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| ***OUR HISTORY*** |
| The Roy I. Rhodes Chapter 306, Inc. of the Vietnam Veterans of America, located in Morgantown, WV has been established as a Chapter for 32 years. During those years, our numbers have increased and decreased but our Members and our Associate Members have worked together for many causes, fundraising events and support to each other while remaining ***“in service to*** ***America”*** and our community. |
| ***OUR MEETINGS*** |
| The Roy I. Rhodes  Chapter 306 meets  **the second Monday** **of EVEN** **months** at 7:00 PM at:  The Elks Lodge #411  1138 Chestnut Ridge Road Morgantown, WV 26505 |
| ***OUR WEBSITE*** |
| For more information please visit our newly updated  website at:  [www.VVA306.org](http://www.VVA306.org) |



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| The Special Offer of $50.00 for **LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP**  continues for the  VVA Members.  The AVVA Membership is still  calculated by the person’s age.  The membership forms are available through our website:  [www.VVA306.org](http://www.VVA306.org)  Please look for the LINKS tab to  VVA and AVVA. |



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| **VVA Chapter 306**  **Monthly Social Brunch**  **2nd Monday EVERY Month**  **10:00 AM**  **Monday, February 14, 2022**  **CANCELLED**  An email was sent from President Charles Harrington to cancel this meeting due to the continuing COVID-19 crisis and wanting to keep everyone healthy and safe.  Watch your email for upcoming information on the 2022 Election of Board Members. Please consider serving. |



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| **Saturday, February 26**  **Derby Days at the Elks Lodge**  Over the years, we have had an agreement to man the ticket tables for the Derby. We need ten people to complete that task.  We need to be there at 6:45 PM. |





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| **CHAPTER SOCIAL BRUNCH**  **2nd Monday EVERY Month**  **Monday, March 14, 2022**  **10:00 AM**  We will fellowship and break bread at Denny’s on Hornbeck Road.  Our Nominations for Board of Directors will be held at this meeting. Please come with a desire to hold an office for the next two years. |



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| **VVA Chapter 306**  **EVEN MONTH MEETING**  **Monday, April 11, 2022**  **at 7:00 PM Elks Lodge**  This is the Election meeting.  Please come with a desire to hold an office for the next two years. |

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| **SPECIAL NOTE from APRIL 11th MEETING**  ***Officer Nominations***  None were received from the membership and none from the floor for new Officers.  ***Election***  In lieu of not having a Board of Directors, all current Board Officers agree to serve another term.  ***Thank you all for***  ***your dedication and service***  ***to the Chapter!***  The AVVA Members want to help the current VVA Board Members and Chapter as much as possible.  The AVVA Members want the Chapter to succeed. |



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| ***MEMBERSHIP NOTE:***  IT WAS ALSO AGREED TO CHANGE OUR MEETING SCHEDULE. THIS WILL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND REMAIN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS A CHANGE IS FURTHER NEEDED.  **\*\*\* ODD Months \*\*\***  (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov) We will meet as an Informal Social Brunch/Meeting setting on the SECOND MONDAY at 10:00 A.M. The meeting place may change but May’s Brunch will be at Denny’s on Hornbeck Road.  PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND PLAN ON ATTENDING IF POSSIBLE. GREAT TIME TO ENJOY A MEAL AND SOCIAL TIME.  **\*\*\* EVEN Months \*\*\***  (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) We will meet at the Elks Lodge in a formal setting on the SECOND MONDAY at 7:00 P.M. The time, etc. are subject to change.  THE FORMAL MEETINGS NEED MEMBERSHIP INVOLVEMENT. |

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| **CHAPTER SOCIAL BRUNCH**  **2nd Monday ODD Months**  **Monday, May 9, 2022**  **10:00 AM**  The Chapter Social Brunch is held on the second Monday of ODD months at 10:00 a.m. The May social brunch will be held at Denny’s near Walmart on Hornbeck Road at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 9th.    **Please watch your email for upcoming details on future breakfast meetings during the ODD months (Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov)!**  **Don’t forget to join us for Formal Meetings at the Elks Lodge during the EVEN months (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Oct, Dec)! We look forward to seeing you very soon!** |

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| **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE**  **Grafton, WV**  **Monday, May 30, 2022**  VVA Chapter 306 voted to participate in the Grafton Parade. We are in Division One.  **Report on the Parade:**   * No one was available to pull the trailer in the parade. * Members elected not to participate. * Someone did show up and was the only one present for the parade. * The parade was also delayed for a period of time due to a bomb threat.   **BE SAFE OUT THERE!** |

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| **REMEMBER FOREVER MEMORIAL DAY**  Congress Fails To Push Through Gold Star Family Tax Fix Before Memorial Day |

