



## Membership Meeting Minutes for Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106 on October 6, 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, Dave Lyons, Tom Werzyn, Glen Payne, John Vargas, Bob Easter, Joe Plant

Members Present: Anthony Croce, Dan Green, Leo Greunke, Warren Harrison, Jim Hemphill, Dennis Homrighausen, Mike Huber, Mike Karsh, Peggy Kelly, Roger Lanphier, Bob Larson, Bob Lee, Marvin Lich, Jerry Liechti, Bob Mallin, Jim Marcille, Jim McGreney, Donald McNeely, Gary Meyers, Tony Nickerson, Clarence Rebolledo, Steve Robertson, Bob Rotruck, Rob Senatore, Mike Sizemore, Ron Smith, Gary Steinhoff, and John Williams.

Associate Member: Michelle Mallin, Barbara Rotruck, Suzanne Sigona, Jim Williams

Guests and New Members Present: Gary Bentzen, Dean Brown, Linda Croce, Harry Montgoner, Christopher Ott, Gary Teiken, Karem Teiken, Dan Wagle, Mat Williams.

Invocation and Prayer given by Joe Plant

Color Guard for VVA Chapter 1106 marched in and presented the colors.

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 September 1, 2018 VVA Meeting were approved.

Motion: Roger Lanphier; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Plant

### SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Mat S. Williams, Director of Fort Logan National Cemetery spoke to describe VA Burial Benefits and operations at Fort Logan Cemetery. Fort Logan Cemetery recently purchased 58 more acres of land for future use.

Gary Meyers presented a special engraved POW/Missing Man Chair to VVA 1106 for use at meetings.

### Lee Whites Presidents Report:

--Color Guard—Tony Nickerson speaker—He introduced new seven Color Guard members: Dave Lyons, Don McNeely, Robert Senatore, Ron Smith, and Dan Green. Anyone else who wants to participate in the Color Guard would be appreciated. We have events in November.

Poppy Drive Nov 10 at 9AM to 1PM—Red poppies will be given out.



Need volunteer to assist at one of our four stores. Need 18-20 volunteers for this event.

State Veterans Council Meeting held on September 8th with minutes on their website.

Wreaths Across America—info on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at Fort Logan (see flyer)

Aurora Veterans Salute Dinner will occur soon and we plan to purchase a table for that event and offer tickets to our membership at \$25.00 each. Table of 8 – first come, first served.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Bob Easter and Tom Werzyn discussed Speakers Bureau has been active.

Cherry Creek Schools have adopted our VVA Chapter 1106.

TREASURER'S REPORT – by Joe Plant: \$15,687 total in bank. We have been assisting veterans with funds for rent and purchase of medical items. We have wheelchairs, etc. to give veterans. Over the past year we have spent over \$17K on Veteran Assistance. Bob Mallin has donated four Visa cards to assist veterans.

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 Dave Lyons on membership—Made 22 calls on possible members. We currently have 140 members in our Chapter.

Social Committee: John Vargas— deferred to Michelle Mallin who spoke on the Honor Bell: Please volunteer your time to toll the Honor Bell.

-Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> An Honor Bell Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be held.

-Nov 11 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice for WW I.

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

Scholarships: Committee: Mike Karsh spoke about the recent Scholarship committee meeting and the plans to offer four scholarships for \$2,000.00 each next Spring 2019. The marketing of those scholarships is underway.

Newsletter--Bob Rotruck: Newsletter will be out soon.

### ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

Steve Robertson told us his wife passed away recently and a funeral service is set for Monday, October 22 at Fort Logan, Stage A, at 1 PM.

Report on John McMaster who had a nine-hour surgery last week and will be at the Fitzsimmons Veteran Home for five weeks during recovery. Dave reported that he visited with John, and John is feeling better and walking a little.

Report on Pattie Ehline who is not present due to back pain.

Report that Cookie White needs our prayers since she has pain in her feet.



Meeting dismissed by Lee White at 10:22 AM.

Next Meeting is Saturday, November 3, 2018 at 9 AM