



SEPTEMBER 16, 2021 LUNCHEON MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was held at Tuckers and called to order at 1130 by President Wayne Watson who welcomed all members and guests.

Chaplain Beryl Rosenberger delivered the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wayne introduced new members: Terry Dunning, Richard Vail, Mel and Hilda Case, Wayne Beam and Wade Breaud. Each new member gave a brief personal history.

Tom Turner stated that there is \$4,200.01 in the treasury.

Art Phillips spoke about "kids" in the military and Wreaths Across America. The ceremony will be held on December 18 at the M. J. Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery.

Wade Breaud notified the group that the graveside locator is up and running.

MOAA awarded Piedmont Chapter the Level of Excellence (LOE) Five Star Award for its work in 2021. Dale Ellenburg was selected to represent the Chapter in DC to receive the award.

Christina from the VA gave an update on the new benefits for Air Borne Hazards - Presumptive Conditions. She also spoke of the proposed new Memorial Park near the Civic Center. Veteran Owned Businesses will be show-cased at the Civic Center on November 6. Free admission.

Lunch was served.

Wayne introduced Austin Shirley who spoke about his 8 1/2 years in the Navy, mostly in the Submarine Force. Austin spoke about his military history, going to submarine school, his life as a Sonar Technician, earning his "Dolphins," and life on board the boat.

The door prize was won by Janelle Merritt.

Beryl gave the Benediction and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Jacobs, Secretary