



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1106

Membership Meeting November 2, 2024

Meeting Location: South Metro Fire & Rescue Building, 9195 E. Mineral Avenue, Centennial, CO 80112 (Board Room). ZOOM provided.

Meeting called to order by President Dave Lyons at 9:00 AM.

Invocation and Prayer: Chaplain Lonnie Hetterle

Pledge of Allegiance: All

POW/MIA Chair Presentation: Dan Green

Moment of Silence: For all those men and women who gave the ultimate sacrifice and for those still MIA. We also remember our VVA and AVVA members who have passed.

Officer and Board Member Roll Call: Dave Lyons, Milt Omoto, Bob Brown, Sally Ann Eaves, Joe Dempsey, Lou Grounds, Joe Plant, John Vargas, Lee White

AVVA: Litta Plant-Schaper

Excused: Joe Robinson

Note: Chaplain Garry "Chappy" Turks has recovered from his recent health issue but has stepped back from all of his personal commitments, including his role as Board member and Chaplain. We thank him for his extraordinary commitment and dedication to Chapter 1106 and his profound impact on the lives of every member.

Members Present: Mike Appleby, Felix Armenta, Martha Baker, Jim Bishop, Carol Brautigam, Bob Brown, Jane Brown, Dale Creason, Linda Croce, Tony Croce, Rockie Cuppari, David Dawson, Ita Dempsey, Joe Dempsey, Leland Eagleson, Bob Easter, Sally Ann Eaves, Jean Eisenberg, Bob Ferguson, Barry Fiore, Charlie Foster, Dan Graham, Diane Graham, Dan Green, Lou Grounds, Pat Hammon, Ted Hanfelder, Warren Harrison, Jim Henderson, Lonnie Hetterle, Mike Huber, Claudia Hunter, Jack Hunter, Alan Jaffe, Mike Karsh, Mike Katich, Mike Kumnick, Brad Kuss, Kathleen Kuss, Roger Lanphier, Walter Leuci, Marvin Lich, Dave Lyons, Larry Majors, Jesse Maldonado, Jim Marcille, Jim Martindale, Jim McGrevey, Mike Messenger, Bruce Miller, Harry Montgomery, Gary Nelson, Tony Nickerson, Doris Oaks, Loy Oaks, Paul Olthoff, Milt Omoto, Gary

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Palka, Ed Phillips, Joe Plant, Litta Plant-Schaper, Jim Ponzi, Clarence Rebolledo, Juan Romero, Murray Sallenbach, John Sheadel, Charles Smith, Phil Snyder, Glen Struempf, Mike Tarby, Garry Turks, John Vargas, Dan Wagle, Wendell Wallace, Tom Werzyn, Gary Weston, Lee White, Jim Williams, John Williams.

Award Presentation: Milt Omoto presented Martha Baker with a Chapter 1106 award for her extraordinary service to America. The plaque reads: In appreciation for your exemplary military service. We are honored to present you with this recognition for your extraordinary service to our country, serving 20 years in the United States Army that included deployment during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. You overcame many challenges during your life, but you never gave up and continued to persevere. Martha, you are a role model of success. We are all very proud of you.

Introduction of Guests and New Members: New members and guests were introduced and recognized.

Guest Presentation: Marie Brown, Supportive Services Supervisor of the Volunteers of America, Bill Daniels Center, gave a very informative presentation on the role and mission of the Bill Daniels Veterans Center. The Center, begun in 2015, supports homeless veterans especially with housing, employment, and access to earned benefits. The Center can be contacted through Volunteers of America, 1247 Santa Fe, Denver CO 80204, phone 720-501-3367.

Member Bio: Mike Tarby gave an account of his life up to and including his 20 years in the Army with candid remarks and shared comments about little known Army missions.

President's Report: (Dave Lyons)

1. Thank you to all who came out to the CCSD Military Veterans community appreciation event; it was a great program.
2. Today is the last day for our "Patti Ehline Memorial Food and Clothing Drive." Thank you to all who donated.
3. Our Veterans Day weekend Poppy Drive is on Saturday, November 9 at the same three King Soopers stores we were at in May. Please sign-up today. The Poppy Drive is from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. See Lee White to sign up. We need more volunteers, especially for the Parker location.
4. There are a number of Veterans Day celebrations honoring veterans. Please find one in your community and support them.
5. Our End of Year Holiday Lunch is coming up, Saturday, December 14th. Bob Brown, our Treasurer, is collecting money for the lunch; \$15/person, \$25/couple. All attendees must prepay for attendance.

Vice President's Report (Milt Omoto)

1. All veterans are encouraged to accept invitations to Veteran events and celebrations. When you show up, it inspires our youth to appreciate military service.
2. The King Soopers Community Rewards program donated \$452.93 to us for the Third Quarter. This was from only 49 households. Be sure to sign up online or at your local King Soopers store.

3. The HouseHold Goods donation program through "Pick UP Please" results in monthly checks to all the Colorado chapters. Call them to arrange pick up of your smaller size household items.

4. If your picture isn't on our "wall," please see Claudia after the meeting.

Treasurer's Report: (Bob Brown)

1. Income for the month was \$3017.29.

2. Expenditures were \$3174.11.

Motion: Motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by John Vargas, seconded by Dave Lyons. Motion carried.

