



“Welcome Home” NEWSLETTER

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The comments and editorial input does not necessarily reflect the opinion of the membership of our chapter. I would appreciate any feedback that you might have, items you liked or if you find offensive or derogatory in anyway. (bobrotruck73@gmail.com) Thank you for allowing me to be your editor.

Notes from the President

Lee White

After 15 months, it finally happened, we all met “in person” at our VVA Chapter 1106 monthly meeting on Saturday, June 5, 2021. It was great to see all the members again with smiling faces and yellow shirts.

As we move forward, our chapter had a very successful “necessities/food drive” that ended on June 5th. (424 pounds of items)

As a late entry, we will participate in the Highlands Ranch 4th of July parade. Our annual “poppy drives” in May and November are still tentative with King Soopers.

Plans are being finalized for our chapter summer picnic to be held on Saturday, August 14th.

It's just a great time to get back to some form of normal. Thank you all for the hard work and support during the last months in keeping our chapter together.

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Member Feature

John Powell - Army – 1968 – 70, E-5, MOS – Engineer Equipment Maintenance. My most memorable experience was the difference in culture between being a civilian and being in the military. Being a member of the chapter helps all of us to understand what we were there for!

Military Trivia

Air-dale [Click here for end of the Newsletter Trivia Answer](#)

July Guest Speaker – AA District 10 = Robin Bernal

Aug Guest Speakers – Veterans Treatment Court - Speaker TBA

Membership! (As of 6-22-2021)

VVA 161

AVVA 38

TOTAL: 199

Welcome New Members:

VVA Rodney Lollipop - ARMY

AVVA Josh Medina

Board of Directors/Officers

Lee White – President

Dave Lyons – Vice-president

Mike Huber – Treasurer

Secretary – Milt Omoto

Board Members – Patti Ehline, Tom Werzyn, Ron Smith, John Vargas, Dan Green, Joe Plant, Rev. Garry Turks

Special Chapter Positions

AVVA Liaison to chapter Board of Directors – Litta Plant-Schaper

Chaplain – Rev. Garry Turks

Chapter Historian – John Vargas

Database/Audio – Jack Hunter

Government Affairs – Tony Nickerson

Sergeant-at-Arms – Rob Senatore

Chapter Nurse – Patti Ehline

Working Committees

- Agent Orange/PTSD: Patti Ehline
- Color Guard: Jay Quiring (Command Sergeant), Don McNeely, Dan Green, Clarence Rebolledo, Robert Senatore, Tony Nickerson, Ron Smith
- Event Coordinator: Ron Smith – Chair, Lee White, Michelle Mallin

- Fundraising/Grants: Milt Omoto
- Marketing/Media/Events: Tom Werzyn, Michelle Mallin
- Membership: Dave Lyons – Chair, Lee White, Litta Plant-Schaper (AVVA Roster Updates)
- Mental Health: Patti Ehline, Warren Harrison, Joe Plant
- Name Tags: Litta Plant-Schaper
- Newsletter Editor: Bob Rotruck
- Promotional Items: Leann Stelzer, Litta Plant-Schaper, Lee White
- Refreshments: NEED VOLUNTEERS
- Scholarship Program: Jim Marcille – Chair, Gary Weston, Cliff Butler, Lou Grounds, Tom Werzyn
- Social – Jim Marcille, John Vargas
- Speakers Bureau Tom Werzyn – Chair, Bob Mallin, Dave Lyons
- Veteran Emergency Assistance Committee: Joe Plant, Dave Lyons, Dan Green, Lee White
- Voices for Veterans: Warren Harrison, Patti Ehline, Joe Plant
- Webmaster: Bob Rotruck
- Women Veterans: Patti Ehline

Meetings/Events Calendar - 2021

July 3, 2021-VVA Chapter 1106 Monthly Meeting (In Person)

July 4, 2021-Highlands Ranch 4th. of July Parade

July 10, 2021-Poppy Drive (Tentative)

August 7, 2021-VVA Chapter 1106 Monthly Meeting (In Person)

August 14, 2021-VVA Chapter 1106 Summer Picnic



In Memoriam Memorial Plaque

At the June meeting, President Lee White presented to the membership a special plaque that will forever memorialize members who have moved on to heaven!

