

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 957

VFW Post 4639 Hall

106 Jester Lane, Williamsburg, VA 23188

September 5th, 2023

MEETING MINUTES

Call to Order: 1900 HRS

Invocation Chaplain: George Corbett (Bernie Grundy Sub)

Pledge of Allegiance: Art Garrison, VP

Roll Call of Officers:

Tom Monahan (P)

George Corbett, Chaplain (E)

Art Garrison, VP (P)

Tom Witkowski, Sgt at Arms (E)

Floyd Loveland: Treasurer (P)

Jim Icenhour BOD (E)

Dennis Lane, Membership Chair (P)

Bob Ocock, BOD (E)

Attendance: 9 VVA Members and 2 AVVA Members

Treasurers Report from Floyd Loveland, Treasurer: The beginning balance as of June 1, 2023, was \$7,560.34. One deposit of \$1,084.00 was made (proceeds from HGPD). Four checks were written to our Charities: (1) Virginia Veterans Services: \$100.00; (2) Vetshouse, Inc \$300.00; (3) Angel Airlines \$200.00 and (4) Mutts with a Mission \$300.00. In addition, the Post Office was paid an \$88.00 fee for rental of the Post Office Box. The ending balance as of September 1st is \$7,656.34.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **NEVER FORGET GARDEN:** Tom is still trying to get a commitment for either JCC parks, the DAR or Scout Troop 103 to plant and maintain the garden.
2. **Jamestown Settlement Outing:** Floyd will make another attempt to set up the outing for October.
3. **IWO JIMA Memorial Park:** The Chapter will make a \$500 donation to the project.
4. **Chapter Picnic:** The picnic was well attended and the food donated by Mission BBQ was excellent as always. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Ethan Silsby, Eagle Scout and to Elvin Silsby representing Scout Troop 103 for their excellent work on the Never Forget Garden.
5. **A Poster is attached outlining the JBLE Retiree Appreciation Day to be held at Ft Eustis on 23 September from 9-12 Noon. It is usually a fine event, and everyone is invited.**
6. **Virginia State Council Meeting:** The VSC Meeting will be held in Virginia Beach on Saturday, October 14th. The location is yet to be determined. 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. 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. **Chapter Breakfast:** The breakfast will be held at the VFW Post starting at 0800 on September 16th. There is also a Blood Drive to follow from 10-3PM. Please let Eileen know if you would like to donate blood. She can be reached at ELMSeabee@aol.com

Next Meeting: October 3rd, 2023, at 1900 at the VFW Post

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