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Within the chapter, we have some that need our prayers: They are as follows: Bill Henry, Roger Nelson, Roger & Sharon Shifflett, Sharon & Norm Fifer, Mary Daniels, Ern Grover, Joe & Michael Acker, Rusty Davis, Holley Watts, Danny Sanders, Welford Davis, and Carolyn and Bernie Wilfong. Ember O'Hara is having surgery this morning for a broken leg. Cards and calls are always welcome for all of ours.

34 members attended

Meeting called to order and led by 2nd VP Daneen Coakley.

The minutes and the financial report were presented and approved by the membership.

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

All fund raising events have been cancelled at this time due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are hoping for 5 or 6 fundraisers yet this year.

Public Relations: All speakers are cancelled for the present.

Honor Guard—Anyone interested in serving as a part of this group—see Tom Snook.

The website password is still VVA1061. Check the website often as it updates daily.

Be sure to get your email address to Jerry O'Hara or Tom Snook so you can receive the newsletter and important information electronically. We are currently emailing it to 101 members. Be sure your address is printed legibly. Also be sure Jerry has your birthday and anniversary dates.

Call List—Bruce Orebaugh and Fred Rhodes will call those members who do not have an email address. If you have not already given your email address to Jerry, please do so. Check with Bruce or Fred to verify your phone number if you do not have an email address.

OLD BUSINESS

A copy of your DD 214 is needed by the Secretary in case of an IRS audit. National DOES NOT keep DD 214s on file.

The annual trip to Pigeon Forge has been rescheduled for late April or early May. Lodging will be at the Maple Motor Inn.

Vietnam Line Haul Reunion will be April 27 through May 2. The Shadow box will be available for auction.

POLITICS

National VVA has sent out a proposed agenda for a virtual National meeting. This is a violation of our National Bylaws and our Chapter plans on contesting a virtual meeting. The next National Convention will be in North Carolina next year and a vote on changing our name will come up again. Be sure to read the articles appearing in the Vietnam Veteran on Resolution GA 21.

NEW BUSINESS

Tom Counts challenged members to donate \$20.00 a month to the Chapter to help meet the 2021 obligations

(scholarships and costs for the National Convention) since the Chapter is unable to hold fund raisers at this time. Tom is also working on a letter that can be used to get sponsorships from businesses. He is waiting for some information from the IRS on the legality of this action. Stay tuned for news of Honor Flights.

Scholarship needs must be in by May 15th, 2021.

Applications are on our website. Destry Thomas will check on Scholarship sponsors due to lack of fundraising events.

CHAPTER BULLETIN BOARD

It has been brought to Chapter attention that our waitress, Sharon Morris, is currently having a difficult time. Her son, Nathan, along with his four daughters, have moved in with Sharon and her husband. They all have suffered COVID-19, and Nathan is still having lung complications from the virus. The Chapter passed the hat and raised \$351.00 to help Sharon and her family. Sharon was one of our waitresses from the Golden Corral.

The Chapter voted to send flowers to Ember O'Hara. Tom Counts will arrange for the purchase. COVID-19 antibody testing is available at Kroger's for \$25. The next meeting will be at the Wood Grill on March 20, 2021 with breakfast at 9 AM and meeting at 10 a.m. Remember to tip our servers.

February Birthdays: Junior Showalter, Larry Turner, Julia Orebaugh, Bonnie Snook, Danny Judy and Barbara Smith
February Anniversaries: Bruce & Julia Orebaugh

**DUE TO MY
ISOLATION. I
FINISHED 3 BOOKS
YESTERDAY.
AND BELIEVE ME.
THAT'S A LOT OF
COLOURING.**



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Gaslighting

Have you ever asked yourself: "Am I crazy?" If you have ever asked yourself that, you're not crazy. You're most likely being gaslighted.

Gaslighting is a form of psychological abuse aimed at controlling a person by altering reality to the point where the person will doubt their sanity.

