



Chapter 966
Moore County, NC

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1. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 3, 2023. There were twenty-five members present.
2. The Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance, and Moment of Silence were conducted.
3. Annual Elections: Slate of Officers for 2023-2024 presented by Jack Bergquist
 - a. President - Joe Easley
 - b. Vice President - Bob Hall
 - c. Secretary - Jerry Sink
 - d. Treasurer - Mike Shapiro
 - e. Directors (Min 3) - Bill Carl, Bill McNeill, Jack Bergquist, Mike Pusillo
 - f. State Delegates - Jack Bergquist, Bill McNeill, Jim Ambler
 - g. AVVA Coordinator - Sandi Carl
4. Election Results: twenty-five for zero against. The new Officers, Board of Directors, State Delegates, and AVVA Coordinator were sworn in by Dennis Sheridan, LtCol US Army Retired.
5. Roll Call of Board was completed: All present
6. Financial Report: Started Fiscal year with \$ 16,785.44 since then we have had net income of \$1,017.00 and expenses of \$0.00 for a current balance of \$17,802.44.
7. Secretary Report: Minutes for the March 2023 meeting were reviewed, and they have been placed on the Chapters website.
8. Vice President Report:
 - a. Free Military Spouse Small Business Workshop will be held Thursday, May 11. For more information, please visit the Chapters Website.
9. Membership Update: We have 113 Life members, 6 AVVA members for a total of 119.
10. Events Update:
 - a. Memorial Day Ceremony is scheduled for May 27th at 11AM. Duane Coppeler has volunteered to coordinate the ceremony this year.
 - b. The placing of Flags and Flowers at the 7 Lakes Cemetery is scheduled for May 22nd at 9AM.



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- c. This year's Wall of Honor Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 20th at 7 Lakes Golf Course. Price is \$79.
 - d. 7 Lks W is sponsoring a newcomer event on May 7 in the Community Center from 3 - 5 pm. We need two volunteers to staff the VVA booth to promote VVA 966 and recruit new members.
11. Chaplain Update: No report.
12. POW/MIA Update:
- a. WWII pilot from NC was identified and repatriated.
 - b. DOD recognized Operation Homecoming 50th anniversary, remembers those still unaccounted for. More information has been placed on the Chapters website.
13. History Update: No Report.
14. Outreach Update:
- a. The \$500 donation to the Special Forces Team that deployed was spent and items were delivered to the team prior to their departure. Sandi Carl read a thank you note from the Special Forces Team.
15. Fundraising Update:
- a. Jack Bergquist has recruited 8 VVA members to play in the St. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church golf tournament. VVA has been the recipient of some fundraising funds in the past. VVA will sponsor a hole.
16. Old Business: None
17. NEW Business:
- a. The membership authorized \$200 to help defray the cost of replacing holiday flags.
18. President's Report:
- a. Veteran Rings are available to order, and vets get a discount. For more information, visit the Chapters Website.
 - b. President Easley read a thank you card from Master Guns thanking our Chapter for the support. He said it was a true honor for the scholarship to be named in his honor.
 - c. Preston Sharp is looking for individuals to donate money to help put wreaths on graves overseas. For further information, visit his website at "prestonsharp.net."
19. The meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.