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Carol Dean Huber

June 3, 2021

My 98-year-old Mother has come to the end of her last days on this earth. So much of who I am and what I've done is rooted in her instruction, example, and prayers. All her life, she talked to Jesus by faith... now face-to-face. Philippians 1:21. Great loss! Hard times! Thank you for your prayers.



Mike and Mom!

Honoring Memorial Day

From Suzanne Segona
Honoring Your Sacrifices



As of: 6/20/2021

Total Funeral Homes Visited - 2,493
Cremains Found – 25,694
Veterans Cremains Identified – 5,499
Veterans Interred – 4,902

Events:

Welcome Back and 'Welcome Home'

Editor: Bob Rotruck

First fact-to-face meeting since February 2020 at the start of the world pandemic. Thankfully, we are able to finally move ahead, and it was wonderful to see so many turn out for the beginning of this new era.

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Checking in! Photo by Milt Omoto



Lots of yellow shirts in the crowd! Photo by Milt Omoto



One guy in the front row nearly naked with invisible camo shorts!!! Photo by Milt Omoto

But why do we even need a Women Veterans Day?



Women have served in America's wars and conflicts throughout America's history and performed many jobs, playing vital roles in the Revolution, serving as soldiers, raising morale, and spying on the enemy. More than 400 women fought in the Union and Confederate armies during the Civil War. During World War I, about 35,000 women officially served as nurses and support staff, such as the Hello Girls, formally known as the Signal Corps Female Telephone Operators Unit. In World War II, 140,000 women served in the Women's Army Corps (WACs) performing critical jobs, such as military intelligence, cryptography, and parachute rigging. In August 1943, the WAFS and WFTD merged into a single unit for all women pilots and formed the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs), who flew more than 60,000 miles in two years. During this time, the 6888th Central Postal Directory was formed as the first and only all Black Female Women Army Corps (WAC) unit to be deployed overseas during WWII. Their nickname was "Six-Triple Eight" and their motto was "No Mail, Low Morale."

Today there are still many women Veteran history lessons to be taught. The first Women Veterans Day was celebrated on June 12, 2018 and is currently a state-recognized commemoration in California, Hawaii, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Wisconsin.

There are currently almost two-million women Veterans in the United States, Puerto Rico, and Territories/Foreign, according to VA. We're working hard to ensure that women Veterans are treated with the respect and dignity they have earned and deserve. To help achieve that goal, VA Secretary Dennis McDonough has made it clear since assuming his new role that all VA staff, patients, families, caregivers, survivors, visitors, and advocates must feel safe in a workplace free of harassment and discrimination.

The Center for Women Veterans was established by Congress in November 1994 by Public Law (P.L.) 103-

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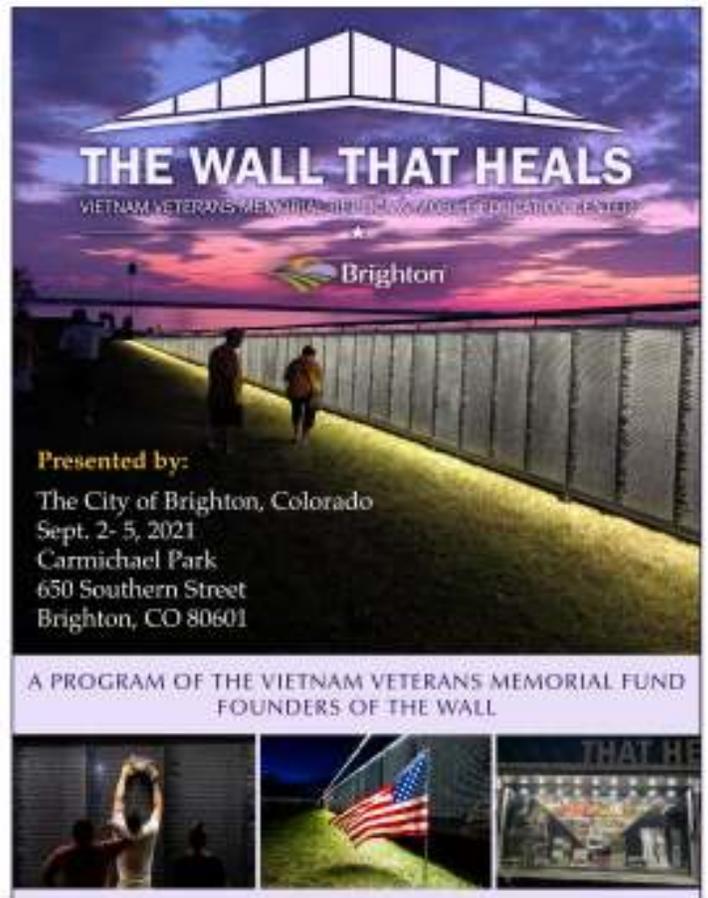
446 to monitor and coordinate VA's administration of health care, benefits and services, and programs for women Veterans. CWV serves as an advocate for a cultural transformation (both within VA and in the general public) in recognizing the service and contributions of women Veterans and women in the military, and to raise awareness of the responsibility to treat women Veterans with dignity and respect. The Center is promoting cultural transformation to #BringWomenVeteransHome2VA with initiatives such as: I AM NOT INVISIBLE (IANI), 2021 Women Veteran Trailblazers, naming of VA Spaces after women Veterans, and partnerships with many internal and external partners.