The term "gaslighting" comes from a 1930's play called Gas Light. The main character in the play tries to drive his wife crazy by gradually dimming the gas-powered lights in their home. When she notices the lights dimming, her husband not only denies that the lights are dimming, he convinces her that she is imagining it to the point where she questions her sanity.

We are living in a perpetual state of gaslighting.

The reality that we are being told by the media is at complete odds with what we are seeing with our own two eyes. And when we question the false reality that we are being presented, or we claim that what we see is that actual reality, we are vilified as racist or bigots or just plain crazy. You're not racist. You're not crazy.

You're being gaslighted.

New York State has twice as many deaths from Covid-19 than any other state, and New York has accounted for one-fifth of all Covid-19 deaths, but we are told that New York Governor Andrew Cuomo has handled the pandemic better than any other governor. But if we support policies of Governors whose states had only a fraction of the infections and deaths as New York, we're called anti-science and want people to die. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy ?

No, you're being gaslighted.

We see mobs of people looting stores, smashing windows, setting cars on fire, and burning down buildings, but we are told that these demonstrations are peaceful protests. And when we call this destruction of our cities, riots, we are called racists. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy?

No, you're being gaslighted.

We see the major problem destroying many inner-cities is crime; murder, gang violence, drug dealing, drive-by shootings, armed robbery, but we are told that it is not crime, but the police that are the problem in the inner-cities. We are told we must defund the police and remove law enforcement from crime-riddled cities to make them safer. But if we advocate for more policing in cities overrun by crime, we are accused of being white supremacists and racists. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy?

No, you're being gaslighted.

The United States of America accepts more immigrants than any other country in the world. The vast majority of the immigrants are "people of color", and these immigrants are enjoying the freedom and economic opportunity not available to them in their country of origin, but we are told that the United States is the most racist and oppressive country on the planet, and if we disagree, we are called racist and xenophobic. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy?

No, you're being gaslighted.

Capitalist countries are the most prosperous countries in the world. The standard of living is the highest in capitalist countries. We see more poor people move up the economic ladder to the middle and even the wealthy class through their effort and ability in capitalist countries than any other economic system in the world, but we are told capitalism is an oppressive system designed to keep people down. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy?

No, you're being gaslighted.

Communist countries killed over 100 million people in the 20th century. Communist countries strip their citizens of basic human rights, dictate every aspect of their lives, treat their citizens like slaves, and drive their economies into the ground, but we are told that Communism is the fairest, most equitable, freest and most prosperous economic system in the world. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy?

No, you're being gaslighted.

The most egregious example of gaslighting is the concept of "white fragility". You spend your life trying to be a good person, trying to treat people fairly and with respect. You disavow racism and bigotry in all its forms. You judge people solely on the content of their character and not by the color of their skin. You don't discriminate based on race or ethnicity. But you are told you are a racist, not because of something you did or said, but solely because of the color of your skin. You know instinctively that charging someone with racism because of their skin color is itself racist. You know that you are not racist, so you defend yourself and your character, but you are told that your defense of yourself is proof of your racism. So, we ask ourselves, am I crazy?

No, you're being gaslighted.

Gaslighting has become one of the most pervasive and destructive tactics in American politics. It is the exact opposite of what our political system was meant to be.

It deals in lies and psychological coercion, and not the truth and intellectual discourse. If you ever ask yourself if you're crazy, you are not. Crazy people aren't sane enough to ask themselves if they're crazy.

So, trust yourself; believe what's in your heart. Trust your eyes over what you are told. NEVER listen to the people who tell you that you are crazy, because you are not. You are being gaslighted.

THE VETERAN'S VOICE

It appears everything in Washington is crooked and on the take. Not just Congress but the FBI, the CIA, the Justice Department, the Pentagon, the Generals, literally everyone in Washington including those in this past administration. Add to all this Silicon Valley and the social media, cable news, a biased media, and foreign intervention. These groups amalgamated to become the Deep State.

