



Membership Meeting Minutes

Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106

January 6, 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: Wendell Wallace, Robert Senatore, Jim Williams, Mike Burzynski, Peggy Kelly, Don McNeely, Warren Harrison, Jerry Liecti, Donna Cheney, Mike Karsh, Joe Langran, Richard Price, Jim Marcille, John McMaster, John Vargas, Sonny Gorsuch, Jack Hunter, Roger Lamphier, Gary Harris, Marvin Lich, Ron Smith, Dan Green, John Williams, Ted Hanfelder, Larry Majors, Bob Rotruck, Leo Greunke, Barry Fiore, Jack Paulsen

Associate Member: Jim Williams, Dee Lyons, Suzanne Sigona, Diane Graham, Chris Omoto, Brian Karsh

Guests Present: Ed Woodson, Bob Palmi, Bob Larson, Brian Karsh, Dan Graham, Mike Sizemore

Invocation and Prayer given by Hazel Simeon

Pledge of Allegiance by all

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

Special Guests: John Paul Rosse of the Blue Water Navy Foundation

Minutes from the December 4, 2017 were approved. Motion made by Tom Wyrzen and 2nd by Mike Karsh.

Lee Whites Presidents Report:

- 4 of our members are going to Loveland on the 20th of January to do a 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.
- December 9 was the Colorado State Council meeting in Castle Rock. Their focus is to get more chapters started in Colorado.
- The Honor Flight will possibly be opening the flights to Vietnam Veterans. Lee has the applications, see him if you want to go to DC with the Honor Flight for Vietnam Vets. This will probably begin in October. This is a free trip to "The Wall to Vietnam Veterans".

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. Jan 17th at Tom Wyrzen's home at 7PM.

Treasures Report was given by Dave Lyons. Motion to approve made by Tom Werzyn and 2nd by Patti Ehline.

Hazel Simeon and the Secretary Report:

- If you want a chapter windbreaker let her know what size you need. She will also be ordering the sizes that we are out of in the tees and the polo's.

Rob Senatore, gave the Webmaster Report.

Milt Omoto gave his Directors report:

- He will be applying for the Phillip Miller Grant in Douglas County. We were awarded a \$1000.00 grant this year.
- He applied for a Jersey Mike award
- He is looking into the King Sooper's reward card.
- Sam's Club also gives grants and will check into the process of applying

Patti Ehline gave her directors report:

- She is still working on the photo wall. It will help us to be able to put names to faces. She also want photos of us as younger people.
- She is gathering toiletries, socks, etc. for the homeless. Bring any of the little travel sized toiletries that you may have to her and she will get them where they need to go.
- More and more food is coming into the country from Vietnam, DON'T BUY IT. Agent Orange is still in the soil over there and will be toxic for many more years.
- Get tested for liver flukes. This is something that is now being found in Vietnam Vets and you need to be tested if you were in Vietnam.

Tom Werzyn, director's report:

- Tom Werzyn, Tom Dowell, Chapter 1075, and Lee reported on a trip to Pueblo to discuss with the Pueblo Veterans Council the expansion of a VVA chapter in that area on December 5, 2017. No response at this time

Dave Lyons, director's report:

- He did not make any calls to the Members at Large on the November Colorado roster.
- He encouraged all members to get on the VA Agent Orange registry.

Membership Committee, Lee White, Chairperson:

- We now have 112 total chapter members and associate members in our chapter as of the end of November.
- Total Membership in VVA is 82,107.

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.
- 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 Assistance Program report given by Dave Lyons.

Social Committee report given by John Vargas.

Roundtable Discussion: A House Bill is being submitted to Congress by a congressman Mr. Lamborne from the Colorado 5th District. It is HR-4457. This is not good for veterans so please make yourself aware of the bill, and, if it is going to be voted on contact your congressman to vote against it.

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

Meeting dismissed by Lee White at 10:30 AM.