



Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 1106

## **Membership Meeting May 4, 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.

**Swearing-In of Officers and Directors:** Officers and Directors were sworn in for a two year term by Bob Easter, Elections Chair.

**Officer and Board Member Roll Call:** Dave Lyons, Milt Omoto, Bob Brown, Sally Ann Eaves, Joe Dempsey, Joe Plant, Joe Robinson, Tom Werzyn, Lee White (Founding/Former President).

AVVA: Litta Plant-Schaper

Intern: Kaitlyn McGullan and her father, Shawn McGullan

Excused: Rev Garry "Chappy" Turks (Chapter Chaplain), Patti Ehline, John Vargas

**Members Present:** Mort Anderson, Felix Armenta, Bruce Arndt, Martha Baker, Jim Blumberg, Carol Brautigam, Bob Brown, Wayne Buser, Dale Creason, Rockie Cuppari, Charles Daldry, Bryon Daniels, David Dawson, Joe Dempsey, Leland Eagleson, Bob Easter, Sally Ann Eaves, Barry Fiore, Thomas Frey, David Gaul, Dan Graham, Dan Green, Pat Hammon, Jim Henderson, Floyd Hopton, Jack Hunter, Alan Jaffe, Bradley Kuss, Earl Lane, Roger Lanphier, Ernest Ledvina, Walter Leuci, Chuck Luley, David Lyons, Jim Marcille, Bob Mallin, Jim Martindale, Elijah Mitchell, Harry Montgomery, Mark Nickell, Loy Oakes, Milt Omoto, Gary Palka, Ed Phillips, Joe Plant, Randy Reed, Joe Robinson, Juan Romero, Murray Sallenbach, John Sheadel, Glennon Struempf, Mike Tarby, Wendell Wallace, Tom Werzyn, Lee White, John Williams.

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**Associate:** Jane Brown, Ita Dempsey, Diane Graham, Lonnie Hetterle, Claudia Hunter, Jean Jaffe, Kaitlyn McGullan, Dora Plant, Litta Plant-Schaper, Di Seiler, Jim Williams, Han Yoo

**Introduction and Recognition of Guests and New Members:** Guests and three new members were introduced.

**Special Presentation:** Lee White presented our high school intern, Kaitlyn McGullan with a Chapter 1106 Plaque in thanks for her dedication and extraordinary help to the Chapter. She is graduating from high school in a few weeks and will be on her way to CU Boulder for college. Our profound thanks for her extra time and willingness to help us accomplish our mission and conduct our meetings.

**Guest Presentation:** Keith Bennett, President of the Central Colorado Corvette Club presented a brief talk of his visit to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky and introduced Barry Hawkins who provided the technical information of newer Corvettes and what we will see in our Corvette Show today. We had a tremendous Corvette show in the parking lot and we thank the Corvette Club for their "Vettes for Vets" program. Corvettes from different years and iterations were shown.

**Member Biography:** Bob Brown, newly elected Chapter 1106 Treasurer presented his biography of growing up as a Navy "Brat" and his time in the US Army including assignment as a platoon leader in Vietnam. After Vietnam and Ft Knox, Bob became a golf professional and financial analyst and advisor.

**President's Report** (Milt Omoto for Dave Lyons - who had to go coordinate the Corvette Show and food truck.)

1. Today the Central Colorado Corvette Club have their cars in the parking lot; we also arranged for a food truck to be here from 10:00 AM to Noon. We will try to complete our meeting by 10:00 AM so you have time to enjoy the cars. Please patronize the food truck, **2saltysarges**. They are military veterans and were the only vendor to not require a minimum purchase amount. We will provide each Chapter member with a \$10.00 coupon towards your purchase and you pay the balance and the tip.

2. The table at the VA hospital on the first and third Fridays of the month from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM continues to be very successful in explaining VVA; our Chapter; recruiting new members, and introducing the Household Goods program to people. Please see Dave Lyons if you can volunteer for this.

3. Our May Memorial Day Poppy Drive will be May 25th at King Soopers locations: Arapahoe and Smoky Hill, Cottonwood in Parker, and Castle Rock. Please see Lee White to sign up to help.

4. The Chapter purchase of a bench with our logo for the new VA PTSD building has reached \$600 in individual donations. It will be our legacy.

### **Vice President's Report (Milt Omoto)**

1. Thank you to all of you who are here and on ZOOM.
2. If your picture is not on the back board, please see Jack Hunter to have your picture taken. We need it to know who you are. If you really don't want to take a picture, you can give us one.
3. The Highlands Ranch 4th of July parade will include Chapter 1106 along with the Central Corvette Club. Joe Robinson is coordinating.

### **Treasurer's Report (Bob Brown)**

1. April income was \$2589.06.
2. March expenditures were \$1492.21.
3. **MOTION** to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Lee White and seconded by Alan Jaffe. Motion carried.

### **Secretary's Report (Sally Ann Eaves)**

- **MOTION** to approve the April 2024 minutes was made by Alan Jaffe and seconded by Dave Dawson. Motion carried.

### **BOARD MEMBER AND COMMITTEE REPORT:**

#### **Membership (Jim Blumberg)**

1. As of April 2024, VVA National membership is 91,285. There were 196 new VVA members and 78 new AVVA members. 124 VVA and 13 AVVA members passed.
2. Colorado has 921 members and AVVA has 110 members in three chapters and at-large.
3. Chapter 1106 has 205 VVA and 42 AVVA members totalling 247.

#### **Honor Guard (Dan Green)**

1. The Honor Guard was present for an Honor Flight luncheon last month and will be this month.
2. They will also participate in the Cherry Creek School District Innovation Campus event recognizing those students who are pursuing a military career or military affiliation following graduation.

#### **Veterans Emergency Assistance Program (Joe Plant)**

This past month we helped 2 veterans for a total of \$1000.

#### **Grants and Fundraising (Milt Omoto)**

1. A reminder to support the VVA Household Goods Program through "Pick Up Please". Instructions are in the newsletter.

2. There were 48 new families who signed up for the King Soopers Community Rewards program. Our 1st quarter income from that program was \$464.55.

**Chapter Events Coordinator** (Joe Robinson)

1. You can sign up in the back for the Highlands Ranch 4th of July parade. There will be Corvettes available for those unable to walk the parade route.

2. CPR introductory and refresher training (about 20 minutes) will be conducted at the September Membership meeting.

**Scholarships** (Wayne Buser)

1. Scholarship Application time is closed.

2. We had 27 applicants submitted of which about half did not meet our criteria for selection.

**Founder/Former President:** (Lee white)

1. We are set for the May 25th Poppy Drive at three King Soopers locations: Arapahoe and Smoky Hill in Aurora, Cottonwood in Parker and in Castle Rock. We could use a few more people at the Castle Rock location.

2. We always need new members. If you have a recruit see Jim or Phil.

3. We are looking into participation at the Tanner Gun Show.

**Roundtable Discussion:** (all)

**50/50 Drawing** proceeds will be used for the commemorative bench at the VA PTSD facility.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** (Dave Lyons)

1. Next Board Meeting is Saturday, May 18, 2024, 9:00 AM via ZOOM

2. Memorial Day Week-end is the Poppy Drive, Saturday, May 25, 2024

3. Next Membership Meeting is Saturday, June 1, 2024 at 9:00 AM. ZOOM provided.

4. Please continue to stay in touch with each other.

**Thank You** to Jim Williams and Jack Hunter for making this meeting available on ZOOM.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** by Milt Omoto, Vice President, at 10:03 AM.

This Chapter Membership Meeting minutes submitted by Sally Ann Eaves, Chapter Secretary

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