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| **VVA Chapter 306**  **EVEN MONTHLY MEETING**  **Monday, June 13, 2022**  **at 7:00 PM, Elks Lodge**  JUNE IS AN EVEN MONTH!  Our next meeting will be the second Monday, 13 June 2022, at 7:00 p.m., at the Elks Lodge.  All members are welcome.  Your ideas and input are welcome. THE MEMBERS ARE THE CHAPTER.  We will be discussing a picnic in lieu of our August Meeting. We are open for ideas. |



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| **FLAG DAY CEREMONY**  **and FLAG BURNING**  **Tuesday, June 14, 2022**  **at 6:00 PM, Elks Lodge**    The Elks will do their presentation inside at 6:00 PM, then we will have dinner and then we will move outside for the flag burning ceremony. Several Scouts are supposed to be in attendance. Anyone with flags, please bring them.  REMEMBER TO INVITE FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY YOUNGER PEOPLE TO LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY’S FLAG HISTORY. |











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| **CHAPTER SOCIAL BRUNCH**  **2nd Monday ODD Month**  **Monday, July 11, 2022**  **10:00 a.m.**  Our Social Brunch will be held at APPLE ANNIES in MORGANTOWN, 10:00 AM on the 11th of July.  **Doug will need a headcount on who will be attending NLT Thursday, 7th of July.**  PLEASE CONTACT BY EMAIL IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING. |

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| **VVA Chapter 306**  **PICNIC**  **Monday, August 8, 2022**  **at 6:00 PM**  The Chapter will host a **FAMILY** **PICNIC** on the 8th of August in lieu of a formal meeting at the Elks Lodge.  The **PICNIC** will be held at the home of T.J. Burch on Kelly Road. If you need directions, please ask one of the Board Members.  The **PICNIC** will start at 6:00 p.m. The Chapter will buy the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring a pass-around dish.  **Please RSVP on attending to Doug Geary by email no later than July 31 with a headcount.** |

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| **BLACK BEARS**  **MILITARY APPRECIATION**  **BASEBALL GAME**  **AUGUST 27th**  **6:00 PM**  The Chapter has voted to attend a local Black Bears Baseball game. We will attend the game on August 27th. This date is **MILITARY APPRECIATION**  at the game.  **THE CHAPTER WILL PURCHASE TICKETS FOR THOSE THAT RSVP NO LATER THAN AUGUST 15th**  **TO DOUG GEARY IF YOU PLAN ON ATTENDING,**  **YOU NEED TO MEET AT THE BLACK BEARS MAIN ENTRANCE GATE**  **NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM.** |



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| *The members of the VVA and the AVVA of Chapter 306 extend our deepest sympathy to*  *the* ***STRANG*** *Family*  *in the loss of their loved one,*  ***EARL B. STRANG, Jr.***  Earl was one of the  Charter Members involved with getting the VVA #306 started.  Earl served on the Board,  and was a Life Member of  VVA Chapter 306. |

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| *The members of the VVA and the AVVA of Chapter 306 extend our deepest sympathy to*  *the* ***ROY*** *Family*  *in the loss of their loved one,*  ***ROGER D. “SARGE” ROY***  Roger served with the US Army in Vietnam, earning three Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. |

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| *The members of the VVA and the AVVA of Chapter 306 extend our deepest sympathy to*  *the* ***BURCH*** *Family*  *in the loss of their loved one,*  ***GARY WILLIAM BURCH***    Gary was a Life Member of  VVA Chapter 306.  Gary served on the Board as President for several years, and other Officer positions as well. |

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| *The members of the VVA and the AVVA of Chapter 306 extend our deepest sympathy to*  *the* ***WILLIAMS*** *Family*  *in the loss of their loved one,*  ***HERSHEL “WOODY” WILLIAMS***    Chief Warrant Officer 4  1st Battalion, 21st Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Division  The last living Medal of Honor recipient from World War II.  A Friend to all Gold Star Families, Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel. |



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| **A Few Words from**  **Chapter 306 Leadership**  We hope all are well, staying healthy and finding a way to stay active during the continuing Covid-19 issue.  Please keep in touch by email or phone.  Remember to watch your email for important Chapter 306 information and for upcoming events mentioned in this newsletter.  Please take care of yourself, stay healthy and well.  Please pray for Members on the Sick Call List. Keep the spouses in prayer as we all know they could use some prayers. |



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| Respectfully Submitted by  VVA Chapter 306  Morgantown, WV |
| ***PRESIDENT***  Charlie Harrington |
| ***VICE PRESIDENT***  Robert Jamie Welch |
| ***SECRETARY***  Doug Geary |
| ***TREASURER***  Don Davis |
| ***ACTIVITIES & MEDIA REPORTER***  Janet. L. Finerfrock |