Women Veterans Day is not a separate day for women Veterans, it is a tribute to a groundbreaking day when women were acknowledged as essential to the war efforts and could serve in the regular armed forces.



From Patti: I attended a special event for women veterans June 12th and sat with two incredible women of color and nurses who served in Korea during that war. The 93-year-old on the left also served in Vietnam. Thinking back on those times, these women had enormous challenges and overcame them all. What a joy to meet them and I plan to see them again in the future. I asked the 93 years old to come to our meeting next fall after it was totally safe for her to come health wise and I would pick her up.

Sunday, June 13th, two brothers were together at New Hope Presbyterian Church, Castle Rock!



Who is Chappy?

Submitted by John Vargas

Recently, a private memorial service was held for Christiane Omoto by her parents Chris and Milton Omoto. On April 4, 2020, Christiane lost her battle to cancer. She was only 35 years old. The Omoto family asked Reverend Garry Turks to officiate the service at her memorial, which he gladly obliged.

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Christiane Michiko Omoto was born in Burbank California. After the family moved to Highlands Ranch, she attended local schools, graduating from Thunder Ridge High School. She then attended Azusa Pacific University in California. Upon graduating she returned to Colorado to work. She then decided to attend Denver University Law School, graduating with a Juris Doctor in 2018. While a law student, she volunteered her time at the Bill Daniels Veterans Service Center*, assisting veterans with a variety of issues, mostly dealing with the VA. She was also an Associate member of VVA Chapter 1106. One day she met Reverend Turks while at the Bill Daniels Center. Chaplain Garry is Chaplain at the Center. And he did what he does so well, providing spiritual guidance and support to veterans. She loved Chaplain Garry's energy and commitment. They had many-many chats. So much that Christiane fondly began to call him "Chappy," short for Chaplain! She would always hold his hands while they talked.

In honor of their friendship and remembrance, our Reverend Garry Turks will now be known to all members of VVA Chapter 1106 as Reverend "Chappy". A perfect nickname from an admirer to a very dedicated man of God. It should also be noted that Chris and Milton have started an annual memorial fund in Christiane's name. The funds going directly to the VVA 1106 Chapter's scholarship fund. An annual \$2,000 scholarship is given to a high school student in her name.



Milt Omoto telling the Chappy Story



Chappy receiving a special recognition plaque!

*Bill Daniels Veterans Service Ctr – Provides Veterans and their families who are living in Colorado access to transitional housing, employment services, substances abuse treatment and other support services.

Quote the day following our meeting from Chappy:

"I am truly honored, humbled and blessed for the Plaque and Chappy pin. It brought tears to my eyes on my way home. I'm finally involved in an Organization that Thinks, Feels and Understands what a In-Country Vietnam Veteran's life is like"

These additional words were included from John Vargas the day following our meeting:

We should all feel very proud of being a member of an organization that just doesn't talk about things we would like to do. We all walk the walk! Attitude and willingness to help others starts at the top (Lee White) and it's like hot lava, it flows to each 1106 Board Member, to all our Chapter Members. Respectfully, we have fun, cheer, laugh, and at times cry while challenging each other on the path to execute our Mission.

"The Beehive was humming with positive energy yesterday"

Military Order of World Wars

Dr. Bob Mallin spoke about this organization at the June 5th meeting.

