

# The Vietnam Veterans of America

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General Membership Meeting

VFW Chapter 4639 Hall

106 Jesters Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188

September 6, 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 Witkowski, Sgt at Arme (E)

Jim Icenhour, BOD (E)

Bob Ocock, BOD (E)

**We welcomed one new Member in the person of Bernie Grundy. His spouse Linda has also submitted a Membership Application to the AVVA. Welcome to you both!!**

**We also had a special guest: Don Reeves, Scoutmaster of Troop 103**

### Treasurer's Report:

The opening balance as of May 31st, 2022, was \$8,598.11. There was one deposit in the amount of \$577.31 (Household Goods Proceeds from VSC) on June 28<sup>th</sup>. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Donations have cleared the bank: 1) VetsHouse, Inc \$300, 2) Mutts with a Mission \$300, 3) Virginia State Veteran Services \$100 and 4) Angel Wings for Veterans \$200.00. There were four checks written and cleared for Tom Monahan: 1) June Picnic expenses for \$88.66; 2) Post Office Box Rental Fee \$83.00; 3) 2<sup>nd</sup> payment for Post Office Box Rental \$83.00 + stone & supplies for Plaque totaling \$153.82; 4) Accommodations for VSC Mtg in Lynchburg \$160.96 and 5) \$107 for flowers for Al Neal's funeral. (The second \$83 payment for the PO Box was in error and will be reimbursed by Tom by deducting it from the expense laid out for the stone)).

The ending balance as of September 1, 2022, is \$7,682.14.

### Unfinished Business:

1. **Honor Guard Project:** We are progressing and hope to have it completed by Veterans Day. The stone has been purchased at a cost of \$650 +/- . It is stored at the VFW and will be transferred to Veterans Park when needed. Tonight's guest, Don Reeves, has committed Troop 103 to build the garden as an Eagle Scout Project. Plans have been made to meet at the site this coming Saturday to go over the project. A rough drawing was given to Don. (Tom will complete an official drawing for submission to John Carnifax at JCC Parks). At some point we will need to purchase additional materials (gravel, adhesive, topsoil, etc) to complete the Garden. We also need to pick up the stone from Amazing Stone in Tuano. That will take several people and a pickup truck as it weighs in excess of 100 lbs.
2. **Plastics for Garden Project:** The first Bench has been procured thanks to the efforts of the Williamsburg DAR, the VFW and our members. The bench is on its way to Tom's home via FEDEX and will be stored until needed. Meanwhile, Tom and the VFW have taken another contract with TRES for a second bench. It runs from August 1, '22 till 1 Feb '23. So far, we have officially collected 109 and reported this to TRES. A bunch of plastic was collected at last night's meeting (thank you all) and will be reported at the end of September. The VFW is sure to add to this amount by then.
3. **Fundraiser Possibilities:** Several members have come up with fundraising ideas and have been asked to follow up and **email** their findings to me before the October Meeting. Some of these ideas are as follows: Harris Teeter (Tom will follow up); Walmart; ABC Store (George may look); Publics; Food Lions; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Colonial Williamsburg (Harold will inquire). Everyone else should keep your thinking caps on for additional ways to accomplish fundraising alternatives. Without them, we only have the HGPD and we don't know how much we can expect from them in the future. The next VSC Mtg is late October.

### New Business:

There will be a 9/11 commemoration at the VFW Post on Sunday September 11<sup>th</sup> at 0830. There is a free breakfast from 0630-0830. Free for Veterans but a small donation will be appreciated. (See the flyer that was distributed).

There is a Blood Drive at the VFW on Saturday, September 17 at 1000.

**CHAPTER BREAKFAST: Scheduled for Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 0900 at the Capitol PH.**

**NEXT MEETING: October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1900 at the VFW Hall**

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