



Membership Meeting Minutes

Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106

April 7, 2018

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

Meeting called to order at 9:01AM by President Lee White

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

Members Present: Donna Chaney, Lawrence Durham, Barry Fiore, Thomas Frey, Sonny Gorsuch, Dan Green, Leo Greunke, Warren Harrison, James Hemphill, James Henderson, Mike Huber, Joseph Langran, Roger Lanphier, Bob Larson, Bob Lee, Marvin Lich, Jerry Liechti, Larry Majors, Bob Mallin, B. J. McGee, John McMaster, Donald McNeely Sr., Bob Palmi, Glen Payne, Bill Pine, Richard Price, Bob Rotruck, Carroll Skiles, Ronald Smith, Garry Turks, John Vargas, Wendell Wallace, John Williams

Associate Member: Barbara Rotruck, Jim Williams, Dee Lyons

Guests and New Members Present: Joe, Dempsey, David Woods, John Sheadel, Clarence Rebolledo, Bill Clark, Gary Steinhoff, B.J. McGee, Tony Nickerson

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

Minutes from the March 3rd VVA Meeting were approved. Motion made by Gary Turks and 2nd by Tom Werzyn.

Lee Whites Presidents Report:

---Special Award Presentation to Hazel Simeon—VVA 1106 Secretary for last three years

---Special Award Presentation to Bob Rotruck—VVA Newsletter writer, organizer, distributor

- Nominations Committee Chair, Bob Rotruck.
 - Open Floor for any nominations as a Board Member
 - Presented a group of Board Member Nominees
 - Motion to accept the Board Members by Roger Lanphier; 2nd Tom Werzyn.
 - Board Member Nominees approved include: Bob Easter, Patti Ehline, Joe Plant, Milt Omoto, Dave Lyons, John Vargas, and Glen Payne
- Poppy Drive: Volunteers needed for Poppy Drive at King Soopers stores on Saturday, May 26th.
 - Meeting Veterans, gaining membership and gathering donations are outcomes of the Poppy Drive conducted on Memorial weekend and Veteran's Day each year.
- Membership Campaign: To provide incentive to members to help generate new members, we are awarding a Gift Certificate for Dinner for Two to the member who refers the most New Members each Quarter (minimum of 5). Also, new benefits are awarded to new 3 year and Life Members who join.

- Tom Werzyn, Milt Omoto and Lee White are attending a VVA Leadership Conference in Palm Springs, CA this summer.
- Lee has VVA 40th Anniversary Coins. For \$5.00 you can have one of these coins.
- We will participate in the Highlands Ranch July 4th Parade, like we did last year. Volunteers are welcome to ride with us. We need military vehicles or convertible cars to ride in the parade.
- The United Veterans Council Banquet is Sunday, April 8th.
- DAR Meeting Report: Dave, Tom and Lee attended the March 21st meeting. The DAR would like to recognize members of our VVA 1106 Chapter with a 50th Certificate. We will discuss at the May 5th meeting.
- CO State Council Report – March 10th. We have three VVA Chapters in Colorado. We are trying to develop new VVA Chapters around the state. Let Lee know of veterans in other towns who might could help.
- 2018 Vietnam War Anniversary Commemoration Day – Ft. Logan: Several members attended this event and toured the new VA Hospital.

Bob Easter gave the Vice Presidents Report as well as the Speakers Bureau report:

- The Speakers Bureau is growing in events with members speaking to High School classes last month and next month.
- The Scholarship program currently needs more applications before the May 15 deadline.

Treasures Report was given by Joe Plant. Treasurer's Report approved by Bob Rotruck and 2nd. by John Vargas.

Hazel Simeon gave the Secretary Report:

August 18th, a trip to Fruita, Colorado War Memorial is planned. Please make your hotel reservations soon.

Joe Plant gave a report on Veterans Assistance Program the chapter offers to veterans who need assistance.

We spent \$5,000 in March to assist 5 veterans with food, rent and a wheelchair.

Patti Ehline gave her directors report:

Patti keeps up-to-date on issues of Veterans Administration, PTSD, Women Veterans, Agent Orange and Mental Health.

- VA Veteran Card applications are available.
- Voices for Veterans has a Twitter feed now to talk to the VA and get responses.
- The VA website e-benefits website is getting increasing use.

Membership Committee, Dave Lyons, Chairperson:

- Dave Lyons reported we now have 102 total chapter members and 23 associate members for a total of 125 members in our chapter. Nationally, the VVA has 82,872 members.

Newsletter Committee report by Bob Rotruck: VVA1106.org is our website. Members can get a password from Bob Rotruck.

The VVA Colorado State Council website is VVACOSTATECOUNCIL.org

Grants / Fund Raising report by Milt Omoto: A \$250.00 Gift Certificate was given to our Chapter.

A suggestion box near the sign-in sheet has been created by Tom Werzyn to collect your suggestions for our meetings and Chapter activities.

Social Committee report by John Vargas:

- Baseball tickets are available for Rockies game.
- June 23rd Trip planned to Pueblo Aircraft Museum
- We recently presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Panera Bread (donates coffee for meetings) and King Super in Highlands Ranch (donates food for meetings).
- We are planning quarterly social breakfast for all member at Great Beginnings Café in Parker.

Roundtable Discussion:

Meeting dismissed by Lee White at 10:34 AM.

Next Meeting is Saturday May 5, 2018 at 9AM