



Membership Meeting Minutes

Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106

March 3, 2018

Location: South Metro Denver Fire and Rescue Building, 9195 E. Mineral Ave., Centennial, CO 80112

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

Board Members Present: Lee White, Bob Easter, Hazel Simeon, Patti Ehline, Tom Werzyn, Dave Lyons, Milt Omoto, Joe Plant

Members Present: Robert Senatore, Carroll Skiles, Ronald Smith, Garry Turks, John Vargas, Wendall Wallace, John Williams, Michael Burzynski, Donna Cheney, Dan Green, Gary Harris, Theodore Hanfelder, Jack Hunter, Mike Karsh, Joe Langran, Roger Lanphier, Robert Lee, Marvin Lich, Larry Majors, Jim Marchille, Gary Meyers, Stephen Robertson, Bob Rotruck, Warren Harrison, Mike Sizemore, Roger Edwards, Richard Price, Bob Larson, Peggy Kelly, Paul Seppo, Mary Eakins

Associate Member: Diane Graham, Dee Lyons, Chris Omoto, Barbara Rotruck, Suzanne Sigona, Karen Meyers, Brian Karsh, , Mary Seppo, Jim Williams

Guests Present: Pat Taylor, Randy Taylor, Mike Huber, Ed Woodson, Thomas Frey, Jack Wright, Carrie Klein, Lynn Emery, Doug Hendle, Gary Holbrock.

Invocation and Prayer given by Garry Turks

Pledge of Allegiance by all

Moment of Silence for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and for those who are still MIA

Special Guests: Sallie Houser-Hanfelder who is the Director of Eastern Colorado Health Care Systems. Brandy Morrison who also works for the Eastern Colorado Health Care System as Director for Communication and Public Affairs Officer.

Minutes from the Feb 3, 2018 meeting were approved. Motion made by Tom Werzyn and 2nd by John Vargas.

Bob Rotruck accepted the appointment as the nominating chairman for the elections coming up in April. Nominations are open at this time. Hazel Simeon will be stepping down as the Chapter 1106 Secretary.

Lee Whites Presidents Report:

- Poppy Drive on May 26 from 9AM-1:00 PM. We will be at 5 locations and will need 21 volunteers to cover all entrances.
- Loveland CO is interested in starting a chapter in their area. They have 20 members already signed up and are looking for the remaining 5 that are needed and should have them shortly.
- We are putting together a Membership Campaign for the 2nd quarter. We will be launching the campaign in the next month or so.

Bob Easter gave the Vice Presidents Report:

- No report given

Treasures Report was given by Treasurer Joe Plant. Report was approved by membership.

Hazel Simeon and the Secretary Report:

- We have new polo shirts, they are 100% polyester. The price was increased to \$40.00. This is our cost

- We now have all sizes of chapter 1106 windbreakers. The price is \$35.00 each.
- A block of rooms have been reserved in Grand Junction CO. We will be staying at the Grand Junction Red Roof Inn. Please call 800-733-7663. Reference Block Code B919VVADen. We will be going on August 18.

Rob Senatore, gave the Webmaster Report.

Milt Omoto gave his Directors report:

- We have a new suggestion box. Feel free to fill out a suggestion card and let us know how we can improve.
- He is putting together a description of each of the standing committees at the chapter. Ex: Speakers Bureau, Scholarship committee, Social Committee etc. He is also working with the social committee to put together a full social event calendar for the year.
- Thrivent Financial gives our chapter several \$250.00 grants through out the year.

Patti Ehline gave her directors report:

- She has a suggestion box where we can put a suggestion in and she can find answers to our questions about things like Agent Orange presumptive.
- The VA has a recreational therapy program now. It is very important in the treatment of PTSD.

Tom Werzyn, gave his directors report:

- Nothing to report this time

Dave Lyons, gave his directors report and the membership committee report:

- We have 98 members with 23 associate members.

Newsletter Committee report by Bob Rotruck:

- Name tags are available for each member, you just have to sign up and Bob will make them for you. He has several that have not been picked up so if you have asked for one and not picked it up yet please do so.
- The newsletter has a Member Feature in every issue. Please contact Bob and he will tell you how to get the member feature information to him so you can be featured in an issue.

POW/MIA Committee:

- Rolling Thunder placed a POW/MIA chair and a missing man table in the cafeteria of the Adventist Hospital in Louisville.

Veterans Emergency Assistance Program report given by Joe Plant. We supported 4 vets in the past 30-60 days and gave out several Walmart gift cards to other vets.

Bob Rotruck gave the Newsletter report

- The May/June issue is well under way but he is still looking for more things to put in there.

Bob Easter gave the Speakers Bureau/Scholarship Committee Report

- On March 23 Tom Werzyn and Bob Easter will make a presentation at Bear Creek High School. They will be talking to 650-700 students plus any parents or teachers that may want to attend.
- The scholarship committee now has a tri-fold brochure to give out to the schools that they visit. Mike Karsh and Jim Marcille have been visiting area schools with information on our scholarships and the speaker's bureau.

Social Committee report given by John Vargas. The committee will be finalizing the calendar in the next meeting.

Roundtable Discussion:

- Rolling Thunder has invited us to join them on a bus trip to Blackhawk. It will be Saturday, April 14. The bus leaves at 9AM at VFW# 2461 and returns at 4PM

Next Meeting is Saturday, April 7, 2018 at 9AM