



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. Bill Henry, Ern Grover, Doug VanLear, Robert Knight, Steve McMullen, Danny Sanders, Louis Royston, Sharon Fifer, Jane Turner, Linda Balser's mother, Joyce and Roger Alger, Beverly Salyers and Bill Corbin. Gary Shifflet, a veteran and a friend of Bill Strang, lost his wife. Roger Shifflett also lost his wife. Prayers, cards and visits are always appreciated.

Minutes 1/21/2023 meeting

Attendance: 57 members and guests attended.

Meeting called to order at 10:00 am by President Jerry O'Hara.

Opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance by Jerry O'Hara
Roll call of Officers – three were absent.

Minutes presented by Tom Snook. Members approved.

Finance report presented by Sonny Clutteur. Approved by membership. Current balance is \$33,025.89.

Guest Speaker: Walter Sharp, retired Marine JAG. Talked about older people and the scams that are directed toward them.

Committee reports:

Membership: One application pending.

Fund Raising: We will have tickets for a gun raffle in March with the drawing in May. We can now have a fund raiser at Walmart and Jerry will have some dates later. The Chapter will help the Rockingham Ruritans with a BBQ chicken fund raiser on March 11. The Chapter could possibly earn \$950.00 to \$1000.00.

Public Relations: Kenny Trying to get a speaker from Living Waters.

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.

Honor Guard: Job well done. Be prepared.

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. Tentative date for the meeting is June 23-25.

A thank you was read from the Phillip's family and Hans Watts thanked everyone for the love and caring for his Mom, Holley. A memorial is planned for May.

The budget committee will meet February 24th at the Church of Christ at 10:30.

The spring trip to Pigeon Forge will be April 24-28. See Jerry if you need more information.

The next board meeting is March 3, 2023, at 11:00 am at the Wood Grill.

New Business: The next state meeting is March 24-26 in Virginia Beach. More information will be coming soon. Jerry now has available a packet of Federal Benefits for Veterans Dependents & Survivors.

The Chapter will help with the West Rockingham Ruritans chicken BBQ. Jerry has a sign-up sheet for volunteers. Brookdale will be having a Veterans Breakfast on the second Thursday of the month. The next breakfast is February 9th at 8am.

February 11th there will be a Valentine Supper at Furnace United Methodist Church in Elkton. Cost is \$14.00 for adults.

The monthly raffle was held.

Jerry O'Hara ended the meeting with prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20.

The next meeting will be held February 18th with breakfast at 9 am, and the meeting starting at 10 am at the Wood Grill.

Respectfully submitted: Tom Snook, Secretary



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



Happy Birthday
To Everyone with an
February Birthday!

**The older you get the more
you realize how precious life
is. You have no desire for
drama, conflict, or stress.
You just want good friends,
a cozy home, food on the
table, and people who make
you happy.**



Happy Anniversary
To Those
Celebrating in
February!

Dates to Remember

Next VVA Meeting - February 18, 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



I recently spent \$6,500 on this registered Black Angus bull. I put him out with the herd, but he just ate grass and wouldn't even look at a cow. I was beginning to think I had paid more for that bull than he was worth. Anyway....I had the Vet come and take a look at him. He said, the bull was very healthy, but possibly just a little young, so he gave me some pills to feed him one per day. The bull started to service the cows within two days....all my cows! He even broke through the fence and bred with all my neighbor's cows! He's like a machine! I don't know what was in the pills the Vet gave him, but they kind of taste like peppermint.

**At one time in my life, I could
simultaneously fit my Summer
and Winter wardrobes in this
bag... 🤔🤔**

VVA Chapter 1061
Spring Picnic
May 13, 2023
West Rockingham Ruritan Park
Make Plans to Attend
Details next month



Story from Doc Talbot

One day a man saw an old lady stranded on the side of the road. Even in the dim light, he could see she needed help; so he pulled up in front of her Mercedes and got out. His Pontiac was still sputtering when he approached her. Even with the smile on his face, she looked worried.

No one had stopped to help for the last hour or so. Was he going to hurt her? He didn't look safe; he looked poor and hungry. He could see that she was frightened, standing out there in the cold. He knew how she felt. It was that chill which only fear can put in you. He said, 'I'm here to help you, ma'am. Why don't you wait in the car where it's warm?

By the way, my name is Bryan Anderson. Well, all she had was a flat tire but, for an old lady, that was bad enough.

Bryan crawled under the car looking for a place to put the jack, skinning his knuckles a time or two. Soon he was able to change the tire. But he had to get dirty, and his hands hurt. As he was tightening up the lug nuts, she rolled down the window and began to talk to him. She told him that she was from St. Louis and was only just passing through. She couldn't thank him enough for coming to her aid.

