



## **May 2, 2020 VVA 1106 Membership Meeting Minutes**

### **Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106.**

#### **Location: Tele-conference meeting**

#### **Meeting called to order at 9:06 AM, May 2, 2020 by President, Lee White**

Note: Membership Meetings for March 21 and April 4, 2020 were cancelled due to COVID-19

Board Members Present: Joe Plant, Mike Huber, Tom Werzyn, Patti Ehline, Glen Payne, John Vargas, Dan Green, Ron Smith, Milt Omoto and Dave Lyons.

#### **Members Present:**

Jim Bishop, Jack Hunter, Alan Jaffe, Mike Karsh, Bob Mallin, Jim Martindale, Clarence Rebolledo, Bob Rotruck, Rob Senatore, Garry Turks, Dan Wagle, Wendell Wallace, Joe Dempsey, John Williams, John Williams, Jim Marcille, and David Yates

#### **Associate Member:**

Michelle Mallin, Litta Plant-Schaper, Suzanne Sigona, Leann Stelzer, and Jim Williams

#### **Invocation and Prayer given by VVA1106 Chaplin Garry Turks.**

Moment of Silence for POW and MIA.

#### **SPECIAL EVENT: ELECTIONS**

- Lee White was re-elected as President and Dave Lyons was re-elected as Vice-President.
- Mike Huber was elected as a new Treasurer.
- The Secretary position is currently vacant with Lee White being the Acting Secretary.
- The current Board Members were elected to remain on the Board. Joe Plant elected as a Board Member now rather than Treasurer, and Glen Payne elected as a Board Member rather than Secretary.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Lee White**

- We did have a teleconference Board Meeting on April 18, 2020..
- National VVA Home Goods Program collection service is suspended for a few months, so we are not getting the \$900.00 a month rebate.
- Our May 23, 2020 Poppy Drive has been cancelled.
- Unknown when our Metro Fire Dept. meeting room will be available to us, so the June 6 meeting will be done by video conference.
- We have new chapter marketing brochures and 4" decals for VVA available.
- June 13, 2020, is the State Council Meeting – Castle Rock
- July 4<sup>th</sup>, Highlands Ranch Parade has been cancelled.

**VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT:** Dave Lyons

The Board made welfare calls to all the membership and the calls were well received. Please tell Dave of any members who need assistance of any kind.

**TREASURER'S Report** – Joe Plant

The Financial Report was read and Approved.

**Veterans Assistance Program**-Joe Plant:

--This past month, we have assisted four (4) veterans: two with Deposits so they could get off the street and two with help paying the monthly rent.

--Please tell us if you know of anyone needed wheelchairs, walkers, powerchairs, etc.

We have these in storage and available to veterans.

**SECRETARY Report**—Glen Payne

-The Secretary role keeps records of what we said we would do and what we actually did for this VVA Chapter 1106 organization—sort of the drumbeat of the organization. Anyone who would like to assume that role, please contact Lee.

**Webmaster Report**—Bob Rotruck

The VVA1106 Newsletter is on the Website.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. **Membership** – Dave Lyons We now have 144 Members and 36 Associate Members for a total of 180 members in VVA CHAPTER 1106.  
Packets with Brochures, Applications and Business Cards are available to you to assist in inviting prospective members.
2. **Grants/Fund Raising** – Milt Omoto  
The VVA Household Goods service is currently ON HOLD, but please continue to collect items at your home to call the VVA Home Goods when they are back in Service.  
-The updated calendar of Chapter 1106 events has been posted on the website by Bob Rotruck. Many events have been cancelled due to COVID-19.  
-The June Motorcycle event is cancelled, but donations are still being made to that event.
3. **Speaker's Bureau** –Tom Werzyn.  
Tom is continuing to meet with CCISD leaders to plan an August Football game which honors Veterans. We will provide the Color Guard team and support other parts of the program.
4. **Scholarships Committee**-Mike Karsh  
In January-February, we visited and emailed our Scholarship Brochures and posters and Applications to 42 High Schools in our area. Since then, the students no long attend classes. This past week, we emailed all 42 High School Scholarship Coordinators requesting their assistance. We received replies from 20+ HS saying they have re-sent info on our VVA Scholarship to Students with our May 15 Deadline. We currently have six(6) Applications in hand, which is a good sign since we usually do not get Applications until the deadline date.

5. **PTS**—Patti Ehline

-Patti will be meeting continually with the Director of VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System and his leadership team. Notes from what she learns will be sent to the membership. Send you VA questions and concerns to Patti so she can be your voice to the VA.

--Nurse Patti says to take this COVID-19 virus very, very seriously. She has not seen any flu this serious in her fifty years of nursing. Wear a mask, wash your hands; Stay Well.

--COVID-19 testing at the VA is being done at the ER. Stay in your car, and someone will come out to you for testing. Colorado Springs VA center is doing drive-up testing.

--The VA hospital clinics are not open—just for inpatient care.

--At the Fitzsimmons State Veterans Nursing Home, one veteran has died of COVID-19.

**ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

--Jim Bishop volunteered his services to the Scholarship Committee for scanning Applications and distributing them for reading.

--Dave Lyons recognized Alan Jaffee as a New Member.

--Michelle Mallin announced the Honor Bell program has reached its first goal of \$25,000 for an Honor Bell in Colorado Springs with gave access to some matching funds. The next funding goal date is in June.

--Michelle Mallin also noted that Ft. Logan cemetery has cancelled all burial services till further notice. No Shelters or Burial Honors are provided. When they do a burial, family has to stay in their car.

--Suzanne Sigona noted that the National Vietnam Memorial Day service in Washington D.C. will be done by teleconference this year on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

**VVA1106 Community medical issues:**

Gwendolyn Wilson had surgery recently and Donna Chaney is looking after Gwen. Wendell Wallace and Sonny Gorsuch are awaiting scheduling for surgery.

**Meeting Adjourned by: Lee White at: 9:52 AM**

**NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING: SATURDAY, June 6, 2020 by video conference**

**THANK YOU ALL!!!!**

**Submitted by:**

**Glen Payne, Secretary, VVA Chapter 1106**