Secretary's Report: (Sally Ann Eaves)

Motion: Motion to accept the corrected Secretary's report made by Alan Jaffe, seconded by Lee White. Motion carried.

BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORT:

Membership: (Lee White and Phil Snyder)

Phil: Membership of Chapter 1106 is: 217 VVA and 42 AVVA members for a total of 259.

Lee: 1. Lee has more of the new membership packets for us to use to recruit. These are small enough to fit in the glove box of your car and that way would be handy to have.

2. We have the National rosters flowing once again to Dave in a format we can use. It was confusing for a couple of months but now we are good.

3. We need to encourage "Associate" membership as our numbers are coming down.

4. Thank you for all your donations to the Daniels Center. We will get those delivered this week.

5. The Parker Texas RoadHouse Voucher Give Out will be November 11 from 11 to 2. We will need help passing out the vouchers.

6. The Parker Texas RoadHouse "Dine to Donate" program is in effect for the month of November. During the month, if you bring in the flyer or a picture of the flyer or mention it to the wait staff, 10% will be donated to Chapter 1106.

7. Don't forget the Poppy drive on November 9th.

Social: (Sally Ann Eaves)

The Chapter 1106 Christmas Lunch is at Maggiano's DTC on December 14 from 11AM to 2PM. Bob Brown is taking money for, and maintaining the list of attendees today and at the December meeting. All attendees must pay ahead. There will be no admittance "at the door" unless you have already paid.

Milt: Our guest speaker for the Christmas Lunch is Paul Ellis from the VA Center in Golden.

State Representative: (John Vargas)

1. Congratulations to Martha Baker and thank you for your dedication and sacrifice.

2. Thank you to the Color Guard for all you do for the VVA.

3. Thank you to all of you who attended today. We have more than a full house.
4. The commemorative tile for Patti Ehline has arrived and the ceremony to place it at the Highlands Ranch library will be scheduled in the near future.
- 5 Thank you to the Board members for their dedication.

Color Guard: (Dan Green)

The Color Guard will present the flag at Ben Franklin Academy on Nov 11 and at Horizon Middle School on the 12th.

Veterans Emergency Assistance Program: (Joe Plant)

- 1.This past month we helped five veterans; two with rent, one with a utility bill and two with renters' insurance.
2. Denver area management companies will not rent without renters insurance.

Scholarships: (Lou Grounds)

1. Wayne Buser is making the change to the scholarship applications so high school seniors are not competing with college students.
2. We are looking into a way to make sure the tech schools have the opportunity to apply for scholarships.
3. All the plaques and certificates to our 2024 winners have been awarded.

Promotional Items: (Joe Dempsey)

1. We have shirts, hats, pins, etc.
2. Come on back (to the back sale table)

Newsletter: (Kathleen Kuss)

1. Kathleen's first newsletter is out and is somewhat longer than most of our newsletters because it covers an extended period of time.
2. We are in a transition phase of publication and future newsletters will not be as long.
3. You can send articles to KDKuss@gmail.com.
4. There is no established deadline for articles yet but articles for the next newsletter probably ought to be in by early January.

Website (Dave Lyons)

1. We need a website manager.
2. Lee White is reviewing the website and Bob Rotruck is helping temporarily.

Additional Discussion: Several Board members mentioned Dr. Robert Mallin, who was recently in a car accident and has suffered ill health since. It was recommended that we donate a tile in Dr.Mallin's name in honor of his many years of faithful attendance; his numerous large donations to the Chapter, and his large donations to the Chapter 1106 Scholarship program. The Board will take this up at the next Board meeting.

Roundtable Discussion: (all)

Gary Weston reported that the VA Clinic in Castle Rock is scheduled to be finished in late February and will hopefully open in the Second Quarter if staffing issues are resolved.

50/50 DRAWING: (Ron Smith)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. All during November, Texas Roadhouse “Dine to Donate” every Tuesday (dine-in or take-out); donations collected go to Chapter 1106.
2. Veterans Day is Monday, November 11, 2024
3. Texas Roadhouse meal voucher handout is November 11 from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
4. Next Board Meeting is Saturday, November 30, 2024 9:00AM, on-line via Zoom
5. Next Membership Meeting is Saturday, December 7, 2024 at 9:00 AM
6. Holiday Lunch at Maggiano’s Italian Restaurant, December 14, 2024 at 11:00 AM. Tickets need to be purchased ahead.
7. Please continue to stay in touch with each other

MEMBER SICKNESS OR IN DISTRESS: Please pray for our sick and shut-in members

NEXT SCHEDULED MEMBERSHIP MEETING: December 7th at 9:00 AM; Zoom capability will be provided.

MEETING ADJOURNED: by Dave Lyons at 10:42AM.

Thank You to Jim Williams, Jack Hunter and Gary Nelson for making this meeting available on ZOOM and operating the sound system.

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Meeting Adjourned: by Dave Lyons at 9:32 AM.

These Chapter Membership Meeting minutes submitted by Sally Ann Eaves, Chapter Secretary.
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