

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 957
VFW Post 4639 Hall
106 Jester Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188
June 6th,2023
MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 1900 HRS

Invocation and Moment of Silence for D-Day by Chaplain: George Corbett

Pledge of Allegiance: Jim Icenhour, BOD

Roll Call of Officers:

Tom Monahan (P)

George Corbett, Chaplain (P)

Art Garrison, VP (E)

Tom Witkowski, Sgt at Arms (P)

Floyd Loveland: Treasurer (P)

Jim Icenhour BOD (P)

Dennis Lane, Membership Chair (P)

Bob Ocock, BOD (E)

Attendance: One new Member: Karen Corl, USN (Ret); 9 Total VVA Members and 2 AVVA Members

Treasurers Report: The beginning balance as of May 1, 2023, was \$7,694.60. No deposits this month. Three checks written and cleared all payable to Floyd for his duties as Treasurer: 1. \$48.67 Printer Ink; 2. \$69.99 Microsoft Annual Payment and 3. \$15.50 for stamps. Ending balance as of June 1, 2023, is \$7,560.34. **Note:** The Annual Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2022 was sent to National and the State.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **NEVER FORGET GARDEN:** Flowers have been added to the Garden by Boy Scout Troop 103. They have Master Gardeners who can see to the placing and maintenance of the Garden. We have also asked JCC Parks concerning this duty. Is DAR still in the picture? We need to get this straightened out before we plan a Dedication.
2. **Jamestown Settlement Outing:** Floyd has made numerous contacts with Maguire Hospital. They now say that the patients can come out. However, since we don't meet in July and August, we have asked Floyd to speak to the Hospital and the Jamestown Settlement to discuss a September or October date. More to follow.
3. **Chapter Picnic:** Our Chapter Picnic will be held at Post 4639 on Saturday, June 17th at Noon. Mission BBQ has again graciously agreed to provide the food. I have contacted VetsHouse, Inc to ask if they will attend? No answer yet. I have also asked Ethan Silsby, Eagle Scout and his family to attend. I believe that this would be a good time to give Ethan and Troop 103 their Certificates of Appreciation for the great work they have done at the Never Forget Garden. If they agree to attend, Dennis and I will have the certificates prepared.
4. **Memorial Day:** Over 1300 flags were placed on Thursday, May 25th. Thanks to all those who helped as they were placed in a near record of under 2 hours. Complete removal was deterred until Thursday due to rainy weather. But again, we had a record turnout. **Thanks again.** In addition, the weather cooperated on Memorial Day itself and we had over 200 people attending. A very successful Ceremony Honoring our Veterans. **Note: Dennis also has two new batches of flags. By the way, for those who are not**

aware, Dennis is the main contact with the Cemetery. Without his coordination and planning, it would be near impossible to put out the flags. Richard Zisk, member of the Chapter and of the VFW is also a main cog in this operation. He has carried and stored flags for many years. Our thanks to both.

5. **Virginia State Council Meeting**: The VSC Meeting will be held here in Williamsburg on Saturday, June 24th at the Clarion Hotel on Richmond Rd. The Chapter is not involved (except to make first contact with the hotel). It will be a one-day affair starting at 0900 on Saturday, June 24th. Eileen and Tom will attend as the Chapter's Delegates. Everyone who wishes may attend to see how the States' business is handled. It's a lot different than our Chapter Meetings. It is at this meeting that the Chapter is given their share of this quarter's Household Goods Program (our main source of income).

6. **From the Floor**: Our newest member (Karen Corl) suggested that we give a donation to the Iwo Jima Monument being constructed on Jamestown Rd. I will suggest a donation of \$250.00 to the Board of Directors and, if (when) approved, notify the Chapter and Floyd or myself will send a check.

7. **Chapter Breakfast**: Since we don't meet in July and August, I suggest that we can meet at the Post on the 3rd Saturday of each of those months for breakfast. I will send out notices.

Next Meeting: September 5th, 2023, at 1900 at the VFW Post

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