President Trump didn't have a chance. He walked into this mess four years ago and tried to clean the swamp. But the swamp monster ate him alive piece by piece starting on Day 1. Unfortunately, his actions over the past few weeks in disputing the election caused the events at the capital. All the good he did over the past four years wiped away by the assault on the capital. Now they are impeaching even though he has left office and are trying to bar him from ever holding a federal elected position again. He's a marked man for the rest of his life. So where does he go now? Where can he live? What is the impact on his family?

As one top general said yesterday, he's a man without a country.

The changes that are coming won't have time to affect senior citizens but will impact their children and grandchildren. The coronavirus impact on our country is mild compared to what lies ahead.

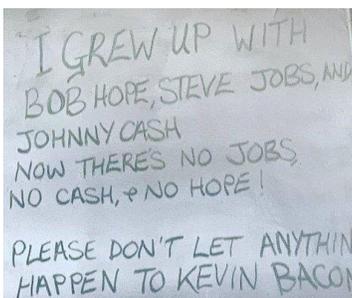
Now you understand why there was never any action against the Clintons or Obama. How they destroyed emails and evidence and phones and servers, how they spied and wiretapped, how they lied to the FISA Court, had conversations on the tarmac, sent emails to cover their asses after key meetings, how Comey and Brennan and Clapper never were brought to any justice, how the FBI and CIA lied, how the Steele Dossier was passed along, how phones got factory reset, how leak after leak to an accomplice media went unchecked, why George Soros is always in the shadows, why they screamed Russia and pushed a sham impeachment, why no one ever goes to jail, why no one is ever charged, why nothing ever happens. Why there was no wrongdoing in the FISA warrants, why the Durham report was delayed. Why Hunter will walk Scott free. Why the FBI sat on the laptop. Why Biden's connection to China was overlooked and then they unleashed the perfect weapon, a virus that could be weaponized politically to bring down the greatest ever economy and usher in unverifiable mail in voting. Why the media is 24/7 propaganda and lies, why up is down and down is up, right is wrong and wrong is right. Why social media silences the First Amendment and speaks over the President of the United States.

This has been the plan by the Deep State all along. They didn't expect Trump to win in 2016. He messed up their plans. Delayed it a little. They weren't about to let it happen again. COVID-19 was weaponized, Governors helped shut down their states, the media helped shame and kill the economy, and the super lucky unverifiable mail in ballots were just the trick to make sure the career politician with hands in Chinese payrolls that couldn't finish a sentence or collect a crowd, miraculously became the most popular vote recipient of all time.

You have just witnessed a coup, the overthrow of the US free election system, the end of our constitutional republic, and the decline of capitalism into the slide toward socialism. What will happen next?

Expect the borders to open up. Increased immigration. Expect agencies like CBP and INS and Homeland Security to be muzzled or even deleted. Law enforcement will see continued defunding. The electoral college will be gone. History erased. Two Supreme Court Justices might be removed. The Supreme Court will be packed. Your 2nd Amendment will be attacked. If you have a manufacturing job or oil industry job, get ready. If you run a business, brace for impact. Maybe you'll be on the hook for slavery reparations, or have your suburbs turned into Section 8 housing. Your taxes are going to go up, and businesses will pay more. I could go on and on. There is no real recovery from this. The elections from here on will be decided by New York, Illinois, and California.

The Republic will be dead. Mob rule and appeasement will run rampant. The candidate who offers the most from the Treasury will get the most votes. But the votes voted won't matter, just the ones received and counted. That precedent has been set. Benjamin Franklin was walking out of Independence Hall after the Constitutional Convention in 1787, when someone shouted out, 'Doctor, what have we got? A republic or a monarchy?' Franklin responded, 'A republic, if you can keep it.'



Ladies and gentlemen, you will now lose your Republic. You turned from turned from embraced de- culture. You celebrated to fools. shipped your- ly as you took what men died You disregarded God. You family. You country. You generacy cul- brated and You wor- selves selfish- for granted to give you. history and all

My cousin posted "I'm expecting twins!"
Down The Pub
I replied "Finally two kids from the same man."
Then she blocked me.

Struggling to get your wife's attention?
Just sit down and look comfortable.