

# Vietnam Veterans of America

## Chapter 957

VFW Post 4639 Hall

106 Jester Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188

October 3rd, 2023

### MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 1900 HRS by VP Art Garrison

Invocation Chaplain: George Corbett

Pledge of Allegiance: Art Garrison, VP

#### **Roll Call of Officers:**

Tom Monahan (E)

George Corbett, Chaplain (P)

Art Garrison, VP (P)

Tom Witkowski, Sgt at Arms (P)

Floyd Loveland: Treasurer (P)

Jim Icenhour BOD (P)

Dennis Lane, Membership Chair (E)

Bob Ocock, BOD (E)

Attendance: 11 VVA Members

**Treasurers Report from Floyd Loveland, Treasurer:** The beginning balance as of October 1<sup>st</sup> was \$7,656.34. No deposits were made. The only check written but not yet cleared was in the amount of \$500 made out to the IWO JIMA Memorial Park. Therefore, the ending balance for September 30<sup>th</sup>, 23 is still \$7, 656.34.

Note: At this Meeting, the Chapter voted to donate \$300 to “Home for the Holidays” at the request of Jim Icenhour. It also donated \$100 each to two charities involved in Member Kare Corl’s Veterans Day event. The 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Donations will also be sent out this month.

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **NEVER FORGET GARDEN:** Nothing new to report.
2. **Jamestown Settlement Outing:** The outing was held on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Obviously, after the 10/3 meeting date but prior to the writing of these minutes. Floyd had made all the arrangements with Maguire Hospital and the Settlement. There were 9 patients plus a driver and a nurse. They arrived at 0930 and departed at 1330. It was a tremendous success. All the patients were very friendly and very satisfied with the tour as well as an excellent lunch. Chapter Members attending were Tom & Eileen; Jim and Beth Reber; Karen Corl; Floyd Loveland; Bud Bumgardner; Kenn Sadler and Jim Icenhour. Thank you all for your participation. **Note:** We hope to do it again next year at the same time.
3. **Veterans Day Activities (FLAGS):** As usual, there will be the placing of flags at the cemetery again this year. The placement date is only one or two days after our November Meeting, so it will be addressed here. Placement will be on Thursday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 0800 hrs. (with Friday as the rain date). The removal will be on Monday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 0900 hrs. As usual, we ask for as many volunteers as possible to finish in a timely manner. The more the merrier. This operation is under the auspices of the CVOC of which this chapter is a member.
4. **Bell Tower Ceremony:** There will again be a ceremony at the Bell Tower on Discovery Park Blvd at 1100 hrs hosted by the CVOC. Tom will participate on the Chapter's behalf. Come and enjoy the ceremony.

5. **Colonial Williamsburg Parade:** At this time, it is unknown, but anticipated that the usual march along DOG Street will take place sometime in the PM. The Chapter usually participates by displaying our flag. We are looking for a volunteer to carry the flag this year as I will be unable. More at the meeting.
  
6. **Virginia State Council Meeting:** The VSC Meeting will be held in Norfolk on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. 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).
  
7. **Heroes 5K Run Walk:** Our newest member (Karen Corl) is hosting a Heroes 5K Run Walk on Veterans Day at Jamestown HS. The event has been posted on the Chapter website: [www.VVAChapter957.weebly.com](http://www.VVAChapter957.weebly.com). Donations and volunteers are welcome. In addition, we agreed to ask the Chapter at the October Meeting to consider donations to the two charities which will benefit from the event. Namely: <https://namiwilliamsburg.org> and <https://holdfast.vet>.
  
8. **Attachments: Both of interest to Vietnam Veterans:** 1. Williamsburg DAR Invitation for an event at the Williamsburg Regional Library (**Nov 7, 2023 Wmbg DAR Flyer**). And 2. Ann Wagner DAR invitation for November 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Stryker Bldg at 1000 hrs. (**Nov 3, 203 AW DAR Flyer**) See pertinent Information on the flyers.
  
9. **Chapter Breakfast:** The breakfast will be held at the VFW Post starting at 0800 on Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. (Tom is helping with the cooking so you don't want to miss it).

**Next Meeting: NOTE: Our November Meeting, normally scheduled for Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> needs to be moved to the next day, Wednesday Nov 8<sup>th</sup>. It seems that the VFW Post is Hosting a Political Meeting. It is also Election Day. Hopefully, everyone can be flexible and attend the next night.**

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