

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

May 3, 2022

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)

Art Garrison, VP (P)

Floyd Loveland: Treasurer/Secretary (P)

Dennis Lane, Membership Chair (P)

George Corbett, Chaplain (P)

Tom Witkoski, Sgt at Arms (P)

Jim Icenhour, BOD (P)

Bob Ocock, BOD (P)

Those attendance comprised of 12 VVA Members and 5 AVVA Members. (Members were: Tom, Jim, George, Floyd, Art, Dennis, Kenn, Richard Z, Tom W, Harold S, Ken M, Bob O,. The AVVA Members were Eileen, Joan Sadler, KJ Corbett, Maribeth Ocock & Mary Sheridan. Thanks everyone for attending.

Treasurer's Report:

The opening balance as of April 3, 22 was \$9,545.70. Three checks were cleared: (1) Mutts with a Mission \$300; (2) Virginia Veterans Services \$100; (3) Angel Airlines \$200. VetsHouse, Inc (\$300) has not as yet cashed its check (Floyd called and they agreed to deposit the check. The Director had been ill). Four additional checks were cleared: (1) Wrist Story Productions (bracelets) for \$150, (2) USPS Stamps \$ 11.60; (3) Tom Monahan, Delegate to VSC for \$80. Check included travel to VSC Meeting and

\$20 for padlocks and keys for trailer. No deposits were made leaving the balance as of May 1, 2022 at \$8,664.10

Unfinished Business:

1. **Elections:** The election were completed and reported. (See officers and BOD Above)
2. **Honor Garden Project:** Some progress has been made. (a) John Carnifax has agreed to our use of a Landscaper on the Garden and contact has been made with John Wright (the Corbett's landscaper). (b) Tom & Eileen visited Amazing Stone in Toano and picked out a stone to hold the Plaque. A picture was shown to the Chapter and approved. Tom will complete the purchase which will be approx. \$150. (c) The DAR has said they will supply bins for the Chapter to place our plastics and Tom will be pick them up today. The Chapter is urged to collect all plastic products which are on the attached sheet supplied by the website. (See attached "Plastics for Benches"). We need to collect and weigh the plastic so please bring your supply to the Chapter Breakfast and the Meetings for Tom to place in the bins.
3. **Fundraiser at the Post Office:** The Post Office has not said no so we will hold the fundraiser on Fri (5/27) and Sat (5/28). The hours are as follows: Fri: 0830 -12:30 and 12:30 -1700. Sat: 0930-1400. Tom M and Harold S will meet at the VFW at 0800 to pick up the flags, stands, table, chairs and supplies needed. Tom will hold materials overnight and return such to the Trailer on Sat PM after completion.

Roster is as follows: Fri AM: Tom M, Tom W; Fri PM: **2 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**; Sat: Bob Ocock & Floyd Lovelend (and maybe Tony Forziaiti) Note: **Please let Tom know if you want to volunteer for Friday PM slot.**
4. **Flags at the Williamsburg Memorial Garden Cemetery:** Flags will be put out on Thursday, May 26th @ 0830 (rain date 5/27). We need as many volunteers as possible in order to shorten the time needed to place the 1300 flags on Veteran's graves so, please come if you can. **The more the merrier as they say.** As usual Dennis will liaison with the cemetery and Rick Z will deliver the flags from their storage at the VFW. Thank you both for your efforts. We will pick up the flags on Tuesday at 12:00 in order to avoid the morning dew.
5. **Virginia State Council Items:** We discussed both the new VSC By-Laws and the new procedure for handling the HGDP as well as the upcoming election of officers at the June VSC Meeting. We may need to retype our By Laws to accommodate some of the additions. Our meeting place also has to be updated. Tom is on the Nomination Committee, so he asked if anyone wanted to run for office. No takers. (George Corbett of the Chapter is the VSC Secretary)

New Business:

1. VetsHouse, Inc has finally been reached. It seems that Director, Willard Smith has been very ill but is now recovered. At the same time, Mission BBQ has again surfaced. Art saw them at the Dreamcatchers and Tom had coincidentally contacted them when he learned that the VetsHouse was indeed up and running. The result being that we are again contemplating our June Picnic. (VetsHouse is very interested). Planning the date and time and location and Mission BBQ's involvement will be the next problem. We will need to set the date, ask the VFW for the use of the hall and ask Mission BBQ if they will supply the food as they did several years ago at Dominion. Hopefully this will be accomplished by the June Meeting.

2. Art attended an activity at the Dreamcatchers Horse Farm on Sunday. It is called “Operation Mount Up” and is geared toward enabling therapy for Veterans using horses, etc. Art supplied material and after a discussion, the Chapter voted to give them a one-time donation of \$200 toward this worthy project. Floyd sent the check on May 5 after a conversation between Tom and the Dreamcatchers. They were very pleased.
3. The Chapter is reminded that the VFW has a **BLOOD DRIVE on May 21st (Sat) between 1000 and 1400 hrs.** Don’t forget also that every 3rd Saturday, they also have a breakfast from 088-1000. (Just happened to be the same day this month).

CHAPTER BREAKFAST is Tuesday May 17th @ 0900 at the Capitol PH

NEXT MEETING is Tuesday, June 7th at the VFW Hall at 1900 Hrs

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