



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 Anneke Grover, Holley Watts, Kathy Clancey, John Burner (open heart surgery), Dianna Payne, and Steve McMullen. Prayers, cards and calls are always welcome for all.

Minutes 10/15/2022 meeting

Attendance: 64 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- 1 officer absent.

Minutes presented by Tom Snook. Members approved.

Finance report presented by Sunny Clutteur. Approved by membership. Current balance is \$29,389.44.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Jerry O'Hara – 154 members. Ken Keller was welcomed.

Fund-Raising: Destry Thomas - Gun Raffle drawing today. Profit from raffle \$2954.00. Planning another gun raffle in March. Planning a Texas Hold'em Tournament in the spring. Destry thanked everyone who sold tickets for the gun raffle.

Health: Asa Talbot- Avoid television lawyers for PACT claims. Be sure to see your VA Service Rep. Shannon Mowery or Brian Moyers. 540-332-8900. Be sure to state that this is a refiling and explore your benefits.

Public Relations: Kenny Emerson - Looking to get Healing Waters for next year.

Newsletter: Paul Clancey - Send articles to Paul.

Scholarship: Danny Sanders/Daneen Coakley - A thank you from Payton Morris was read. Next deadline is May 15, 2023 - application is on the website.

Honor Guard: Fred Rhodes - Thanks for those who helped with Layton Payne's memorial. Everyone did a great job.

Web-site: The password is still VVA1061. Be sure to check the website often as it is updated regularly.

Helping Hands: Bill Strang - Painted Sam and Linda Balser's deck. Sam thanked everyone who helped.

Old Business: The fall Pigeon Forge trip is Nov. 14-18.

Room rate is \$55.00 per night. Maples Motor Inn Call 865-453-8883 or 1-888-453-8883 for reservations.

State Council meeting is October 21-23 in Woodstock.

Region 3 meeting is scheduled for March in Pigeon Forge.

More information later.

11 Chapter members went on the Honor Flight. Everyone had a great time.

New Business: The October 22 picnic is postponed until the spring.

Sam Balser thanked everyone who donated medical equipment to the Chapter. We now have a good supply of equipment.

The Veterans Parade in Harrisonburg will be November 6 at 2:00 pm. We will meet at 1:00 to line up at the County Office Bldg. Candy cannot be thrown at the parade.

The AmVets will have a free meal for Veterans.

Turner Ashby is planning a program to honor Veterans on November 11.

JMU will present their Veterans luncheon on Feb. 17th from 10:45 until 2:30 at Festival Center.

The Pact Act became effective October 1. Be sure to check on your benefits.

The Senate has presented S.344 – The Major Richard Star Act to help veterans who were medically retired at less than 20 years.

The Committee will report to the Board about Veteran widows at the next board meeting.

The gun raffle winners were Keith Runion, Cindy Ritchie, Tyler Smith, Jerry Smith, Roger Winegard, Jerry Ryan and Bruce Lee.

\$60.00 was collected to help pay for blankets to be given to those in need in Shenandoah.

Diana Payne thanked the color guard and all those who attended Layton's memorial service.

Tom Pruitt has vest and t-shirts available after the meeting. The next board meeting is December 2 at 11 am at the Wood Grill.

Roger Alger offered the benediction.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 am.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Snook, Secretary

Dates to Remember

Next VVA Meeting - November 19, 2022 - Wood Grill

9:00 - Breakfast 10:00 - Meeting

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

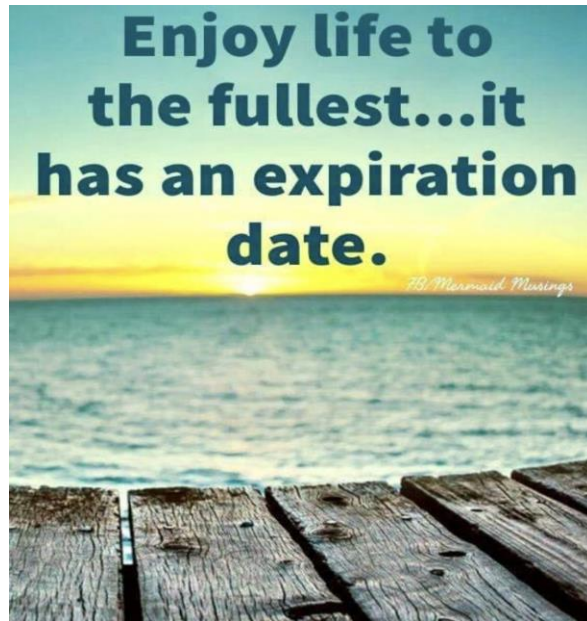
Veteran's Day Parade - Sun. Nov 6 - Line-up at 1:00 PM

7th Annual Vietnam War Commemoration Luncheon

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



Happy Birthday
To Everyone with an
November Birthday!



Happy Anniversary
To Those
Celebrating in
November!



