



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1106

Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 2, 2022

Scheduled Meeting Start Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Fremont Building, 14603 E Fremont Ave., Centennial, CO 80112

Meeting called to order by President Lee White at 9:02 AM

Meeting Topics

1. Welcome to the meeting by President Lee White
2. Invocation Prayer by Chaplain Garry Turks
 - Prayer for Chapter 1106 members
 - Prayer for our members and family members who are sick and are shut-in
 - Guidance for our meeting today

3. Pledge of Allegiance (all)

4. POW/MIA Chair Presentation by Dan Green and Moment of Silence

Moment of Silence for those still POW/MIA and for Chapter members who have passed

5. Board Member Roll Call

Officers and Board Members Present Roll Call: Officers: Lee White (President), David Lyons (Vice President) Mike Huber (Treasurer), Milt Omoto (Secretary); Board Members Present: Reverend Garry Turks (Chaplain), Joe Plant, Patti Ehline, Ron Smith, John Vargas, Tom Werzyn; Litta Plant-Schaper (AVVA Liaison)

Excused: Joe Dempsey

6. Members in Attendance (from sign-in sheets and on-line)

Alice Boswell, Linda Croce, Diane Graham, Christine Omoto, Dora Plant, Litta Plant-Schaper, Barbara Rotruck, Suzanne Sigona, Leann Stelzer, Bruce Arndt, Don Boswell, Bob Brown, Wayne Buser, Cliff Butler, Dale Creason, Tony Croce, Bob Easter, Patti Ehline, Dan Graham, Dan Green, Leo Greunke, Warren Harrison, Jim Henderson, Mike Huber, Roger Lanphier, Walter Leuci, Chuck Luley, David Lyons, Jesse Maldonado, Bob Mallin, Jim Marcille, Jim Martindale, Harry Montgomery, Tony Nickerson, Milt Omoto, Joe Plant, Clarence Rebolledo, Coy Ritchie, Joseph Robinson, Juan Romero,



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Bob Rotruck, Carl Sanchez, Ed Seiler, John Sheadel, Lee Skiles, Ron Smith, Charles Smith, Phillip Snyder, Jerome Springs, Gary Steinhoff, Michael Tarby, Garry Turks, John Vargas, Dan Wagle, Wendell Wallace, Tom Werzyn, Lee White, John Williams, Lew Wood, David Yates; On-Line: Jim Willams, Jack Hunter, Claudia Hunter, Mike Karsh, Mike Messenger, Robert Lee.

Note: If your name does not appear on this list but you were there, that is because you did not sign-in

The above list includes all on-line attendees

7. Recognition of new members and guests (including members who have not attended in a while):

Mrs. Cookie Lee, Wendy Lee, James Chisel, Randy Taylor and Pat Taylor (Rolling Thunder Colorado Chapter 1), Alex and Andrew Holmes (audio)

8. Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval

Minutes for the March 5, 2022, Chapter Membership meeting were emailed to each member. Minutes are also posted on the Chapter website.

Motion 1. Motion to approve the corrected VVA Chapter 1106 Minutes dated March 5, 2022, made by Dave Lyons and second by Tom Werzyn; the minutes were approved.

9. Guest Speaker: Michel Brophy, Director of Fort Logan National Cemetery; Jimmy Allen, Cemetery Development Program Office

Mr. Brophy presented an overview of Fort Logan National Cemetery, qualification for burial, process and procedures. Highlights of the presentation include:

- An overview of the National Cemetery Administration and the Fort Logan National Cemetery complex
- Eligibility requirements for burial at a National Cemetery
- Burial benefits
- What happens at the time of need?
- Pre-need eligibility (complete VA Form 40-10007)
- The importance of pre-planning
- Contact: www.cem.va.gov

Note: Mr. Brophy's presentation is attached to these minutes as a separate document.

John presented Mr. Brophy with a Chapter appreciation plaque.

10. Special Program

John Vargas orchestrated a special appreciation program for outgoing Chapter President Lee White. The purpose was to recognize Lee White for starting Chapter 1106 in 2014 and continuing as President of the Chapter to today. Included in the special recognition program were:



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- Ron Smith (Official Town Crier) proclaimed that our Chapter is now officially known as the “Lee White Chapter 1106);
- Joe Plant introduced Wendy White who presented her dad with a beautiful crystal award in recognition of his founding the Chapter and as Chapter President from 2014 to 2022;
- Flowers were then presented to Cookie White and Wendy White in appreciation for their support of Lee these many years;
- Milt Omoto introduced his wife Chris who sang a tribute song to Lee, “The Impossible Dream”;
- Board members then gave their tributes to Lee;
- Lee spoke a few words of appreciation to all Chapter members.

David Lyons presented Suzanne Sigona with an appreciation plaque for her support of the Chapter and her volunteer service for the last 32 years at the Wall in Washington DC. Suzanne will be moving to the East Coast.

Note: April birthdays for Jai Smith and Dora Plant were recognized

The meeting was then returned to the control of the President.

