



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1106

Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: May 7, 2022

Scheduled Meeting Start Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Fremont Building, 14603 E Fremont Ave., Centennial, CO 80112

Meeting called to order by President David Lyons (President) at 9:00 AM

An opening Ceremony in Honor of Our Brother Rich Eisenberg with the sounding of 7 Tolls 7 seconds apart of the bell. Each Toll was for Service, Camaraderie, Patriotism, Respect, Dignity, Honor and Value of Life. Then a moment of Silence and a presentation of flower to Jean Eisenberg.

Meeting Topics

1. Welcome to the meeting by President David Lyons
2. Invocation Prayer by Chaplain Garry Turks
 - Prayer for Chapter 1106 members
 - Prayer for our members and family members who are sick and are shut-in
 - Guidance for our meeting today

3. Pledge of Allegiance (all)

4. POW/MIA Chair Presentation by Dan Green and Moment of Silence

Moment of Silence for those still POW/MIA and for Chapter members who have passed

5. Board Member Roll Call

Officers and Board Members Present Roll Call: Officers: David Lyons (President) Milt Omoto (Vice President) Mike Huber (Treasurer), Clarence Rebolledo (Secretary); Board Members Present: Reverend Garry Turks (Chaplain), Joe Plant, Patti Ehline, Ron Smith, John Vargas, Tom Werzyn; Litta Plant-Schaper (AVVA Liaison)

6. Members in Attendance (from sign-in sheets and on-line)

Alice Boswell, Linda Croce, Diane Graham, Christine Omoto, Dora Plant, Litta Plant-Schaper, Barbara Rotruck, Suzanne Sigona, Leann Stelzer, Bruce Arndt, Don Boswell, Bob Brown, Wayne Buser, Cliff Butler, Dale Creason, Tony Croce, Bob Easter, Patti Ehline, Dan Graham, Dan Green, Leo Greunke, Warren Harrison, Jim Henderson, Mike Huber, Roger Lanphier, Walter Leuci, Chuck Luley, David Lyons, Jesse Maldonado, Bob Mallin, Jim Marcille, Jim Martindale, Harry Montgomery, Tony Nickerson, Milt Omoto, Joe Plant, Clarence Rebolledo, Coy Ritchie, Joseph Robinson, Juan Romero,



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Bob Rotruck, Carl Sanchez, Ed Seiler, John Sheadel, Lee Skiles, Ron Smith, Charles Smith, Phillip Snyder, Jerome Springs, Gary Steinhoff, Michael Tarby, Garry Turks, John Vargas, Dan Wagle, Wendell Wallace, Tom Werzyn, Lee White, John Williams, Lew Wood, David Yates; On-Line: Jim Willams, Jack Hunter, Claudia Hunter, Mike Karsh, Mike Messenger, Robert Lee.

Note: If your name does not appear on this list but you were there, that is because you did not sign-in

The above list includes all on-line attendees

7. Recognition of new members and guests (including members who have not attended in a while):

We have three new members (awaiting names and applications)

8. Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval

Minutes for the May 7, 2022, Chapter Membership meeting were emailed to each member. Minutes are also posted on the Chapter website.

Motion 1. Motion to approve the corrected VVA Chapter 1106 Minutes dated April 2, 2022, made by Milt Omoto and second by Tom Werzyn; the minutes were approved.

9. New officers sworn in.: David Lyons (president)
Milt Omoto (vice president)
Mike Huber (treasurer)
Clarence Rebolledo (Secretary)

10. Guest of Tom Werzyn, Ken and Kimberly, spoke to all about Wheelchair ramps and stair lifts.

11. Special award presented to Dan Green.

12. Our Poppy drive is on May 28, 2022.

13. Members ask to continue the Buddy Check Calls.

14. Continue to support the Vietnam Veterans Association pickup of clothing and item you wish to donate.

15. Treasurer's Report: Mike Huber

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike Huber.

13. Secretary's Report: Clarence Rebolledo

14. Board Member and Committee Reports



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- a) Veterans Emergency Assistance Program (Joe Plant): The Chapter assisted six veterans in the month of March, working with HUD-VASH to get homeless veterans off the street by paying for initial rent or late rent fees; about \$1,100 was spent in March.
- b) Chaplain's Report (Rev. Garry Turks): Chaplain Turks emphasized the importance of Buddy Check calls; he regularly maintains contact and visits with six members, including Sonny Gorsuch and Jack Paulson; please keep them in your prayers; also, please pray for one another.
- c) Speakers Bureau (Tom Werzyn): Tom reported that the Speakers Bureau is contacting schools for engagements; a speaking engagement at the end of the month is scheduled.
- d) Events Coordinator (Ron Smith): Ron reported no current activity; if you have any ideas for a Chapter event this year, contact Ron.
- e) Scholarship Committee (Jim Marcille): Jim reported for Gary Weston, chair of the Scholarship Committee, that the committee has been active visiting schools and promoting the scholarships to school councilors; they visited thirty-two schools to promote the Chapter scholarship program; applications for this academic year are posted on the Chapter website.
- f) Social Committee (John Vargas): no further items to report.
- g) Promotional Items (Leann Stelzer): Chapter hats, shirts and windbreakers are available; additional items are ordered as needed based on pre-purchases.
- h) Voices for Veterans (Warren Harrison): Warren reported that this year's NAMI Walks is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022, at Centennial Center Park, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial.
- i) Women Veterans, Veterans Health, PTSD, Agent Orange (Patti Ehline): Patti continues to work with the VA on disability claims and presumptive list additions and encouraged members to do the same; she continues to be active with issues like PTSD, agent orange and women veteran challenges.
- j) AVVA Chapter Liaison (Litta Plant-Schaper): Litta provides member name tags, and you could pick up yours at the back table if you ordered one.
- k) Webmaster and Newsletter (Bob Rotruck): Bob stated that the May/June newsletter is progressing.
- l) Government Affairs and Color Guard (Tony Nickerson): Tony reported that he is tracking twenty-five federal veteran legislative issues and nine state issues; a future John Lewis-class replenishment oiler (T-AO) ship will be named USNS Ruth Bader Ginsburg to honor the former Supreme Court Justice and women's rights activist.

15. Roundtable

- a) Tom Werzyn stated that he has information on retrieving records from the National Archives.
- b) Tony Nickerson stated that the Vietnam Veterans Day event at the Littleton Elks was very meaningful with Rolling Thunder performing the Flame of Freedom (Gold Star Families) and Missing Man Table ceremony.
- c) David Yates spoke on the Veterans Court.
- d) Barry Fiore spoke on the Forgotten Heros Campaign and the organization's support to veterans in replacing missing or lost military medals that you were awarded; Barry also has Rockies baseball tickets available.

16. 50/50 Drawings (Ron Smith)

17. Schedule



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- a) The next regularly scheduled Chapter Board Meeting is May 27, 2022, via Zoom
- b) The next Chapter Membership Meeting is Saturday, June 4, 2022; the location will be the CCSD Fremont Building;

The Next Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting is scheduled for May 7 at 9:00AM – Live at the Fremont Building, 14603 E Fremont Ave., Centennial, CO! Zoom capability will be provided to those who cannot attend the meeting in person.

- c) The membership meeting was adjourned by declaration with no objections by President David Lyons at 11:00 AM.

This Chapter Membership Meeting minutes is submitted by Clarence Rebolledo, Chapter Secretary.

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