



Membership Meeting Minutes

Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106

July 7, 2018.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by President Lee White

Board Members Present: Lee White, Patti Ehline, Joe Plant, Milt Omoto, Dave Lyons, Tom Werzyn, Glen Payne

Excused: John Vargas, Bob Easter

Members Present: Alvin Arrowwood, Donna Chaney, Joe Dempsey, Sonny Gorsuch, Dan Graham, Diane Graham, Dan Green, Gary Harris, Dennis Homrighausen, Mike Huber, Jack Hunter, Brian Karsh, Mike Karsh, Peggy Kelly, Bob Larson, Marvin Lich, Larry Majors, Bob Mallin, Jim Marcille, John McMaster, Bob Palmi, Bob Pine, Clarence Rebolledo, Steve Robertson, Bob Rotruck, Rob Senatore, Hazel Simeon, Mike Sizemone, Ron Smith, Allan Stone, Gary Turks, Wendell Wallace, and John Williams.

Associate Member: Barbara Rotruck, Suzanne Sigona, Jim Williams, Christine Omoto

Guests and New Members Present: Hahn Le, Daniel Sorensen, Gary Steinhoff, Fred Cox, Carrie Klein, Lynn Emery, Pierre Coverson, Alex Mitchel, Jena Catos, Amanda Taylor, Lori Taylor, Larry Collins, David Walker, Emily Walker, Lori Walker, Scott Walker, Clara Krause, Trent Krause, Christy Krause, Lynn Krause, Barlo Fireshine, Howe Fireshine, Nom Nielson.

Invocation and Prayer given by Gary 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 June 2, 2018 VVA Meeting were approved. Motion: Bob Rotruck; 2nd by Mike Karsh

SPECIAL AWARD PRESENTATIONS:

--Scholarship Awardees – Introduced by Mile Karsh: Amanda Taylor, Clara Krause, and David Walker
Each student read their essay and accepted their \$2,000 Scholarship Award from VVA Chapter 1106.

--DAR "Certificates of Recognition" – Introduced by Lee White
Carrie Klein and Lynn Emory presenters

--Sergeant Hahn Le, U.S Army was introduced by Tom Werzyn. Ms. Le has been part of a team the past five years to recover remains of US Servicemen. She has personally been on two long Vietnam mountain top trips to locate and dig for US Servicemen remains. In Vietnam, we still have 1,600 men missing.

Lee Whites Presidents Report:

--New Life Members and New Members were recognized.

--Highlands Ranch 4th of July Parade – We had about 20 members march in the parade July 6. A big, friendly crowd lined the entire parade route. We were greeted warmly.

--Elections – State Council – Saturday, June 9th. Lee White was President, Secretary Milt Omoto, and Member-at-large Dave Lyons were all re-elected to State Council

--Leadership Conference, Palm Springs, CA – July 24-28, 2018, Lee White, Milt Omoto, Tom Werzyn will attend.

--Events Calendar –

- Saturday, August 11 will be the Chapter Picnic – 11AM-3PM, at Horseshoe Paintbrush Park in Highlands Ranch with a fun Hawaiian theme.
- Trip to Fruita August 18th – Hazel Simeon discussed the trip to Fruita Vietnam Veterans Memorial. 14 rooms are still available (deadline July 18). In addition, we will visit the Peach Festival, Veterans Cemetery, Art therapy for Vets with PTSD.
- Rockies Game: 12 Vets, mostly Iraq vets with PTSD, were sponsored for the June 3 game, and August 26th. We will sponsor more Vets to a Rockies Game.

---Chapter 1106 Color Guard Formation. Tony Nickerson will lead the formations of a Color Guard with September 15 Legacy Stadium 1 PM being the first event for the Color Guard at Cherry Creek ISD.

--VA Hospital Grand Opening July 21st. If you are attending, go on-line to RSVP and arrange parking.

Treasurer's Report: Joe Plant reported the Chapter is moving all funds to Public Services Credit Union.

Board Member Pattie Ehline: Check to see if your VA services are at the Old or New VA Hospital.

Meeting dismissed by Lee White at 11:04 AM.

Next Meeting is Saturday August 4, 2018 at 9 AM.