



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1106

Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: July 4, 2020

Meeting Start Time: 9:00PM

Meeting Location: ZOOM Video/Teleconference Host Michelle Mallin

Meeting called to order by President Lee White at 9:05AM

Meeting Topics

1. Welcome to the meeting by President Lee White
2. Moment of Silence (for our MIA and POW) and Invocation by Reverend Garry Turks
 - And prayers for those in need including John McMaster and Sonny Gorsuch
3. Pledge of Allegiance (all)
4. Board Member Roll Call

Officers and Board Members Present on Call: Officers: Lee White (President), David Lyons (Vice President), Mike Huber (Treasurer), Milt Omoto (Secretary), Board Members: Joe Plant, Patti Ehline, Dan Green, Ron Smith, Glen Payne John Vargas; AVVA Liaison Representative: Litta Plant-Schaper (11)

Absences: Tom Werzyn (Excused)

5. Membership Roll Call (pre-registered) and Members Present on Call:

Roger Lanphier, Richard Eisenberg, Jesse Maldonado, Steve Robertson, Garry Turks, Mike Karsh, Chuck Luley, Jack Hunter, Mike Vallow, Bob Rotruck, Barbara Rotruck, Carl Sanchez, Jay Quiring, Jim Williams, Bob Mallin, Michelle Mallin, Jim Henderson, Charles Smith, Cliff Butler, Clarence Rebolledo, Don McNeely, Jim Bishop, Joe Dempsey, Jim Hemphill, Dan Wagle, Warren Harrison, Bob Crago, Charles Smith, Darryl Wright, Richard Isenberg, David Yates, Norm Pozner, Bob Lee, Joseph Robinson, Bruce Arndt, Wendell Wallace, Alan Jaffe, and Mark Nickell (37)

Guests: Helen Brackney, Torie ElHaje, Earl Stephens

6. Motion to approve VVA Chapter 1106 Minutes dated June 6, 2020 as transcribed
Note: It was unclear who accepted the Motion and who seconded the Motion during the meeting; therefore, approval for the June Minutes will be brought fourth again at the August Chapter meeting for approval.



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8. President's Report: Lee White

- The Chapter Board Meeting was held on June 27th
- The Chapter's Election Report for the 2020 to 2022 year was submitted to VVA National and approved
- Chapter member "Buddy Check" calls continue
- The Annual Chapter Summer Picnic is postponed to a later date for now
- A reminder that the Chapter has medical equipment available for those in need
- The next Chapter Board Meeting is scheduled for July 18th
- The Cherry Hills School District will begin school on August 17th; they will go ahead with their Fall Football game that traditionally honors military and veterans, but this year there will be no spectators allowed and the event will be shown on-line instead
- The VVA Veterans magazine is now available on-line; log-onto VVA National's website
- There is no new status of the availability of our meeting room at the South Metro Fire and Rescue building
- The UVC Banquet that was rescheduled for August 23rd and may get postponed again or cancelled for the year
- The National VVA National Leadership Conference for July 14-18, 2020 is canceled

9. Vice President's Report: Dave Lyons

- The Membership Affairs Committee (MAC) Report shows a total of 87,107 VVA regular members and 10,437 Associate members; A new Chapter, Chapter 144 in Burley, ID was formed
- Chapter membership is at 153 VVA members and 38 Associate members for a total of 191

10. Treasurer's Report: Mike Huber

- The Chapter currently has \$24,835.55 in Checking and Savings accounts
- Ear-marked for Scholarships is \$7,000 for 2020
- The Chapter continues to have little expense activity due to the current COVID-19 situation

11. Secretary's Report: Milt Omoto

- Glad to be your new Chapter Secretary

12. Committee Reports

- a) Voices for Veterans (Warren Harrison/Patti Ehline)

