



Membership Meeting Minutes for Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106 on September 1, 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, Milt Omoto, Dave Lyons, Tom Werzyn, Glen Payne, John Vargas, Bob Easter

Members Present: Sam Anderson, Donna Chaney, Bill Clark, Anthony Croce, Joe Dempsey, Thomas Frey, Sonny Gorsuch, Dan Green, Leo Greunke, Ted Hanfelder, Warren Harrison, Jim Hemphill, Dennis Homrighausen, Mike Huber, Jack Hunter, Peggy Kelly, Roger Lanphier, Bob Larson, Marvin Lich, Bob Mallin, Jim Marcille, BJ McGee, John McMaster, Donald McNeely, Tony Nickerson, Bill Pine, Clarence Rebolledo, Steve Robertson, Bob Rotruck, Hazel Simeon, Rob Senatore, Ron Smith, Gary Steinhoff, Gary Turks, Wendell Wallace and John Williams.

Associate Member: Diane Graham, Michelle Mallin, Barbara Rotruck, Jim Williams

Guests and New Members Present: Richard Lewis, Pam Huber, Cliff Butler, Cynthia Logan, Dan Wagle, Larry Collins, and New Members-- Gary Bentzen, Jim McGrevey,

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 August 4, 2018 VVA Meeting were approved.

Motion: John Vargas; 2nd by Wendell Wallace

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

CONTINUED AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

1. Continued presentation of DAR "Certificates of Recognition" – Lee White
2. Summit on Vet Mental Health Report by Pattie and Warren Harrison: Treating Moral Injuries—PTSD—Vet Suicide prevention
Cynthia Logan spoke from Voices for Veterans organization—Community Mental Health

Lee Whites Presidents Report:

--Color Guard—Tony Nickerson speaker—He introduced new Color Guard members: Dave Lyons, Don McNeely, Robert Senatore, Ron Smith, and Dan Green. Other volunteer members are needed. This group is outfitted in a marching uniform and are actively practicing for first performance on September 15th.

Social Committee: John Vargas— Sept 15th Legacy Stadium All are invited to attend this event.

Chapter Picnic—fun for all with food and fun. Thanks to many people.



Christmas Luncheon for Chapter. “Missing Man” table will be at the Legacy event. John also thanked Tom Werzyn for encouraging the Cherry Creek ISD to involve our VVA Chapter 1106 in their activities.

Sept. 15th Legacy—Tom Werzyn—Food for all, football game, special parking for veterans. Cherry Creek Schools meeting—“we got ourselves adopted” by them to make presentations. On Sept 15 we will have a Color Guard at the football game. A POW/MIA table manned by Purple Heart Organization. The ISD organization leadership has met with us to plan this Sept. 15 game with 8,500 attending the game.

Trip to Fruita August 18th Report– Hazel Simeon discussed the trip to Fruita Vietnam Veterans Memorial; Operation ReVamp toward treatment of PTSD—a civilian program, Delicious peaches,

Poppy Drive Nov 10 at 9AM to 1PM—Red poppies will be given out. Need volunteers to assist at one of our stores.

VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT – Bob Easter ---Aurora ISD and Cherry Creek ISD on being involved in presentations to classes on a systematic basis.

TREASURER’S REPORT – by **Dave Lyons** \$16,632 total in bank. We have been assisting veterans with funds for rent and purchase of medical items. We have wheelchairs, etc. to give veterans. We could give larger items if we had a larger storage place, i.e. beds, etc.

SECRETARY’S REPORT – Glen Payne: Keeping you informed of events in this organization through email and snail mail. Let me know if you are not getting Meeting Minutes or FYI of Special Events.

Board Member Milt Omoto - Veteran Household goods program of Colorado, he encouraged chapter members to participate in this organization. Poppy Drive needs volunteer to interact with the community.

Board Member Dave Lyons — We currently have 144 members in our Chapter.

Scholarships: Committee: Jim Marcelle spoke about the recent Scholarship committee meeting and the desire to offer four scholarships for \$2,000.00 each next Spring 2019.

Bob Rotruck: Is everyone getting our Newsletter? Our Website members only page—email to Bob to get a password.

Speakers Bureau: Tom Werzyn---Have two occasions arranged to speak at schools.

Gov’t Affairs Committee Chair – Tony Nickerson Bills in progress: Veteran compensation act is being considered to provide a COLA and has a 96% chance of being passed. Veteran bills on peer-to-peer counseling and on Women Veteran services do not appear on-tract to being passed.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Michelle Mallin spoke on the **Honor Bell**: Please volunteer your time to toll the Honor Bell.



-Nov. 7th An Honor Bell Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held.

-Honor Bell will toll at the Sept. 15th Cherry Creek football game.

Note: they will fire a fake cannon when the football team scores.

-Nov 11 will be the 100th Anniversary of Armistice for WW I.

The Honor Bell will toll at 11 AM that day at Fort Logan to commemorate the event.

Jack Hunter: Constructing a Photo Book of members. Will be available after the meeting to take pictures.

Meeting dismissed by Lee White at 10:24 AM.

Next Meeting is Saturday October 6, 2018 at 9 AM