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This is their preamble:

- To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity.
- To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and flag.
- To promote and further patriotic education in our nation.
- Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our national government and the Constitution of the United States.
- To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the armed forces.
- To promote the cultivation of military, naval, and air science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of national security for the United States of America.
- To acquire and preserve records of individual services.
- To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars; and
- To transmit all these ideals to posterity; under God and for our country, we unite to establish...
- The Military Order of the World Wars.

2021 Chapter Scholarship Winners

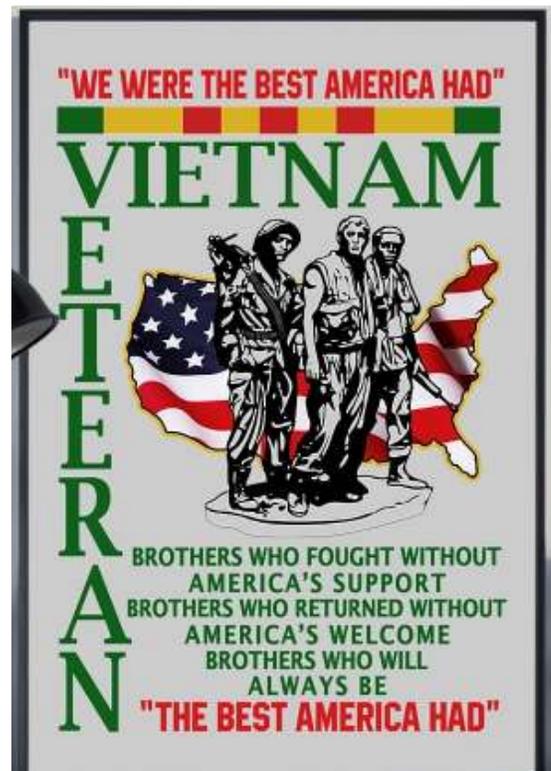


L to R: Mike Karsh – Chair, Samatha Kahler, Lee White, Aimee Swindall, Jim Marcille

Samantha Kahler, Castle View High School, will be attending Colorado State University
Aimee Swindall, STEM School, will be attending Colorado Christian University

The following winners were not able to attend our meeting:

Paul Felix, Eagle Crest High School, will be attending South Dakota School of Mines
Bridget Murphy, Cherry Creek High School, will be attending University of San Diego



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Farewell Alexis Winemiller

Submitted by John Vargas

On June 10, 2021, Mike Karsh and John Vargas invited Alexis Winemiller to a farewell luncheon. Afterwards and on behalf of our Chapter they presented Alexis with a beautiful certificate of appreciation. After she tissueed away a few tears, Alexis said how much she loves our Chapter, how she will miss us and how we contributed to her life in a caring and positive manner.



Alexis, all the best going forward and please come back to visit.

Another Farewell!

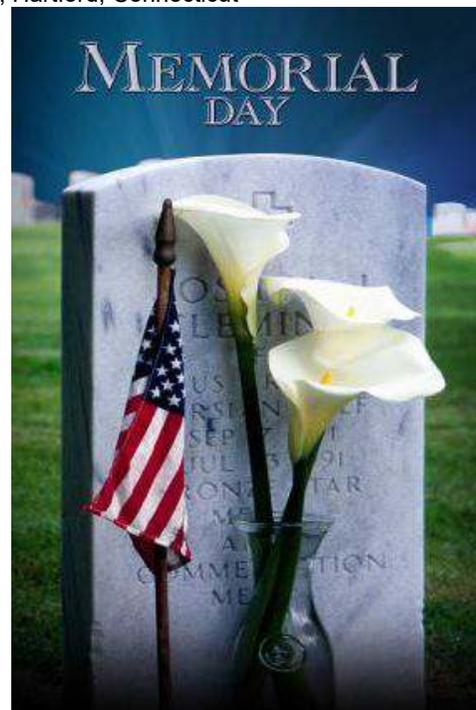
On Monday, June 14, 2021, a farewell luncheon was held at Maggiano's for Glen "Silver Fox" Payne. It was attended by Chapter President, Lee White, Mike Karsh, and John Vargas. Glen and his lovely bride Alissa are returning home to Austin Texas. We will miss his smooth accent and all the contributions to VVA 1106. Glen was on the Speakers Bureau, Scholarship, and Social Committees. He was also the Chapter's "Mail" blaster. (Editor's note: I guess I inherited email blasting from a great man and brother veteran!!!)



