



Membership Meeting Minutes

Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106

February 3, 2018

Location: South Metro Denver Fire and Rescue Building, 9195 E. Mineral Ave., Centennial, CO 80112

Meeting called to order at 9:02 AM by President Lee White.

Board Members Present: Lee White, Bob Easter, Hazel Simeon, Patti Ehline, Tom Werzyn, Dave Lyons, Milt Omoto.

Board Members Excused: Joe Plant.

Members Present: Roger Lanphier, John Vargas, Stephen Robertson, Jack Hunter, Dan Green, Ted Hanfeder, Ron Smith, Jim Marcille, Mike Karsh, Bob Rotruck, John Williams, Bob Mallin, John Holland, Larry Majors, Leo Greunke, Robert Senatore, Sonny Gorsuch, Bob Palmi, Bob Larson, Don McNeely, Richard Price, Jerry Liechi, Garry Turks, Glenn Payne, Tony Nickerson.

Associate Member: Jim Williams, Suzanne Sigona, Diane Graham, Chris Omoto, Barbara Rotruck.

Guests Present: Michele Mallin, Naomi Turks, Roger Edwards, Steve Siegel.

Invocation and Prayer given by Garry Turks.

Pledge of Allegiance by all.

Moment of Silence for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and for those who are still MIA.

Special Guests: Quang Pham, Vietnamese gentleman who came here with his family from Vietnam.

Minutes from the Jan 3, 2018 were approved. Motion made by Sonny Gorsuch and 2nd by Tom Wyrzen.

Citizen Hero Award was given to Suzanne Sigona for her tireless dedication to volunteering at the Vietnam War Memorial.

Michelle Mallin from the Honor Bell Foundation gave a short talk on her partnership with Warner Brothers Studios on the movie "12 Strong". Lee White, Wendy White, and Dave Lyons were the color guard for the premier showing of the movie here in Denver.

Bob Rotruck was appointed as the nominating chairman for the elections coming up in April. Nominations are open at this time. Hazel Simeon will be stepping down as the Chapter 1106 Secretary.

Lee Whites Presidents Report:

- 4 of our members went to Loveland on the 20th of January and did a short presentation to the PAM Vets on VVA and try to get a chapter started in that area. This group meets monthly and is open to all military personnel. Lee has been called to come and meet with two attendees of that meeting about possibly starting a chapter.
- There will be another poppy drive on the 26th of May. We will possibly be at 5-6 King Soopers. Please come out and support the chapter's fundraising/outreach efforts.

- We will be putting together a membership campaign during the 2nd quarter. It is under development.

Bob Easter gave the Vice Presidents Report:

- The Scholarship Committee and the Speakers Bureau have met and developed the programs and will be presented to the schools in the area after the first of the year. There is a joint meeting on Wed. Feb 7 at Tom Wyrzen's home at 7PM. There will be four \$2,000.00 scholarships awarded in 2018

Treasures Report was given by President Lee White as Treasurer Joe Plant is not in attendance. Motion to approve made by Tom Werzyn and 2nd by John Vargas.

Hazel Simeon and the Secretary Report:

- We will be taking a trip to Fruita/Grand Junction to visit the war memorials there. This will be an overnight trip. She asked for a show of hands as to how many would be interested in going, she had 25 members who were interested. She will find a hotel where she can reserve that many rooms in August.
- We now have all sizes of chapter 1106 windbreakers. The price is \$35.00 each.

Rob Senatore gave the Webmaster Report.

Milt Omoto gave his Directors report:

- He applied for the Phillip Miller Grant in Douglas County. We were awarded a \$1,000.00 grant this past year by that foundation.
- He is putting together a description of each of the standing committees at the chapter. Ex: Speakers Bureau, Scholarship committee, Social Committee etc. He is also working with the social committee to put together a full social event calendar for the year.

Patti Ehline gave her directors report:

- She told about various things concerning the VA, the latest Agent Orange, Women's Issues, etc.

Tom Werzyn, gave his directors report:

- Nothing to report this time

Dave Lyons, gave his directors report:

- He makes calls to the Colorado Members at Large to invite them to the meeting.

Membership Committee, Lee White, Chairperson:

- We now have 115 total chapter members and associate members in our chapter as of the end of January.
- Total Membership in VVA is 82,197 at the end of December.

Newsletter Committee report by Bob Rotruck:

- Name tags are available for each member, you just have to sign up and Bob will make them for you. He has several that have not been picked up so if you have asked for one and not picked it up yet please do so.
- The newsletter has a Member Feature in every issue. Please contact Bob and he will tell you how to get the member feature information to him so you can be featured in an issue.

Veterans Emergency Assistance Program report given by Dave Lyons. We supported 4 vets in the past 30-60 days and gave out several Walmart gift cards to other vets.

Social Committee report given by John Vargas. The committee will be finalizing the calendar in the next month (which will always be subject to change as needed).

Roundtable Discussion:

- Roger Lanphier gave us information on a group called “Run for the Fallen”. They have 19,000 names of fallen veterans and the run is to plant a flag every mile from California to Virginia, starting on April 7 and ends in August. This is a tribute trail across America.
- Bob Mallin will be speaking on March 1 at the Littleton Museum on Civil War medicine.

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

Meeting dismissed by Lee White at 10:50 AM.