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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 Anneke Grover, Holley Watts, Norm and Sharon Fifer, and John Burner (open heart surgery) and Louis Royston lost his son. Layton Payne passed away on September 20, 2022. Prayers, cards and calls are always welcome for all.

Minutes 09/17/2022 meeting

Attendance: 59 members and guests attended Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by President Jerry O'Hara.

Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer by Roger Alger Roll call of Officers - Two absent.

Minutes presented by Tom Snook. Members approved. Finance report presented by Sonny Clutteur. Approved by membership. Current balance is \$27,714.44

Committee Reports:

Membership: 153 members. One application pending.

Fund Raising: Destry Thomas reported that 231 tickets for the gun raffle were sold at the Broadway fall festival. All 500 tickets have been given out. We are planning on another gun raffle early next year.

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

Scholarship: Thank you from Rachel David read.

Honor Guard: If anyone is interested in serving as part of the honor guard, please see Fred Rhodes. The Chapter voted to purchase 2 flag cases to be given to families of deceased members if they do not have a case.

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

Helping Hands: one request. Looking for volunteers to paint a deck.

Old Business: Honor Flight is scheduled for September 24 leaving from Harrisonburg. We have 6 members going. A fall trip to Pigeon Forge is planned for Nov. 14 - 18.

Room rate is \$55.00 per night. Call Maples Motor Inn at 862-453-8883 or 1-888-453-8883 for reservations.

The next State meeting is October 21-22, with a get together Friday night at the American Legion Post 199 in Woodstock. The meeting starts Sat. at 9 AM. Region 3 meeting will be held March 2023 in Pigeon Forge. More information later.

The Fall Festival was a great success. The Chapter made around \$1300.00.

New Business: The Pact Act has passed and been signed into law. This bill supports veterans' health care, Agent Orange and toxic chemical exposure.

This act adds about 20 new conditions that were caused by toxic chemicals. The VA is now taking claims. Some helpful web sites : www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-VA-benefits ; www.va.gov/health-care; and www.va.gov/disability.

If Camp Lejeune affects you, be sure to make your claim with the VA and not with the lawyers advertising on TV.

The Chapter will have a picnic October 1 at the West Rockingham Ruritans Park from 1 - 5 PM.

A sign-up sheet has been passed around. Hamburgers, hot dogs, covered dishes and desserts will be the menu.

The Board meeting held at the beginning of the month has set aside \$5000.00 to cover the expenses for the National Convention in Orlando Florida August 2023.

A committee has also been appointed to look at a better way to offer assistance to the Veteran's widow. The committee is Daneen Coakley, Roger Alger and Sonny Clutteur.

Sonny announced that the JMU Valor Group for the ROTC is providing a grant to aid Veterans. They have given \$25.00 food tickets to the Harrisonburg CBOC, the local VFWs, and the American Legion. They are also planning to hold the Veteran's luncheon in February.

Sam Balsler asked if anyone would be interested in a Fall train ride at the Cass Scenic Railroad.

We will try to plan a trip in the fall of 2023.

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

The winners of the monthly raffle were drawn.

Roger Alger ended the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Snook, Secretary

Dates to Remember

Next VVA Meeting - October 15, 2022 - Wood Grill
9:00 - Breakfast 10:00 - Meeting

Chapter Picnic - October 22, 2022, 1:00 - 5:00 PM

7th Annual Vietnam War Commemoration Luncheon

February 17, 2023 - 10:30 - 2:00 - JMU Festival Center



Happy Birthday To Everyone with an October Birthday!



Happy Anniversary To Those Celebrating in October!



Chapter members working at Broadway's Fall Festival

 **VVA Chapter 1061 Fall Picnic**
West Rockingham Ruritan Park
Saturday, Oct. 22nd 1:00 - 5:00 PM
Food, Fun and Fellowship

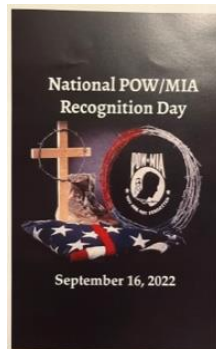
The Chapter will provide the plates, cups, silverware, napkins & ice. The sign-up sheet will be at the October meeting so members can see what they signed up to bring. Menu will be burgers or hot dogs, and all the fixings, plus sides and dessert. Please bring a covered dish to share, and drinks.

Hope to see everyone there!

Raffles & 50/50

POW/MIA Ceremony - 9/16/22

Speakers were Marsha Garst and Richard H. Van Norton, Jr, USMC (ret). Very moving speeches about loyalty and never forgetting those who didn't make it home. A remembrance wreath was placed in front of the memorial. Several chapter members and their wives attended the POW/MIA ceremony followed by a dinner hosted by AM Vets Post 7.



"Chaplain's Corner" by Roger Alger

Psalms 1:4 The ungodly are not so: But are like the chaff which the wind driven away.

The path of the wicked will lead to destruction. Those who do not seek refuge in God will end up falling victim to the attack of the enemy. Pray for the people in your life who have yet to receive Christ in their lives, so that they can experience the fullness of God's grace.

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, I pray for every person in my life and within this world, who has not received you into their lives. Father, I do not want anyone to fall victim to the ways of evil. Help me be among those who spread the gospel and help people come into your glorious light. In Jesus name I pray. Amen.

Shared by Asa Talbot

Air Show Disaster at West Zwick's Island Park, Belleville, Ontario, Canada.

AIRCRAFT HITS FOUR BUILDINGS

This is tough to see. It just shows the dangers of attending these events.

Amazing photo below shows the accident in great detail. The pilot at low level had no control over his aircraft. It narrowly misses a crowd gathered for the air show and slams into four buildings.

One can only imagine the horror of the occupants inside those buildings.



No one was killed, but it probably scared the crap out of them.



HONOR FLIGHT TOP OF VIRGINIA

Members of Chapter 1061 enjoyed visited the memorials in Washington D.C. on September 24th. Their bus had a motorcycle escort to Rockingham County Fairgrounds where the veterans, enjoyed dinner.



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Jerry O'Hara, Tom Snook, Sonny Clutteur, and
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**A Veteran's Wife
By Heather M. Tabers**

A uniform I do not wear
A gun I do not carry
But I serve my country proudly
Through the man I chose to marry
I may not wear a dog tag
But I have a mission just the same
My husband defended freedom
And I'll defend his name
A purple heart I'll never wear
No ribbons adorn my chest
But this ring on my finger
Shows that I'm truly blessed
My husband is a warrior
Both in battle and at home
He loves and guards us fiercely
No greater love I've ever known
When the shadows of his darkest days
Come back to haunt his mind
His wife will faithfully stand beside
And love he'll always find
A Veteran's wife I'm proud to be
No greater honor could I know
Than to proudly love and honor
My husband, my hero



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

Mitch Albom