. He will contact the widow and see if there is any assistance needed. The president will also provide the widow with a packet of information that will include a card from the VA representative and helpful information that is available to the widow. The Chapter will also send a sympathy card with the President's name and number.

The Budget committee will meet February 24 at 10:30 at Jerry's Church.

The next board meeting will be March 3 at 11 a.m. at Wood Grill.

The Board changed the number necessary to have a quorum from 2/3 of the membership to 25 members at a meeting.

If you have address, phone and/or email changes be sure to let Jerry know. These changes should also be made on the National level.

Jerry has some information from the VA about a law firm that they are using to handle the Camp LeJeune cases. See Jerry if you need the information.

The chapter will no longer pass the hat. The budget committee will set up a discretionary fund for this.

A motion was made and seconded to donate \$200.00 to the Church for the use of their basement for our Christmas party. The motion passed

The Chapter will donate 13 boxes and 5 bags of goods to Open Doors on Monday.

The monthly raffle was held.

Roger Alger ended the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

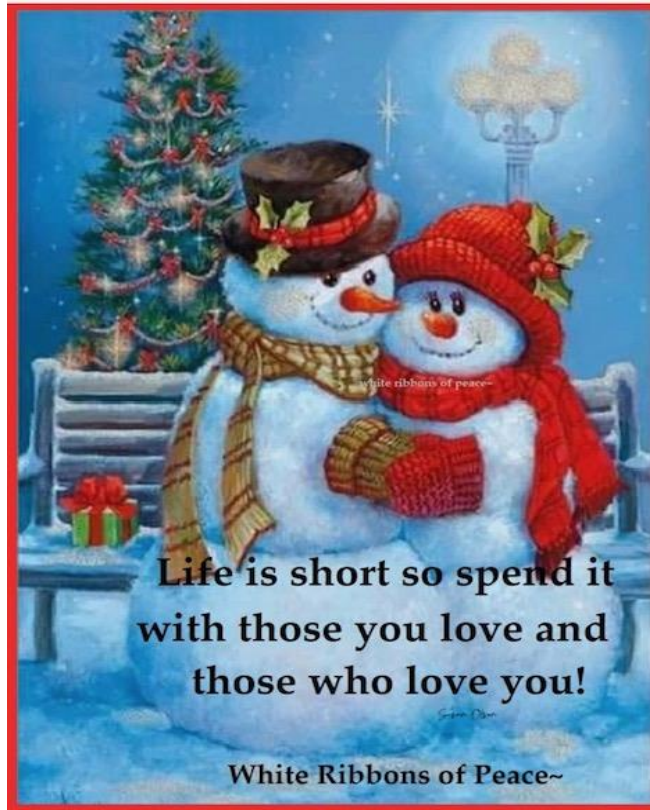
The next meeting will be held January 21st with breakfast at 9 am, and the meeting at 10 AM at the Wood Grill.

Respectfully submitted:

Tom Snook, Secretary



Happy Birthday
To Everyone with an
January Birthday!



Happy Anniversary
To Those
Celebrating in
January!

Dates to Remember
Next VVA Meeting - January 21, 2023 Wood Grill 9:00 - Breakfast 10:00 - Meeting
7th Annual Vietnam War Commemoration Luncheon February 17, 2023 - 10:30 - 2:00 - JMU Festival Center
Budget Committee Meeting - Friday, February 24, 10:30 Central Church of Christ, 822 Country Club Rd. Harrisonburg
Board Meeting - Friday, March 3, 11:00 AM - Wood Grill

The VVA Christmas Party was enjoyed by all. There were about 45 members and guests who attended. There was lots of good food, good fellowship and fun. Mary Daniels, lead us in singing some Christmas carols. (We found out we don't do a song in rounds very well.) We also collected a lot of donations for Open Doors. Thanks to everyone.



The Chow Line



The Reindeer hat



We got to meet Destry's wife Jamie



Mary leading us in song.



This hit home for me

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working, do you just throw it away?

Of course not. You change the batteries.

When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside?

Of course not! You help them change their batteries.

Some need AA...attention and affection; some need AAA...attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C...compassion; some need D...direction. And if they still don't seem to shine...simply sit with them quietly and share your light.



**Wishing
Everyone
a Healthy and
Happy New Year!
Here's to 2023!**

“Chaplain’s Corner” by Roger Alger

Galatians 6:7

Be not deceived ; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

We deceive ourselves if we think we can sow to the flesh without reaping corruption, sow the wind without reaping the whirlwind. Sin, as many have noted, always takes you further than you want to go, keeps you longer than you want to stay, and cost you more than you want to pay. But if we sow to the Spirit, we shall reap life.

Prayer:

Lord, let us learn how to sow the good Word of God in our own lives and in the lives of others. May we cease to sow the seeds of sin. May we awaken to the fact that you are not mocked, but we shall reap what we sow in life. 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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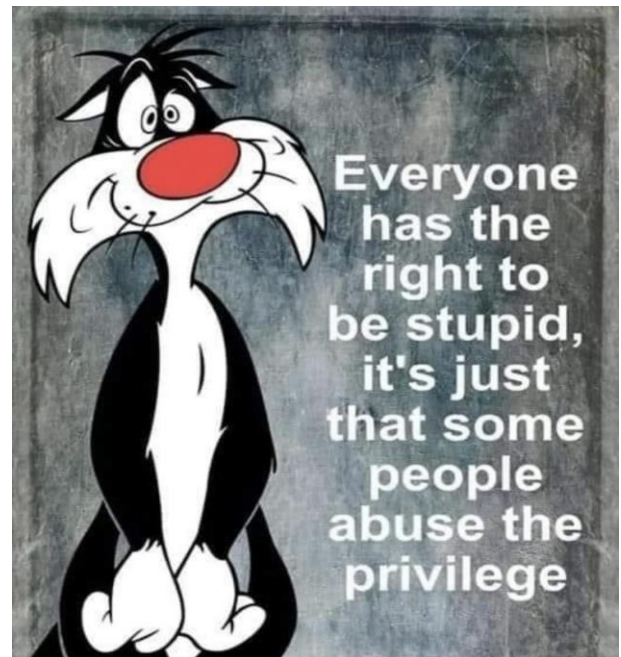
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"Sharing tales of those we've lost is how we keep from really losing them."

Mitch Alborn