

# Vietnam Veterans of America

## Chapter 957

VFW Post 4639 Hall

106 Jester Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188

April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 1900 HRS

Invocation and Closing Prayer by Chaplain: George Corbett

Pledge of Allegiance: VP Art Garrison

Roll Call of Officers:

Tom Monahan (P)

George Corbett, Chaplain (P)

Art Garrison, VP (P)

Tom Witkowski, Sgt at Arms (P)

Floyd Loveland: Treasurer (P)

Jim Icenhour BOD (E)

Dennis Lane, Membership Chair (E)

Bob Ocock, BOD (E)

**NOTE:** We had three new members attending for the first time: Juliette Chhamberlan USA Nurse Corp, Bud Bomgardner, USA and Tim English, USA. We also had one candidate for AVVA Membership: Paula English, **WELCOME ALL!!**

**Treasurers Report:** The beginning balance as of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 was \$6,525.04. One deposit was made: National Lifetime Members Reimbursement: \$513. No

checks were written and no outstanding checks making the end balance as of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 to be \$7,038.04.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1. March 29<sup>th</sup> Vietnam Veterans Day:** the event was a tremendous success with as many as two hundred people in attendance. Over 65 Veterans Certificates and 50 Yr Pins were awarded. Significantly, and for the first time, 9 Certificates and Lapel Pins were handed out to Spouses of Deceased Vietnam Veterans. These were handed out with the assistance of the Williamsburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. For the first time also, the Chapter was presented with a Flag and Certificate from the Commemoration Partnership Program by the DAR. These were displayed at the meeting. Note: At the request of TC Smith, Commander of the MOPH, Edie Meeks US Army Nursing Corp will be our speaker at next year's ceremony. Also, since March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, falls on Good Friday, the ceremony will be held at 1100 hrs to accommodate the 3PM Good Friday Tradition.
- 2. VSC Meeting:** Bob Ocock represented the Chapter at the VSC Meeting in Va Bch on 24/25 March. He picked up the Household Goods Program check in the amount of \$1,800+/- . Floyd will deposit it into the chapter's funds.
- 3. NEVER FORGET GARDEN:** After a discussion, it was decided that we would hold a Dedication on Saturday Night May 13<sup>th</sup> at Sunset, as requested by the Honor Society. It cannot be held on Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> as it is Mother's Day. Beside Members of Chapter 957, I believe the invited guests should be: a Scout Troop 103 representative along with Eagle Scout Ethan Sylsby and his family (a certificate of Appreciation should be prepared for the troop and Ethan); the ladies of the DAR; Richard Azzaro of the Honor Society (if available); a representative of JCC (should they also get

a certificate?) and maybe members of the CVOC and ????. Ideas gladly accepted. A plaque will be made up and mounted on the top at the front. This will be done again with the able assistance of Elvin Sylsby of Troop 103 and an engraver of the troop. Wording needs to be worked on. I'll send out my idea sometime soon and will expect lots of comments and suggestions, as time is of the essence.

4. **Jamestown Settlement Outing:** It is again time to inquire of the Maguire Hospital Staff if we can resume our annual outing. Floyd will contact the hospital. If the answer is positive, he will then contact the Settlement. It should be held on a weekday in early June.
5. **Chapter Picnic:** Should we have a picnic luncheon at the June Meeting? I can again ask Mission Barbecue (unless someone has better idea) and also contact VetsHouse, Inc to see if they can come? Think about it and make your comments before or at the May Meeting.

**Chapter Breakfast:** April 18<sup>th</sup> at the Capitol PH at 0900. Tom will make contact.

**Next Meeting:** May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023 at 1900 at VFW Hall

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