Books/Articles

The Meaning of Memorial Day

Reprinted from the VVA Connecticut Chapter 120 Connection Newsletter, Hartford, Connecticut



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To those who died securing peace and freedom; To those who served in conflict to protect our land and sacrificed their dreams of the day to preserve the hope of our nation keeping America the land of the free for over two centuries we owe our thanks and our honor. It is important to not only recognize their service but to respect their devotion to duty and to ensure that the purpose for which they fought and died will never be forgotten.

From the soldiers who fought bravely during the American Revolution to the men and women of today's Armed Forces, America's fighting forces, have responded bravely to this nation's call to duty. Both on the battlefield and in their assurance of readiness, members of the nation's military remain bound to their duty. For more than 240 years, America's Armed Forces have been the surest guarantee that Freedom will continue to ring across this land – From Sea to Shining Sea!

The lives of the men and women who fought in America's battles, and who served their country in support of the military, made significant sacrifice in fighting for the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today. Too often we fail to remember those who gave their life, or those whose life today bears the scars as a lasting memory of that sacrifice and commitment. But there are many who remember vividly as the lives affected were sons, daughters, friends, coworkers, and neighbors – and that their unselfish sacrifice was made with the assurance that life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness required the ultimate service to their nation.

Larkspur Veterans Monument

The Larkspur Veteran's Monument is a Monument soon to be erected by local Larkspur artists, landscaper, and craftsman in honor of all veteran's past and present. This monument will stand near the fire pit area at the local Larkspur Park, overlooking Raspberry Butte and will be 16' wide, 7' tall, will feature emblems of all the military branches, a life size cutout of a saluting service member along with a service dog, extensive landscaping to include water features, a sitting area, up lighting and of course, the American flag. Please join us in honoring and supporting our country's veterans. Please contact us if you would like to show your support in the form of a tax-deductible donation towards this project. Any and all donations are appreciated! Top 3 tier donors will be recognized on a free-standing plaque placed near the monument. Please message admin for information on where and how to donate. You can also donate by check Payable to – Larkspur Veterans Monument

Mailing address: P.O. Box 310, Larkspur, CO 80118



Model of steel monument.



Artist layout of proposed monument at night.



Posted near the Larkspur Monument location.

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Go For Broke

Submitted by Milt Omoto

The US Postal Service has finally issued (June 2021) a "Go For Broke" stamp commemorating Japanese American Soldiers of WWII. "With this commemorative stamp, the Postal Service recognizes the contributions of Japanese American soldiers, some 33,000 altogether, who served in the U.S. Army during World War II," the USPS said. Many of these soldiers volunteered from behind barbed wire fences while their families remained incarcerated in internment camps.



"Go for Broke," a Hawaiian slang meaning risk everything in an all-out effort, was the motto of the all-Japanese American 100th Infantry Battalion/442nd Regimental Combat Team and came to represent all Japanese American units formed during World War II including the Military Intelligence Service units serving in the Pacific.

The organization, Stamp Our Story, had submitted formal requests for a "Go For Broke" stamp in various forms since 2005. While many flowers, fruits, Bugs Bunny and other cartoon characters had their stamps, finally after 15 years, the USPS is providing recognition for the important role that Americans of Japanese descent served during WWII.

Veteran to Veteran

When a Veteran leaves the 'job' and retires to a better life, many are jealous, some are pleased, and others, who may have already retired, wonder if he knows what he is leaving behind, because we already know.

1. We know, for example, that after a lifetime of camaraderie that few experiences, it will remain as a longing for those past times.

2. We know in the Military life there is a fellowship which lasts long after the uniforms are hung up in the back of the closet.

3. We know even if he throws them away, they will be on him with every step and breath that remains in his life. We also know how the very bearing of the man speaks of what he was and, in his heart, still is.

These are the burdens of the job. You will still look at people suspiciously, still see what others do not see or choose to ignore, and always will look at the rest of the Military world with a respect for what they do; only grown in a lifetime of knowing. Never think for one moment you are escaping from that life. You are only escaping the 'job' and merely being allowed to leave 'active' duty. So what I wish for you is that whenever you ease into retirement, in your heart you never forget for one moment that you are still a member of the greatest fraternity the world has ever known.

NOW... Civilian Friends vs. Veteran Friends Comparisons:

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Get upset if you're too busy to talk to them for a week.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Are glad to see you after years and will happily carry on the same conversation you were having the last time you met.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have never seen you cry.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Have cried with you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Keep your stuff so long they forget it's yours.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Borrow your stuff for a few days then give it back.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Know a few things about you.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Could write a book with direct quotes from you.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will leave you behind if that's what the crowd is doing.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Will stand by you no matter what the crowd does.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Are for a while.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Are for life.

