



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1106

Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: April 3, 2021

Scheduled Meeting Start Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: ZOOM Video/Teleconference Host: Gary Weston

Meeting called to order by President Lee White at 9:04 AM

Meeting Topics

1. Welcome to the meeting by President Lee White
2. Invocation by Chaplain Garry Turks and Moment of Silence (for all our MIA and POW)
 - Prayers for those in need and for those sick and shut-ins
 - Please pray for those in bereavement
3. Pledge of Allegiance (all): lead by Lee White
4. Board Member Roll Call

Officers and Board Members Present Roll Call: Officers: Lee White (President), Dave Lyons (Vice President), Mike Huber (Treasurer), Milt Omoto (Secretary); Board Members: Glen Payne, Tom Werzyn, Reverend Garry Turks, Dan Green; AVVA Liaison Representative: Litta Plant-Schaper.

Absences: Patti Ehline, Ron Smith, John Vargas

5. Membership Roll Call Members Present on Call:

Bob Rotruck, Coy Richie, Mark Nickell, Wendell Wallace, Jack Hunter, Dan Wagle (audio), Litta Plant-Schaper, Leann Seltzer, Bob Mallin, Alan Jaffe, Jim Williams, Mike Karsh, Gary Weston, Walter Leuci, Steve Robertson, Clarence Rebolledo, Robert Lee, Joe Dempsey, Jim Henderson; Bob Mallin, Warren Harrison; Cliff Lawson; Jim Marcille, Joe Robinson, Jim McGrevey, John Sheadel, David Woods.

There were a total of 34 online connections at one point.

Secretary's Note: If you were an attendee but your name does not appear on the list, that is because you didn't pre-register with Lee and we did not recognize you on-line.



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6. New members, first time attendees, guests:

Bill Fuller (new member, not present); Alycia Carmin (Colorado State Coordinator, Quilts of Valor Foundation); Vieng (US Bank Mortgage Loan Officer, guest of Litta)

- Alycia discussed the mission of Quilts of Valor and would like to continue to present quilts to Chapter veterans;

Note: Please let Dave Lyons know if you have not received a quilt

- Vieng is a US Army veteran, served as a combat medic during Desert Storm; he can provide assistance with banking needs;

7. Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval

Minutes of the March 2021 Chapter Membership meeting were emailed to each member.

Motion 1. Motion to approve the VVA Chapter 1106 Minutes dated March 6, 2021 as transcribed made by Dave Lyons and Second by Wendell Wallace; the minutes were approved.

8. In Memoriam

President Lee White recognized four former members of the Chapter by reading their names, date of birth, date of passing, and tolling of a bell three times for each:

- Pat Surrena (Founding Member)
- Christiane Omoto (Associate)
- John McMaster (Member)
- Dee Lyons (Associate)

9. President's Report: Lee White

- The Chapter Board meeting was held March 27th;
- The Chapter is planning a food drive in the near future, possibly collection at our June 5th meeting; collected items will be donated to the Health and Hope Center in Castle Rock; they are in need of nonperishable food items and toiletries such as soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, etc.; more information will be forthcoming;
- The Chapter has the South Metro Fire and Rescue building Boardroom reserved for a face-to-face June 5th meeting; health safety protocols will be enforced; for those who may not want to attend in person, Jack Hunter will set up and enable you to view and participate virtually using Zoom; he will provide audio and video capabilities;
- The May 29th Poppy Drive is still on hold with the four King Soopers we contacted;



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- The Wall That Heals will be in Brighton this September; if you are interested in volunteering for The Wall That Heals, please complete the on-line interest form; if you have questions, contact Kristen Chernosky at kchernosky@brightonco.gov.

<https://brightonco.gov/FormCenter/Public-Information-22/The-Wall-That-Heals-Volunteer-Interest-F-113>

- A reminder that Newsletter editor Bob Rotruck needs one more photo of when you were young and in the military for the next newsletter; email your picture to Bob at: bobrottruck73@gmail.com

10. Vice President's Report: Dave Lyons

Dave thanked all who attended Dee Lyon's memorial at Fort Logan

11. Treasurer's Report: Mike Huber

- Treasurer Mike provided a summary of Chapter finances.

Motion 2. That the February Treasurer's Report be approved. Motion by Lee White and Second by Dave Lyons; the motion was approved.

