

GAMEWARDENS OF VIETNAM
MID ATLANTIC CHAPTER, QUARTERLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 21, 2009

The Meeting, which was held at VFW Post 392 was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Chapter President, Jerry Gandy.

The meeting was opened by prayer from Chapter Chaplain, Monty Blackwell. Following prayer, Chapter President Gandy, led the Chapter in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Eighteen members and guests were present. Three new members were introduced. It is noted that the Mid Atlantic Chapter now has three members from the SWCC community, one, ex River Squadron member and our second female member.

Following introductions, Jerry held for inspection and appreciation, an Iraqi National flag that had been autographed by all members of River Squadron Three during their recent deployment to Iraq. This flag was presented to us during a Gamewardens/River Squadron get together at Naval Weapons Station, Yorktown, VA, during the month of February.

Since last meeting, our chapter has sponsored the first Gamewarden's of Vietnam, honor Graduate, at Navy Combat Schools Command, Camp Lejuene, NC. Member, Bill Ferguson, who represented Gamewardens during the first graduation updated those present on the graduation and his part in presenting a Black Beret, and Letter of Appreciation to the Honor Graduate. Discussed next, was our plans for the next graduating class that is scheduled in March. Ed Vick and Clarence (Coop) Cooper will represent us during that graduation. Also, Coop will present the school's command with a framed Fire Fight print.

Next on the agenda was a discussion on plans for our next Chapter Meeting. It will be held in Washington, D.C. and hosted by Chapter member, Jim Morgan. We decided to plan this meeting for the day prior to and on memorial day. It was suggested that we invite members of any other chapter that desires to participate to join us during this meeting.

Next we discussed the upcoming reverse Cruise and Gamewarden of Vietnam Leadership Award for the USS James E. Williams. On March 6, 2009, we will be bussed from Norfolk to Yorktown VA; Board the Williams and ride her back to Norfolk. During this cruise, we will present the annual Gamewardens of Vietnam Leadership Award.

Following a 50/50 and door prize drawing, the meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm.

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