

The Vietnam Veterans of America

Williamsburg Chapter 957

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General Membership Meeting

VFW Chapter 4639 Hall

106 Jesters Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188

February 7, 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, President (P)

George Corbett, Chaplain (P)

Art Garrison, VP (P)

Tom Witkowski, Sgt at Arms (E)

Floyd Loveland: Treasurer/Secretary (P)

Jim Icenhour, BOD (P)

Dennis Lane, Membership Chair (P)

Bob Ocock, BOD (E)

Treasurer's Report:

The ending balance as of January 31st, 2022 was \$7,525.04. No deposits made this month. The first quarter donations were sent out to (1) Mutts with a Mission \$300, (2) VetsHouse, Inc of Virginia Beach \$300; (3) Angel Airlines for Veterans \$200, and (4) Virginia Veterans Services \$100. The Mutts with a Mission check cleared. The ending balance as of February 1, 2023, is \$6,925.04. Submitted by: Floyd Loveland, Treasurer

Unfinished Business:

1. Honor Guard Project:

- a. The garden is essentially built. (See 3 attached photos on the transmittal sheet). We finally met with the correct party from JCC and were told that we could use 12" X 12" blocks (same color as the walls) to make up the required 60" sidewalk. Must be stable. The benches will then be placed parallel to each other. We also asked for a sign similar to the one placed along the garden opposite the Gazebo (See photo). Maybe it could explain the floral arrangement made inside the Forever Garden. We also asked for one similar to the one directing visitors to the Vietnam Memorial (See picture). Both these requests were answered in the affirmative. We also may place a metal plate along the top of the front wall to hold all the pertinent information discussed in previous minutes.

2. March 29th Ceremony:

- a. Vietnam Veterans 50 Year Commemoration is fast approaching. An added portion will be the Honorary Partners Program of DAR. The Honorary Partner being conferred to organizations solely made up of those who **bore the battle** of the Vietnam War (i.e. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapters), and spouses of Deceased Vietnam Veterans. DAR will also present a Flag to the Chapter as part of the Commemoration. Timing to be worked out.
- b. We again hope to hold the Ceremony at Veterans Park on Wednesday, March 29th, 2023 at 1:00 PM. Jim Icenhour will contact JCC Parks in this regard. And, of course, ask for the same setup as we had last year, depending on the expected attendance.
- c. A flyer will be made up as in the past and we will seek advertising and notices to be distributed like last year. Art

Garrison will handle marketing and advertising. We talked about putting the notice in the Gazette's Last Word on multiple Saturdays leading up to the date. Jim will again pass the word at Fords Colony. Dennis will do what he can at Colonial Heritage. All the Vet Org will be made aware through the CVOC. We will also post on our Website and on the VSC Website to make other Chapters aware of the event. We will place a poster at Patriots Colony. Essentially, anyone who is willing, please help pass the word. Tom is working on the wording of the flyer and the notices for the papers. They will be given to Art asap. **Note: Our speaker this year will be the former Regent of the Williamsburg Dar, Ret Army Maj Gen Celia Adolphi.**

- d. Jim I will again ask the Va Veteran Services to get the State's Certificate updated as well as JCC's Certificate. The US Government Certificate is in hand and may be displayed but will not be handed out. Jim will also have the JCC Proclamation updated. Thanks Jim
- e. A new Program for the event will be put together.
- f. A bugler will be needed for Taps. Tom will try to contact the Scout we used last year.
- g. The question of an Honor Guard is still to be discussed. Remember we asked William & Mary last year without success.
- h. Congressman Wittman was asked but cannot attend. Last year he wrote up a Certificate which was handed out by his assistant, Joe Schumacher. Do we do that again. Maybe talk about it next month.

3. From the Floor:

- a. A \$100 donation to Phase II of the Vietnam War Museum in Weatherford, TX was sent by Tom in the name of the Chapter.

Chapter Breakfast will be held Tuesday February 21st @ 0900 Hrs at the Capitol PH.

NEXT MEETING: March 7th, 2023, at 1900 at the VFW Hall

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