12. Secretary's Report: Milt Omoto

The State Council Meeting that was scheduled for March 13th was rescheduled to April 10th due to the snowstorm;

13. Board Member Reports

- a) Joe Plant. The Chapter's Veterans' Emergency Committee assisted three veterans during the month of March; several veterans have already been assisted in April; they continue to get requests for veteran help;
- b) Tom Werzyn. The application for 501(c)(3) status is continuing; the IRS has requested additional information that Tom will provide;
- c) Dan Green. Nothing to report;
- d) Chaplain Garry Turks. Please keep those who passed in your memory please let Chaplain know of any sick or shut-in members in need or prayer or visitation;

14. Committee Reports

- a) Grants and Fundraising, Milt Omoto. Please continue to support the VVA household goods program with your donation of clothing and household items; you can schedule a pickup online or by phone; a reminder that the King Soopers Rewards program is now active for the Chapter; if you shop at King Soopers, and have a rewards card, please be sure to



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- register your Rewards card by linking it to our Chapter; you will know you are properly registered when you see “Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1106” at the bottom of your receipt; we continue to search for grant opportunities that we can qualify; for baseball fans, Chapter member Barry Fiore is working to acquire tickets to four games this season; a small amount of ticket purchases are donated back to the Chapter; veterans get to sit in the same section (with proper social distance);
- b) Website and Newsletter: Bob Rotruck. Still need one more Chapter member photo of when you were in the military;
 - c) Social Committee, Glen Payne. The Social Committee is continuing to plan for our December holiday lunch;
 - d) Scholarship Committee, Mike Karsh. The Committee is continuing to contact high schools and provide applications and brochures;
 - e) Color Guard, Dan Green. No current Color Guard activity.
15. Roundtable
- a) Dan Green reported that Wings Over the Rockies is in the process of restoring a Vietnam-era helicopter; they are in need of someone experienced with the operation of the machine gun (like a chopper pilot or door gunner) to assist with the restoration; Chapter members John Vargas and Rich Eisenberg have that experience;
 - b) Joe Robinson reported that Wellshire Golf Course (3333 S Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80222) is planning for this year’s PGA Hope Program for veterans; this is a VA recreational therapy program; the program will be from May 22 through June 29 at 10:00AM to 11:30AM; there is a limit to 24 veterans; if you are interested, contact the VA Recreational Therapist at the Eastern Colorado Health Care System, Kathy Crocker, (303) 594-2700 (cell) or (720) 723-8066 (office); Wellshire will provide the equipment; the PGA pros for this program as trained in adaptive sports;
 - c) Cliff Butler reported that Wind Crest is planning a Veterans Day event that will be video recorded; the event will honor Space Force; the United States Space Force is the space service branch of the U.S. Armed Forces, one of the eight U.S. uniformed services, and the world's first and currently only independent space force;
 - d) Cliff Lawson has several slots for his Colorado Veterans Portrait Project; contact Cliff if interested; contact him directly for an appointment at 303-520-3910; email clifflawson@me.com ; his web site: www.CliffLawsonPhotography.com ;
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16. Membership in Sickness or in Need of Support
- a) Bob Mallin reported that Michelle Mallin’s recent scan showed stabilization, which is good news;
 - b) Please let Chaplain Garry Turks know of members who are ill or in need of support.
17. Announcements
- a) Honor Bell. The 3,000th toll of the Honor Bell ceremony is scheduled for April 6th at a Community Center facility located at 1000 S Lowell Blvd, Denver, CO 80219 (NOT at Fort Logan); anyone who has tolled the Bell is invited to attend;



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18. Give Away (Litta Plant-Schaper)

Mark Nickel won a grill set;

18. Book Review: Tom Werzyn

Book and Author: ***Bullets, Blades & Badges: Adventures of an Adrenaline Junkie***
by D. L. Curtis

19. Schedule

- a) The next Chapter Board Meeting is scheduled for April 24th at 9:00AM;
- b) The next Chapter Member Meeting is Saturday May 1st ;
- c) The next Colorado State Council Meeting is April 10th .

The Next Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting is scheduled for May 1, 2021 at 9:00A – online via ZOOM

The membership meeting was adjourned by declaration with no objections by President Lee White at 9:52 AM

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

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