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“Welcome Home” **NEWSLETTER**

“Member Feature”

Welcome to the 1st Chapter 1106 Newsletter

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This is our first Chapter 1106 newsletter and I hope you'll find it interesting, helpful, and informational. If you have any comments, corrections, or submissions, please contact me via email: bobrottruck73@gmail.com. I will probably ignore your input, but it is one way of determining if you even bothered to read it!

Let me tell you a little about me. I am fully retired (I'm collecting my Social Security “entitlement”). I retired from the Navy July 31, 1979 as a CWO3 after 20 years and 2 days, but I wasn't counting. I had a wonderful career which included a tour on the USS Kitty Hawk with VA-65 from NAS Oceana, VA. The Gulf of Tonkin was lovely in 1968/69 as my great crew of Aviation Electronics Techs and I repaired the A6A Intruder aircraft that pilots flew daily and broke as much as possible so that we wouldn't get bored when they returned to the ship. After my Navy career, I started a landscaping business which I loved it except for the issue of civilian employees not showing up, drunk, hangover, or just lazy. Boy, I missed my great sailor shipmates. My wife Barbara and I moved to Florida in 1985 from Chesapeake, VA and I got into the DoD contracting business as a Technical Writer for numerous companies. That lasted until we moved to Castle Rock, October 2005. We love living here. I could go on for 2 or 3 pages, but enough about me for now. You will only hear more when chapter members fail to

give me any information to put into the newsletter.

Notes from the President

Lee White

Having some participation in veteran organizations since I retired in 2007, it came to my mind to investigate existing Colorado chapters of "Vietnam Veterans of America". Guess what?? At this time, there were "zero" chapters. A year or so went past, then I noticed in a newspaper article that a new VVA Chapter was forming in Arvada. Chapter 1071 in Arvada was formed in late 2012 and I was voted in as Secretary.

Living in Franktown presented a long commute to the Northwest side of Denver, so I thought about raising interest in the start-up of another VVA Chapter to support veterans in the South, and Southeast side of metro Denver.

Between September and December 2014, all the "pieces" came together to form VVA Chapter 1106 and received a charter from National Headquarters on December 31, 2014.

Currently, our membership has grown to 35 members with expectations of reaching 60 members within a couple of months.

Our single most important goal is to support the veteran who needs additional help.

WELCOME HOME!!

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Military Trivia

What is **Pogey Bait**? See answer at the end of the Newsletter



Never Alone under all conditions!

Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 4, 2015 – VVA Chapter 1106 membership meeting – South Metro Fire & Rescue Bldg., 9195 E. Mineral Ave., Centennial, CO.

Saturday, May 2, 2015 – VVA Chapter 1106 membership meeting – South Metro Fire & Rescue Bldg., 9195 E. Mineral Ave., Centennial, CO.

Saturday, May 9, 2015 – **Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting** – American Legion Post 161, Arvada, CO.



Fundraiser: Poppy Donations

Volunteers needed to man poppy donation stations to raise funds for helping veterans. Saturday, May 23, 2015 – Poppy Donation drive at King Soopers:

- Iliff & Buckley
- Quincy & Buckley
- Smokey Hill & Himalaya

Meeting Notice!

Meeting Change Notice!

June 6 Member meeting location change. This meeting will be held at: **Fire Station, 8871 Maximus Drive, Lone Tree, CO.**

Same time: 0900

The Saturday, July 4, 2015 meeting date has been change to Saturday, July 11, 2015. Same time, same place!

Membership Drive!

How many Vietnam Vets do YOU know in the South Metro area covered by Chapter 1106? Have YOU stepped up to the plate and asked them to join VVA1106? Do it! The worst they can say is no, but likely they will say, I didn't know there was such an organization in our area! Get the word out!!!



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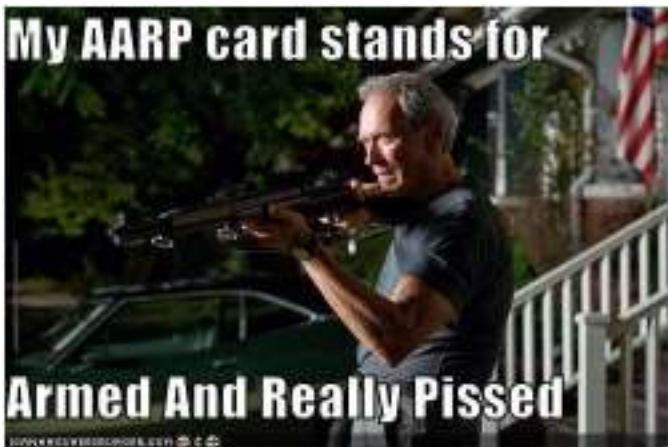
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Helping hand to a faithful friend!



Trivia Answer

US military term **pogey bait** for candy, ice cream or sweets in general, but the origin of this is obscure.