10. President’s Report: Lee White

- The Chapter elections were held. Bob Rotruck, Elections Chairman, reported on the slate of new Officers and Board Members as follows. All candidates were elected.
Officers:
 - President: David Lyons
 - Vice President: Milt Omoto
 - Treasurer: Mike Huber
 - Secretary: Clarence Rebolledo**Board Members:**
 - Joe Dempsey
 - Patti Ehline
 - Joe Plant
 - Joseph Robinson
 - Reverend Garry Turks
 - John Vargas
 - Tom Werzyn
- A new Chapter 1106 brochure is now available with updated information;
- Our next Poppy Drive is scheduled for May 28th at various King Sopper stores;
- The Chapter is considering participating in the Highlands Ranch Fourth of July Parade; more information is forthcoming;
- The VVA National Leadership and Education Conference is scheduled for August 9 to 13, 2022; the Board will decide on possible attendees from the Chapter.

11. Vice President’s Report: Dave Lyons

- Dave reminded members who ordered name tags to pick them up at the back table



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- Dave is seeking assistance with the Chapter Membership Committee.

12. Treasurer's Report: Mike Huber

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike Huber;

13. Secretary's Report: Milt Omoto

Milt presented Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards to Chapter members who contribute their time and effort to the Chapter and to the veteran community.

14. Board Member and Committee Reports

- a) Membership (David Lyons): David reported that the Chapter currently has 177 Regular members and 43 Associate members;
- b) Veterans Emergency Assistance Program (Joe Plant): The Chapter assisted six veterans in the month of March, working with HUD-VASH to get homeless veterans off the street by paying for initial rent or late rent fees; about \$1,100 was spent in March;
- c) Chaplain's Report (Rev. Garry Turks): Chaplain Turks emphasized the importance of Buddy Check calls; he regularly maintains contact and visits with six members, including Sonny Gorsuch and Jack Paulson; please keep them in your prayers; also, please pray for one another;
- d) Speakers Bureau (Tom Werzyn): Tom reported that the Speakers Bureau is contacting schools for possible engagements; a speaking engagement at the end of the month is scheduled;
- e) Events Coordinator (Ron Smith): Ron reported no current activity; if you have any ideas for a Chapter event this year, contact Ron;
- f) Scholarship Committee (Jim Marcille): Jim reported for Gary Weston, chair of the Scholarship Committee, that the committee has been active visiting schools and promoting the scholarships to school councilors; they visited 32 schools to promote the Chapter scholarship program; applications for this academic year are posted on the Chapter website;
- g) Social Committee (John Vargas): no further items to report;
- h) Promotional Items (Leann Stelzer): Chapter hats, shirts and windbreakers are available; additional items are ordered as needed based on pre-purchases;
- i) Voices for Veterans (Warren Harrison): Warren reported that this year's NAMI Walks is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Centennial Center Park, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial;
- j) Women Veterans, Veterans Health, PTSD, Agent Orange (Patti Ehline): Patti continues to work with the VA on disability claims and presumptive list additions and encouraged members to do the same; she continues to be active with issues like PTSD, agent orange and women veteran challenges;
- k) AVVA Chapter Liaison (Litta Plant-Schaper): Litta provides member name tags and you can pick up yours at the back table if you ordered one;
- l) Webmaster and Newsletter (Bob Rotruck): Bob stated that the May/June newsletter is progressing;
- m) Government Affairs and Color Guard (Tony Nickerson): Tony reported that he is tracking 25 federal veteran legislative issues and 9 state issues; a future John Lewis-class replenishment oiler (T-AO) ship will be named USNS Ruth Bader Ginsburg to honor the former Supreme Court Justice and women's rights activist.



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15. Roundtable

- a) Tom Werzyn stated that he has information on retrieving records from the National Archives;
- b) Tony Nickerson stated that the Vietnam Veterans Day event at the Littleton Elks was very meaningful with Rolling Thunder performing the Flame of Freedom (Gold Star Families) and Missing Man Table ceremony;
- c) David Yates spoke on the Veterans Court;
- d) Barry Fiore spoke on the Forgotten Heros Campaign and the organization's support to veterans in replacing missing or lost military medals that you were awarded; Barry also has Rockies baseball tickets available.

16. 50/50 Drawings (Ron Smith)

- The 50/50 drawing was won by Leann Stelzer who donated it back to the Chapter; thankyou Leann;

17. Announcements

- The Michelle Mallin Memorial Bench dedication is Friday, April 15, 2022 at Plum Valley Park in Highlands Ranch;
- Easter is April 17, 2022;
- The State Council President's Conference is April 21 to 23 in Silver Spring MD; Dave Lyons will be attending;
- A JROTC awards event is May 7, 2022 in Loveland; several Chapter members will be attending;
- Our next Poppy Drive is May 28, 2022.

19. Schedule

- a) The next regularly scheduled Chapter Board Meeting is April 30, 2022, via Zoom
- b) The next Chapter Membership Meeting is Saturday, May 7, 2022; the location will be the CCSD Fremont Building; newly elected Chapter Officers and Board Members will be sworn in.

The Next Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 9:00AM – Live at the Fremont Building, 14603 E Fremont Ave., Centennial, CO! Zoom capability will be provided to those who cannot attend the meeting in person.

The membership meeting was adjourned by declaration with no objections by President Lee White at 10:47 AM. This Chapter Membership Meeting minutes is submitted by Milt Omoto, Chapter Secretary.

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