Area Events honoring our Veterans

The Molson Coors Veterans Group proudly invites Veterans and a guest to attend the annual Veteran's Day Celebration Wednesday, November 9th at 7:15AM.

The event will be held onsite at the Molson Coors Shenandoah Brewery at 5135 South East Side Hwy. Elkton, VA

Breakfast will follow the ceremony in the Business Center.

We hope you will join us and be our guest for this celebration!

Elkton Pentecostal Church will host their Annual Veteran's Appreciation Dinner on Thursday, **November 10, 4:00 - 6:00 PM** 16704 E. Summit Ave. Elkton Veterans, their spouses and widows are welcome.

AM Vets Post 7 will host a Veteran's Luncheon on Friday, **November 11, Noon - 3:00 PM** 1340 N. Liberty St. Harrisonburg Veterans and their families are welcome.

Veterans Day Parade - Sunday, Nov. 6 - Line up at 1:00 PM at The County Office Building

"Chaplain's Corner" by Roger Alger

Revelation 20:12

I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God's throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to what they had done, as recorded in the books.

Commentary: At the judgement, all the books will be opened. They will contain the recorded deeds of everyone, good or evil. God's gracious gift of salvation does not free us from the requirement of faithful obedience and service. Each of us must serve Christ in the best way we know and live each day knowing the books will one day be opened and all will be judged.

Prayer: Father God. May we forever seek the path you have set for us. Let us walk humbly with you seeking your mercy upon us. Let us be faithful servants so that we may stand before you and hear your words, WELL DONE GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT. Amen

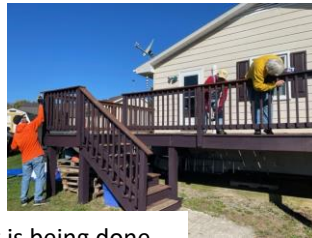
Helping Hands from 1061 paint Sam & Linda Balsers Deck



Before



While the work is being done



All finished - Looks great!

Thanks to those who worked on the project - Jerry O'Hara, Sylvester "Smitty" Smith, Scott Lane, Tom & Mary Pruitt, Bill Strang and Tom & Linda Balsers. The Balsers furnished all the supplies, and the volunteers supplied the labor.

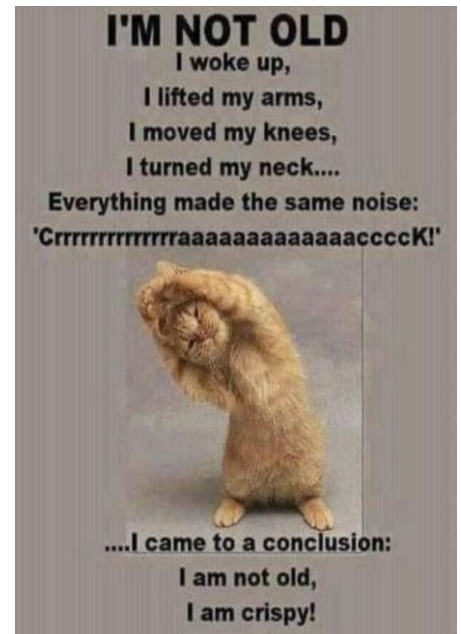
Get a Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) Online

The VA wants all veterans who are enrolled in VA health care to have the new VHIC

Please sign in to apply for a new Veteran ID Card. Go to:

<http://www.va.gov/records/get-veteran-id-cards/vic/>

Sign in with your existing Login.gov, ID.me, DS Logon, or My HealtheVet account.



Creating a Day Worth Living

1. Get up early
2. Express gratitude for what you have.
3. Do something productive.
4. Do something fun.
5. Do something for someone else.
6. Get some sunlight.
7. Exercise – it doesn't matter what - just do some exercise.
8. Put a smile on someone's face.
9. Express gratitude or compliment someone.
10. Learn or do something new.



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)

RSVP to Greg Lawson at 540-568-6573 or lawsongc@jmu.edu by January 5th

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HONORING ALL WHO SERVED
VETERANS DAY
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA



Veterans Day is observed across America each year with resounding reverence. Those who have served in the Armed Forces have earned our nation's full respect and admiration. Although we honor them with this set-apart day, how much do we truly know about how this day came to be.

- Veterans Day is spelled without an apostrophe.
- Originally, Veterans Day was known as "**Armistice Day**", which began to be celebrated on the one-year anniversary of when the agreement to cease fire was made to end World War I.
- **November 11th is the date of Veterans Day each year.** What's the significance of that exact date? The armistice between the allied forces and Germany was put into effect on **the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918.**
- In 1954, Armistice Day was changed by Congress to be known as Veterans Day, since the United States had fought in two other wars, and this would allow veterans of *all* wars to be honored.

Happy
Thanksgiving

Enjoy your family and friends and count your blessings.



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

Mitch Albom