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Have shared a few experiences...

VETERAN FRIENDS: Have shared a lifetime of experiences no citizen could ever dream of...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will take your drink away when they think you've had enough.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Will look at you stumble all over the place and say, 'You better drink the rest of that

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before you spill it! Then carry you home safely and put you to bed...

CIVILIAN FRIENDS: Will ignore this.

VETERAN FRIENDS: Will copy this and forward it.

A veteran - whether active duty, retired, served one hitch, or reserve - is someone who, at one point in their life, wrote a blank check made payable to 'The Government of the United States of America' for an amount of 'up to and including my life.'

From one Veteran to another, it's an honor to be in your company.

Thank you for your service to our country, its citizens, and defending the freedoms we enjoy!

God bless you!

A Bit of Chapter 1106 History

Submitted by John Vargas

Driving from Franktown to Lakewood/Arvada twice a month for two years to attend Chapter 1071, and Board meetings became time consuming, and stressful. So, Lee White put together an aggressive plan to start a new VVA Chapter. The first person that he laid out his plan was to his longtime friend Joe Plant*. Joe had been the treasurer for VVA 1071 about two years. He believed in Lee, jumped onto his one wagon to assist with his dream!

Joe immediately contacted residents at his complex and recruited about six Nam Veterans. In the meantime, Lee was a one-man recruiting machine. He made telephone calls, sent emails, placed flyers on car windows outside shopping centers and diligently organized and submitted the appropriate paperwork to VVA National and the IRS. Well, that one wagon has turned into a wagon train with over 200 plus VVA and AVVA Chapter 1106 members. Today, Lee remains Chapter President and Joe was treasurer until turning over the books to Mike Huber in 2020.

If you have a dream and believe in it, then go for it! Two men, one had a dream and the other believed in him.

*You can read about Joe Plant (STF) in the February 2020 issue of the Chapter's Newsletter

**Lee's bio can be found in the December 2020 issue.

It's a "Green Thing"

Submitted by LtCol Dave Pruet, USMC (Ret)

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment!

The woman apologized to the young girl and explained, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days." The young clerk responded, "That's our problem

today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said that she was right our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day. The older lady went on to explain: Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So, they really were recycled.

But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day. Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable besides household garbage bags was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbings. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags.

But too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then. We walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks.

But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day. Back then we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the 'throw away' kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then we had one TV, or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the state of Montana. In the kitchen we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us.

When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used to wad up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap.

Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power.

We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time, we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just

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because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar, or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's \$45,000 SUV or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing."

We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint. But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then? Please copy and forward this on to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in conservation from a smart-ass young person. We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off... Especially from a tattooed, multiple pierced "smart-ass" who can't make change without the cash register telling them how much.

Editor's note: Semper FI



Why Stand Up?

Why stand up these days,

We're just waiting to watch plays.

I don't know what the big deal is all about,
I'm just waiting on my team so I can shout.

But thousands around me are standing up,
Holding their hand over their heart like a cup.

Many are singing a song of liberty and freedom,
Like they are in some kind of special kingdom.

A stranger next to me is bellowing out the tune,
He is wearing a cap that says words over a sand dune.
Iraqi Freedom is spelled out in Red, White, and Blue,
I look down and see only one leg with a leather shoe.

There is great pride glowing on his face,
For some reason, my heart is beginning to race.

I realize this man has made a great sacrifice,

He served our country and rolled the dice.
I look back down to the edge of the football field,
And see millionaire men in a uniform who won't yield.
They are on a knee with a fist held high to the sky,
Dishonoring the man next to me, I don't know why.
I'm suddenly standing a lot straighter now,
And my voice is beginning to howl.
"... O say does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave."
God bless our men and women serving us.
I don't know why I started out with such fuss.
I'm honored to stand next to this veteran,
And I will always stand for our National Anthem!

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Light Side

The Importance of Walking

Submitted by Tom Werzyn

Walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional 5 months in a nursing home at \$7000 per month.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

The only reason I would take up walking is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.

I must walk early in the morning before my brain figures out what I'm doing.

