



June 6, 2020 VVA 1106 Membership Meeting Minutes

Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106.

Location: Tele-conference / Zoom meeting

Meeting called to order at 9:01 AM, June 6, 2020 by President, Lee White

Board Members Present: Joe Plant, Mike Huber, Tom Werzyn, Patti Ehline, Glen Payne, John Vargas, Dan Green, Ron Smith, Milt Omoto and Dave Lyons.

Members Present: Jim Bishop, Bob Crago, Mike Dahl, Warren Harrison, Jim Hemphill, Jim Henderson, Jack Hunter, Alan Jaffe, Mike Karsh, Joe Langren, Bob Lee, Jesse Maldonado, Bob Mallin, Mark Nickle, George Nolly,

Norm Pozner, Steve Robertson, Joseph Robinson, Bob Rotruck, Carl Sanchez, Garry Turks, Dan Wagle, Wendell Wallace, and Darryl Wright.

Associate Members Present: Claudia Hunter, Michelle Mallin, Litta Plant-Schaper, Suzanne Sigona, and Jim Williams

Invocation and Prayer given by VVA1106 Chaplin Garry Turks. Moment of Silence for POW and MIA. Pledge of Allegiance by all

Minutes from the May 2, 2020 VVA Meeting was approved. Motion: Pattie Ehline. 2nd by Dave Lyons

SPECIAL EVENT: ELECTIONS

-Milt Omoto was unanimously elected by the membership to be the Secretary for VVAChapter1106.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lee White

-Mike Huber was introduced as our new Treasurer

-John Vargas was introduced as our new Historian

-National VVA Household Goods Program service has begun again.

-We had a Board Meeting by Zoom.com on May 23rd.

-Thanked the Board Members for making the Buddy Calls to all members to locate any member in need. We will continue those calls till we can meet in person.

-The Veteran Emergency Assistance Committee has so much inventory of handicap equipment, it was decided to offer the equipment to anyone, with Veterans having a priority.

-PayPal has been added to our Chapter Website so anyone can make donations through that medium.

-Unknown when our South Metro Fire Dept. Board Room will be available to us, I will inquire for the July 4th meeting.

-We have new Chapter marketing brochures and 4" round decals available. Chapter logo decals:

Donation of \$3.00 each or 3/\$5.00

-July 4th, Highlands Ranch Parade has been cancelled.

-VVA1071 West Fire Veteran Fair has been cancelled

-June 13th CO State Council Meeting – Castle Rock

-June 14th is Flag Day. Michelle noted that Littleton Elks will have a flag retirement ceremony on Flag Day.

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Dave Lyons

The Board made welfare calls to all the membership and the calls were well received. Please tell Dave of any members who need assistance of any kind.

TREASURER'S Report – Mike Huber - The Financial Report was read and approved.

SECRETARY Report—Glen Payne

-As Secretary, my role is to keep you informed. All month, I have been busy emailing you on various issues as they arise.

-Thank you for having me as your Secretary the past couple of years. I am confident Milt will do a great job in this position.

Webmaster Report—Bob Rotruck

-Website is working fine. Being home all the time, we have more and more stuff for the Newsletter. It will be long this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Membership – Dave Lyons - Packets with Brochures, Applications and Business Cards are available to you to assist in inviting prospective members. Membership: VVA 153 AVVA 38 Total: 191

2. Grants/Fund Raising – Milt Omoto

- The VVA Household Goods service is operating again. Please continue to collect items at your home to call the VVA Home Goods – clothing and household goods. .

-The 50th.Vietnam War Commemoration PIN ceremony is delayed till our next face to face meeting. .

3. Voices for Veterans—Warren Harrison

–Starting evening meetings so younger veterans can attend.

4. Scholarships Committee-Mike Karsh

- We have received fifty-eight (58) Applications for a VVA1106 Scholarship. The Scholarship committee has read and rated all the Application to arrive at a list of thirteen (13) finalists for the scholarships. This month we will interview the finalist Applicants and select five (5) winners to present the membership.

5. Veterans Assistance Program-Joe Plant:

-This past month, we have assisted three (3) veterans: two with deposits so they could get off the street and one with an Xcel bill.

-Please tell us if you know of anyone needed wheelchairs, walkers, power chairs, etc. We have these in storage and available to anyone.

6. Activities and events—Ron Smith

- Events are on-hold right now till we can do face-to-face events.

7. Color Guard: Dan Green

- We have not been able to practice lately. Our next scheduled event is in August at the Cherry Creek Schools.

8. Social Committee: Glen Payne

- Well, our August Picnic is on-hold till further notice. We are planning on conducting the Holiday Lunch affair.

9. PTS—Patti Ehline

-Patti will be meeting continually with the Director of VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System and his leadership team.

- Notes from what she learns will be sent to the membership. Send you VA questions and concerns to Patti so she can be your voice to the VA.

- She emails out the report after each meeting.

- Nurse Patti says to take this COVID-19 virus very, very seriously. She has not seen any flu this serious in her fifty years of nursing. Wear a mask, wash your hands, and stay well.
- Beginning to schedule surgeries. Recently had four veterans arrive for surgery, but they were sent home when they tested positive for COVID19.
- The VA hospital clinics are not open—just for inpatient care.
- VA has tested 3,002 veterans and found 240 positive for COVID19.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

- Dan Wagle reminded us all that today is D-Day, June 6th.
- Michelle Mallin also noted that Ft. Logan cemetery resumes burial services this next week. Services limited to ten people. Only Army and Air Force have limited honors. Honor Bell is not participating yet.
- Michelle discussed her rare form of a cancer sarcoma which the VA is treating as Agent Orange related since she is a child of a Vietnam Veteran. Please contact her if you wish to discuss these issues. A VA Registry exist for Children of Vietnam Veterans who have Agent Orange related diseases. Some can receive financial compensation. Contact Michelle or Patti to learn more.
- George Nolly will be doing a Zoom book reading on June 15th at 1 PM. The fictional book is based on George's two Nam tours as an Air Force pilot. He will read sections of the book for an hour or so.
- Carl Sanchez requested our prayers for his wife who will undergo hip surgery on Monday.
- Patti Ehline told us of her Brother's recent death. He was a two tour Vietnam Marine who died of cancer related to Agent Orange.
- Patti Ehline and Tom Werzyn discussed the VVA national Vietnam Veteran magazine has its last edition in print form this month. The on-line version will be in a similar format.
- Litta Plant-Schaper conducted a drawing for a door prize which Carl Sanchez won.
- Tom Werzyn noted that the Cherry Creek August Football game has been cancelled. Also Tom has heard that VVA National has laid-off fourteen staff members.
- Norm Pozner discussed a need for chest-high freezers needed by the Douglas County Elks for food storage.
- Mike Dahl described his Air Force career and welcomed any questions on military retiree services.
- Bob Rotruck noted that his fingers were beginning to work much better.

VVA1106 Community medical issues:

- Don McNeely has been in VA Hospital being treated for COVID-19. He is home now and doing well.
- Wendell Wallace says his hip surgery is delayed till much later.
- Sonny Gorsuch is scheduled for brain surgery on June 18th.
- John McMaster is in hospice care.

Meeting Adjourned by: Lee White at: 10:08 AM

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING: SATURDAY, July 4, 2020

THANK YOU ALL!!!!

Submitted by:

Glen Payne, Secretary, VVA Chapter 1106