Bryan just smiled as he closed her trunk. The lady asked how much she owed him. Any amount would have been all right with her. She already imagined all the awful things that could have happened had he not stopped. Bryan never thought twice about being paid. This was not a job to him. This was helping someone in need and, God knows, there were plenty, who had given him a hand in the past. He had lived his whole life that way, and it never occurred to him to act any other way. He told her that if she really wanted to pay him back, the next time she saw someone who needed help, she could give that person the assistance they needed and, Bryan added, 'And think of me.' He waited until she started her car and drove off. It had been a cold and depressing day, but he felt good as he headed for home, disappearing into the twilight.

A few miles down the road, the lady saw a small cafe. She went in to get a bite to eat and take the chill off before she made the last leg of her trip home. It was a dingy looking restaurant. Outside were two old gas pumps. The whole scene was unfamiliar to her. The waitress came over and brought a clean towel to wipe her wet hair. She had a sweet smile, one that, even being on her feet for the whole day, couldn't erase. The lady noticed the waitress was nearly eight months pregnant, but she never let the strain and aches change her attitude. The old lady wondered how someone who had so little could be so giving to a stranger. Then she remembered Bryan. After the lady finished her meal, she paid with a hundred-dollar bill. The waitress quickly went to get change for her hundred-dollar bill, but the old lady had slipped right out the door. She was gone by the time the waitress came back.

The waitress wondered where the lady could be. Then she noticed something was written on the napkin. There were tears in her eyes when she read what the lady wrote: 'You don't owe me anything. I have been there too. Somebody once helped me out, the way I'm helping you. If you really want to pay me back, here is what you do: Do not let this chain of love end with you.'

Under the napkin were four more \$100 bills. Well, there were tables to clear, sugar bowls to fill, and people to serve, but the waitress made it through another day. That night when she got home from work and climbed into bed, she was thinking about the money and what the lady had written. How could the lady have known how much she and her husband needed it? With the baby due next month, it was going to be hard.... She knew how worried her husband was, and as he lay sleeping next to her, she gave him a soft kiss and whispered soft and low, 'Everything's going to be all right. I love you, Bryan Anderson.'

There is an old saying... 'What goes around comes around.'

"Chaplain's Corner" by Roger Alger

[James 2:17 "So you see, faith by itself isn't enough. Unless it produces good deeds, it is dead and useless."](#)

We cannot earn our salvation by serving and obeying God. But such actions show that our commitment to God is real. Deeds of loving service are not a substitute for, but rather a verification of, our faith in Christ.

Prayer - Loving God. You are our rock and our salvation. Even though we believe in the Holy Trinity, we must show our works for the advancement of your Holy kingdom. Let us be strong and steadfast in the mission in which you have called us. May everything we do and say bring glory to your Holy kingdom. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

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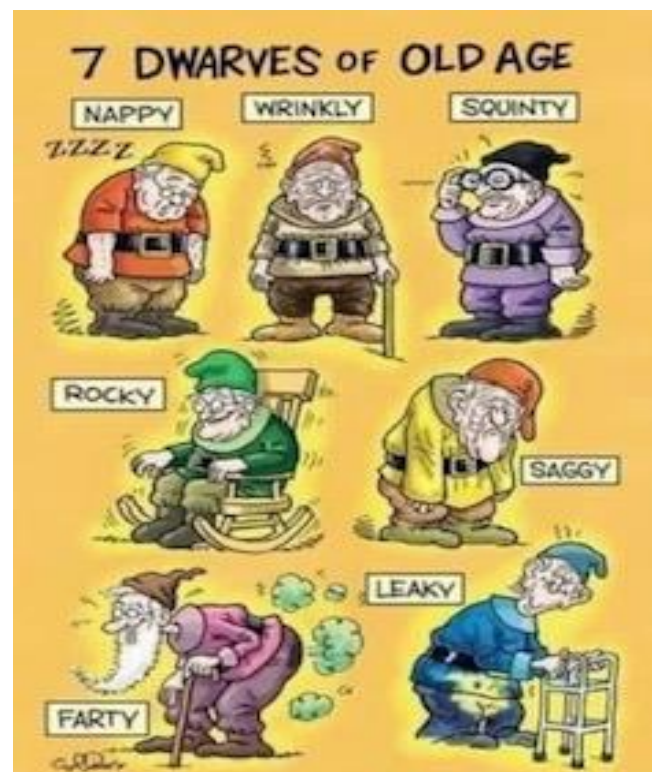
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*"Sharing tales of those we've lost is
how we keep from really losing them."*

Mitch Albom