I joined a health club last year, spent about 400 bucks. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently, you have to go there. Every time I hear the dirty word 'exercise', I wash my mouth out with chocolate.

The advantage of exercising every day is so when you die, they'll say, 'Well, he looks good doesn't he.'

If you are going to try cross-country skiing, start with a small country.

I know I got a lot of exercise the last few years, just getting over the hill.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

Every time I start thinking too much about how I look, I just find a Happy Hour and by the time I leave, I look just fine.

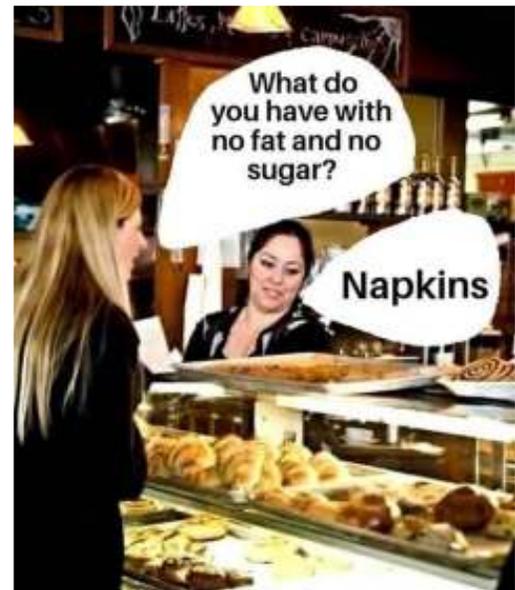
I asked my Doctor today how long he thinks this COVID thing will last. He responded with: "How should I know? I'm a doctor, not a politician".

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RANDOM ACT OF KINDNESS

feeding pepperoni slices to our vegan neighbor's toddler, through the mail slot.



Being a little older, I am very fortunate to have someone call and check on me everyday. He is from India and is very concerned about my car warranty.

Lord, please give me a sign if you think I'm eating too much



Manure... An interesting fact.
Submitted by Lou Zoghby – WWII Vet

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In the 16th and 17th centuries, everything for export had to be transported by ship. It was also before the invention of commercial fertilizers, so large shipments of manure for fertilizer were quite common.

It was shipped dry, because in dry form it weighed a lot less than when wet, but once water (at sea) hit it, not only did it become heavier, but the process of fermentation began again, of which a by-product is methane gas. As the stuff was stored below decks in bundles you can see what could (and did) happen. Methane began to build up below decks and the first time someone came below at night with a lantern, BOOOOM!

*Several ships were destroyed in this manner before it was determined just what was happening *

After that, the bundles of manure were always stamped with the instruction ' Stow high in transit ' on them, which meant for the sailors to stow it high enough off the lower decks so that any water that came into the hold bilges would not touch this "volatile" cargo and start the production of methane.

*Thus evolved the term ' S.H.I.T ' , (Stow High In Transit)

* "So, it's really not a swear word" which has come down through the centuries and is in use to this very day.*

You probably did not know the true history of this word.

Neither did I. I had always thought it was a golfing term.

Plumber of the Year Award



Apparently, you don't want anyone seeing your face, but everything else is okay?



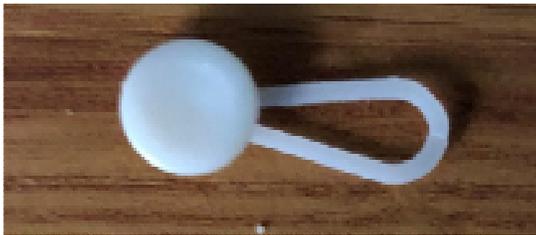
MOMS NOW vs. MOMS THEN:	
"That word is inappropriate."	"Say that again and I'll wash your mouth out with soap."
"Good job trying one bite of the dinner I made. Now you can have Mac & Cheese."	"You'll eat what I make, whether you like it or not. There are starving children in the world."
"I can see you're upset. Take a deep breath and use your words."	"You better stop crying or I'll REALLY give you something to cry about."
"You can't walk around the block by yourself. I'll drive you. Text me when you need a ride back."	"You want to go out? Take your bike. Be home before dark."
"I packed your bento box with almond butter on whole grain, kale chips, and an organic smoothie."	"Take a brown bag with a bologna sandwich on Wonder Bread. Grab a Twinkie and a Hawaiian Punch too."

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What is this???

I'm made of plastic or soft metal and measure about 1 inch long. Hint: You can thank me for helping you breathe!