13. Scholarship Committee Special Report (Mike Karsh)

An opportunity for three scholarship winners to read their essays



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- a) Earl Stephens. Graduated from Regis Jesuit High School (Aurora); he will be attending The College of Wooste (Wooste, Ohio) in the Fall; his essay focused on the Vietnam War as the first television war and how TV shaped the image of the war to the public; he expressed his appreciation to the Omoto Family for his scholarship
- b) Tori ElHaje. Graduated from Legend High School (Parker); she will be attending Miami University (Oxford, Ohio); her essay was on PTSD, causes, effects and cure; she expressed her appreciation to the Bishop Family for her scholarship
- c) Hellen Brackney. Graduated from Regis Jesuit High School (Aurora); she will be attending the California Institute of Technology (CalTech) in Pasadena, CA; her father is Vietnamese, and mother is American; her essay was on how the media shaped public opinion during the Vietnam War, and how it continues to do so; she expressed her appreciation to the Bishop Family for her scholarship

Mike Karsh reported that they made 42 scholarship visits to various schools, received 58 applications, interviewed 13 finalists, and selected 6 awardees; the Scholarship Committee appreciated the efforts the schools made to get the word out to students despite the COVID-19 situation; the Committee appreciates all scholarship donors

14. Committee Reports (continued)

- b) Grants and Fundraising (Milt Omoto)
 - A reminder that the VVA Household Goods Program has started back up, and will pick up donation items such as clothing and small appliances; call to schedule your pickup
- c) Webmaster and Newsletter (Bob Rotruck)
 - July/August 2020 Newsletter is now on the Chapter website
- d) Chapter Events (Ron Smith)
 - The Chapter Color Guard will practice on July 8th; then will be videotaped for use during the Cherry Hills School District's on-line Fall Football game, scheduled for August 29th
- e) Veterans Health Services (Patti Ehline)
 - Veterans are encouraged to call directly the clinic that they are scheduled to visit to confirm their appointment rather than to solely depend on the VA scheduler
 - The latest COVID-19 statistics was recently distributed to members
 - The next on-line meeting with the VA hospital is Thursday, July 9th; send Patti any issues you would like her to report during the meeting



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- g) Veterans Emergency Assistance (Joe Plant)
- We assisted three veterans in the month of June, two with rent and one with payment due
 - Also helped a veteran fly back to Denver
- h) Chapter Social Committee (Glen Payne)
- The Annual Chapter Summer Picnic may possibly occur in September if allowed
 - The Committee is planning on the Chapter Holiday Luncheon in December
13. Roundtable Discussion (Pre-Registered)
- Mike Vallow: Veterans can logon to the Buckley website for news and information of interest to military retirees and veterans; you can also receive information tailored to you; contact Mike for more information:
- Email: mvallo49@gmail.com
 - Phone: 720.261.8850
- Mike also expressed interest in joining the Chapter Color Guard
14. Drawing (Litta Plant-Schaper)
- Drawing for drawing, Roadside Emergency Kit
WINNER: Jesse Maldonado!
15. Membership in Sickness or in Need of Support
- a) Welcome back Don McNeely, recovered from COVID-19; treatment at Sky Ridge Hospital and the VA; took 8-days to intensive care and therapy after; important for everyone to stay safe and follow health guidelines
- b) John McMaster is in St. Paul Care Center and we are not sure of the status of Sonny Gorsuch (Joe Plant has tried to contact him a number of times); Chaplain Rev. Turks, will visit John at St. Paul
16. Announcements
- There will be many Fourth of July virtual events on TV and online
 - There will be F-16 flyover today over the Front Range
 - We have potentially 3 to 4 new members joining the Chapter



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17. Other

- We could not hear John Vargas (audio issues), but he was there
- Good to hear from Jim Hemphill (now living in Texas)
- Jack Hunter stated that he is doing well

The Next Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting is scheduled for August 1, 2019 – most likely online

The membership meeting was adjourned by declaration with no objections by President Lee White at 10:08AM

This Chapter Membership Meeting minutes is being submitted by Milt Omoto, Chapter Secretary.

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