



Membership Meeting Minutes for Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106 on August 4, 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, John Vargas, Bob Easter

Members Present: Sam Anderson, Donna Chaney, Bill Cheyne, Joe Dempsey, Barry Fiore, Sonny Gorsuch, Dan Graham, Dan Green, Ted Hanfelder, Warren Harrison, Jim Henderson, Dennis Homrighausen, Jack Hunter, Peggy Kelly, Joseph Langran, Roger Lanphier, Bob Lee, Marvin Lich, Larry Majors, Bob Mallin, Jim McGreney, John McMaster, Donald McNeely, Tony Nickerson, Bob Palmi, Bill Pine, Clarence Rebolledo, Steve Robertson, Bob Rotruck, Rob Senatore, John Sheadel, Hazel Simeon, Mike Sizemone, Ron Smith, Gary Turks, and John Williams.

Associate Member: Diane Graham, Kari Liechti, Michelle Mallin, Barbara Rotruck, Suzanne Sigona, Jim Williams

Guests and New Members Present: Frances Fernandes, Tom Gross

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 July 7, 2018 VVA Meeting were approved. Motion: Gary Turks; 2nd by Tom Werzyn

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Tom Gross "Healing Waters Fly Fishing" promotes healing of physically and emotionally disabled veterans. To lose yourself in trying to actively get that fish to take your hook. We take veterans on fly fishing trips in very peaceful places. They have chapters in all 50 states and Germany. 00% volunteer with no cost to Disabled Veterans. projecthealingwaters.org

CONTINUED AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

1. Continuation of DAR "Certificates of Recognition" – Lee White
2. 2nd. Quarter Membership Campaign Awards – Dave Lyons
Welcome packets given to recent new members.

Lee Whites Presidents Report: --VVA National Leadership Conference, Palm Springs, CA – Lee, Milt, Tom Werzyn. 300 vets; Will get you a summation of seminars.



--Trip to Fruita August 18th – Hazel Simeon discussed the trip to Fruita Vietnam Veterans Memorial. 14 rooms are still available. In addition, we will visit the Peach Festival, Veterans Cemetery, Art therapy for Vets with PTSD.

--Barry Fiore: Rockies Game: 12 Vets, mostly Iraq vets with PTSD, were sponsored for 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. Seven VVA Members volunteers to be on this Color Guard team. Other volunteers are still needed. Volunteer soon so that uniforms can be purchased and training begun.

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 – Joe Plant \$18,226 Balance currently

SECRETARY'S REPORT – Glen Payne Minutes were published to all.

BOARD MEMBERS:

Board Member Milt Omoto --Another \$250.00 donated to us. Household goods program of Colorado collects

Board Member Patti Ehline

- Veterans Speakers for Castle Rock 1st Friday of each month at Senior Center.
- Warren Harrison spoke about a VA Mental Health Summit on Aug 15
- Donna Chaney spoke on a VA initiative to create In-service PTSD clinic for women.

Board Member Dave Lyons—Thanks to Jack Hunter We currently have 138 members in our Chapter

Board Member Tom Werzyn—Cherry Creek Schools meeting—got ourselves adopted by them to make presentations. On Sept 15 we will have an 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. Tony Nickerson recommended we provide Poppy emblems for the event.

Board Member John Vargas:

- Chapter Picnic is next Saturday, August 11th.
At Paintbrush Park in Highlands Ranch with a Hawaiian Theme.
- John is meeting Aug 16 at Golden Outpatient—Veterans needed for teaching some classes. He will learn and let you know.
- Continue to call veterans friends due to the high level of suicide among us.



Gov't Affairs Committee Chair – Tony Nickerson Bills in progress: Blue Water Navy Bill to provide some VA benefits for Blue Water Veterans. Vet Educational Assistance law that keep GI Bill rest of your life. Veteran compensation act is being considered to provide a COLA.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Joseph Langran—Local American Legion post is taking a bus to an Air Force Academy game on Oct. 6. All are invited to go on that bus with them. Please call Joe to reserve a seat.

Jim Hemphill –Spoke about an unethical company that was providing medical supplies for Medicare patients, especially Sleep Apnea supplies.

Michelle Mallin—Thanks for your support of the Honor Bell program.

We recently lost an Honor Bell founder—Lou Olivera, and we want you to know the Honor Bell program will keep going. We continue to need volunteers to assist in ringing.

Meeting dismissed by Lee White at 10:50 AM.

Next Meeting is Saturday September 1, 2018 at 9 AM