A shirt collar extender!

Editor's note: Submitted by John Vargas who has three of these!



Editor: At age 80, I need one of these!!!

Brave Man



When a group of tourists visited a crocodile farm, the owner of the place launched a bold proposal: Whoever dares to jump, swim to the coast, and survive, I'll give you \$ 1 million.

No one dared to move, suddenly, a man jumped into the water and desperately swam to the shore while being chased by all the crocodiles. With enormous luck he made it, taking everyone's admiration at the scene, then the owner announced: We have a brave winner. After collecting his reward, the couple returned to the hotel, upon arrival, the manager told him; he was very brave to jump, then the man said: "I didn't jump, someone pushed me!" His wife smiled...

Moral: " Behind every successful man, there's a woman who pushes him!"



Trivia Answer

Air-dale: Derogatory term for a pilot or aircrew

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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Date of Revision: April 12, 2021

VVA Chapter 1106 Annual Calendar of Events 2021		
<i>Date Updated: June 7, 2021</i>		
Date	Event	Location
January 2021		
January 2 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Zoom On-Line
February 2021		
February 6 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Zoom On-Line
March 2021		
March 6 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Zoom On-Line
March 29 (Sunday)	National Vietnam Veterans Day (observed)	Events at various locations
April 2021		
April 3 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Zoom On-Line
April 10 (Saturday)	CO State Council Meeting	Castle Rock Philip S. Miller Library
April 16-18	Conf. of State Council Presidents	TBD
May 2021		
May 1 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	Zoom On-Line
May 1 through June 5	Chapter "Wanted" Necessities Drive	Various collection points
May 31 (Monday)	Memorial Day Events (Note: Check Websites)	Various Locations
June 2021		
June 5 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting LIVE	So. Metro Fire and Rescue Bldg.
June 5 (Saturday)	Food Drive Collection (final drop-off)	So. Metro Fire and Rescue Bldg.
June 12 (Saturday)	Colorado State Council Meeting	Castle Rock Philip S. Miller Library
June 20 (Sunday)	Rockies vs. Brewers Game 1:10PM	Coors Field (20 th and Blake)
July 2021		
July 3 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting LIVE	So. Metro Fire and Rescue Bldg.
July 4 (Sunday)	Highlands Ranch Fourth of July Parade	Meet at 7:30AM Kaiser Parking Lot
July 4 (Sunday)	Rockies vs. Cardinals Game 1:10PM	Coors Field (20th and Blake)
July 10 (Saturday)	Chapter Poppy Drive (tentative)	King Soopers Stores (TBD)
August 2021		
August 3 (Tuesday)	Rockies vs. Cubs Game 6:40PM	Coors Field (20th and Blake)
August 7 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting LIVE	So. Metro Fire and Rescue Bldg.
August 21 (Saturday)	Rockies vs. Diamondbacks Game 6:10PM	Coors Field (20th and Blake)
August 14 (Saturday)	Chapter Summer Picnic	Falcon Park Highlands Ranch
September 2021		
September 4 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting LIVE	So. Metro Fire and Rescue Bldg.
September 11 (Saturday)	Colorado State Council Meeting	Castle Rock Philip S. Miller Library
September 25 (Saturday)	Chapter Board Meeting	Zoom On-Line
October 2021		
October 2 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting LIVE	So. Metro Fire and Rescue Bldg.
October 30 (Saturday)	Chapter Board Meeting	Zoom On-Line
November 2021		
November 2-6	VVA National Convention	Greensboro, North Carolina
November 6 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting LIVE	So. Metro Fire and Rescue Bldg.
November TBD	Chapter Annual Coat Drive	TBD
November 11 (Wed.)	Veterans Day, Various Events (Check Websites)	Various Locations and Venues
November 13 (Saturday)	Veterans Day Weekend "Poppy Drive" * TBD *	King Sooper Stores (TBD)
November TBD	CCSD Veteran Military Appreciation Football Game	TBD
November 27 (Saturday)	Chapter Board Meeting	Zoom On-Line
December 2021		
December 4 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting LIVE	So. Metro Fire and Rescue Bldg.
December 11 (Saturday)	Colorado State Council Meeting	Castle Rock Philip S. Miller Library
December 18 (Saturday)	Chapter Holiday Event and Festivities	Maggiano's Restaurant (lunch)

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