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Within the chapter, we have some that need our prayers: They are as follows: Joe Acker, Bill Henry, Tom Pfaff, (Sickness), Ern Grover, Rusty Davis, Holley Watts, Bill Gentry, & Ed "Sarge" Solomon. Cindi Ludholtz had a recent hip replacement and is rehabilitating. Tom Pfaff, Kenney Emerson and Tom Snook lost their mothers and Ken Demastus lost his mother-in-law. Cards are always appreciated.

Minutes were presented by Secretary Tom Snook and a Finance report by Bill Ludholtz- both reports were approved by the membership.

Our guest speaker in February was Patricia Lynch from "Breaking Free" She reported on their horse therapy program for veterans. They have served 133 veterans, mostly from the Vietnam War. Last summer they partnered with Wounded Warriors on two camps and are looking to one in June 2018 for an anticipated 18 participants. They now have an indoor capability, "The Horse Barn", for year round activities. They have been in operation for five years and have a friendship open house on Thursday evenings. Their Spring Roundup will be the third Saturday in April. Breaking Free has offered to partner with our Chapter to host a Sock Hop to benefit both groups. Seventy-eight people attended and three new applications were received.

National has us at 115 members, we took in four recently and are still going for 120 members by April, 2018. We need a list of anniversaries for the membership and a roster will be circulating. Please fill in your vital data.

A reminder that scholarship applications are due by June 1, 2018. Don't let your family and friends miss out.

The website password is VVA1061). If you have items for the website get them to Sonny. Check the website. It is a great source of information.

Kenny Emerson reported that our speaker in March will be Don Shull of Meals on Wheels.

Tom is still needing members to bring in their DD-214's. See Tom for the website link you can use to get a copy of yours. Also we are looking for members to help out with the honor guard. See Tom Snook.

President Jerry shared that our next fundraiser will be a spaghetti dinner, March 31, 2018, at the Broadway Fire Hall. Four Walmart fundraisers, two tenderloin dinners and a fundraiser at the Golden Corral are on the drawing board. Flyers for the spaghetti dinner were on the table last month and available again thanks to Tom Counts.

The Helping Hands Committee aided 4 or 5 members with small projects as well as rides to doctor appointments. If you or anyone you know need assistance, or you want to help out. Call Bruce Orbaugh.

Jerry announced that there will be a memorial built at the National Mall in DC honoring Native American veterans.

CHAPTER BULLETIN BOARD

Chapter elections will be in April. All offices are up for election. If you are willing to serve, or wish to nominate someone, see Roger Nelson, Sonny Cluttier, Dick Phillipi or Tom Counts to throw your hat in the ring. If you would like to serve on a committee (there is power in numbers and it is your chapter) give your name to the current committee chairman.

They have found a liver fluke that remains dormant for as much as 50 years in Vietnam Vets. Ask the CBOC to do a stool culture to check it out. This could be serious. Have them check for Hepatitis C also.

For questions on the Million Veteran Program check the website—mvpquestions@VA.gov.

May 1-6 there will be a Vietnam Veteran's Long Haul reunion in Pigeon Forge, TN. It is free and all are invited.

State Meeting in Williamsburg, March 23-24. We will have two delegates attending. The State meeting will be hosted by our chapter at the Harrisonburg Rescue Squad in June.

If you receive a yellow card requesting information about your service BE CAUTIOUS. It is an attempt to get your information and lure you into buying a \$200 + book.

Dutch Lawson (Mt Jackson Chapter) has invited us to join them in a trip to The Wall in June. Cost=\$25. More info later.

Shirts,(\$20) vests, Tee shirts, and name tags (\$8) are available from Tom, Sonny and Jerry. Get fashionable!

The Editor apologizes for the lack of a newsletter in February. I was on a medical mission trip to the Philippines and took almost a week to get caught up. In the future, if I am absent it would be a great help to me and the Chapter if someone would take some pictures AND SEND THEM TO ME especially of special events such as speakers.



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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND CANDIDATE FOR THE SIXTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IS JANUARY'S FEATURED SPEAKER.

Chaz W. Hayward, currently serving his second term as Clerk of the Circuit Court, Rockingham County, was our speaker for the month of January. He has announced his candidacy to replace the Honorable Robert Goodlatte as our Congressional Representative for the Sixth District.



Chaz Hayward speaks to Chapter 1051 of the VVA at the Golden Corral.

and controlled spending within the government's income.

Mr. Hayward finds himself in a peculiar position in that the Republican Party in Virginia has opted for a convention rather than a primary in choosing its candidate. This requires those who favor him to become delegates to that convention in order to vote for him to receive the party's nomination. Hence he must mount an intensive campaign for delegates even before he can hope to be a candidate. The motivation for this change from previous years can only be speculated upon.

Some would note that it would be refreshing to have a Congressman from Rockingham County (as opposed to Roanoke [the southern extreme of the Sixth District] as has been the case for the past 30 years. Many people feel that Mr. Goodlatte was a good man but failed to keep his promise to limit his service to six terms (12 years).

Mr. Hayward appears to be an honest, hard-working Conservative with a reputation for results.

Do not be surprised to be contacted about becoming a delegate to the nominating convention. There is no limit to how many there can be and it appears that only the voice of the people can overcome the schemes of politics.

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4th Annual Vietnam War Commemorative Luncheon a Great Success.



The ROTC-sponsored JMU Vietnam Veterans' Luncheon was held on February 16, 2018 in the Convocation Center on campus. LTC Tolman, PMS&T, was the gracious host assisted by the cadets, who performed an impressive color guard.

The primary theme of the function was to emphasize the gratitude of a the nation to those who bore the brunt of battle for 12 years but were largely

spurned at the time. This was addressed by two speakers, BG (ret) John P. Rose who listed the traits of duty and valor of those who served in Vietnam, and MG (ret) Donald Hilbert, who lauded their courage and commitment. Their remarks were well received.

As can be seen in the accompanying picture (food is not even out yet) attendance was in the hundreds, of which there were at least 44 of our chapter members plus spouses. Booths by Honor Flight, Healing Waters, Breaking Free and, of course, our chapter were on display and CBOC, TSSI and Healing Waters, Breaking Free and the Vietnam War Foundation and Museum were program contributors. Our presence generated additional interest in the chapter and the VVA with applications being taken and filled out. Our goal of 120 members by April looms ever closer.

A Thank You to JMU and the ROTC for remembering not only the living but those who did not survive the war or its effects.

Irish Craic and Humour

An elderly Irishman bought a sports car to recapture his youth and drove at 120mph. Then he saw a police car behind him, blue lights flashing. "I'm too old for this nonsense," he thought so he pulled over.

The police officer said, "Sir, my shift ends in 10 minutes. If you can give me good a reason why you were speeding , I'll let you go."

The old man said, "Years ago my wife ran off with a policeman. I thought you were bringing her back." "That'll do," said the policeman.

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