



**Membership Meeting Minutes
Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106
June 2, 2018**

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

Meeting called to order at 9:03 AM by President Lee White

Board Members Present: Lee White, Bob Easter, John Vargas, Patti Ehline, Joe Plant, Milt Omoto, Dave Lyons, Glen Payne

Members Present: Alvin Arrowwood, Michael Baker, Michael Burzynski, Donna Chaney, Roger Edwards, Thomas Frey, Sonny Gorsuch, Dan Graham, Dan Green, Leo Greunke, Ted Hanfelder, Gary Harris, Jack Hunter, Mike Karsh, Peggy Kelly, Roger Lanphier, Marvin Lich, Jerry Liechti, Larry Majors, Bob Mallin, Jim Marcille, John McMaster, Gary Meyers, Tony Nickerson, Clarence Rebolledo, Steve Robertson, Bob Rotruck, Rob Senatore, Hazel Simeon, Ron Smith, Gary Turks, and John Williams.

Associate Member: Dee Lyons, Kyrston Nelson, Teodora Plant, Barbara Rotruck, Suzanne Sigona, Jim Williams,

Guests and New Members Present: Alycia Carman, Walt Leuci, Michelle Mallin, Viola Nathan, Lou Olivera, John Sheadel, and Roger Waufle.

Introduced Guest: Roger Waufle was in Navy 61-65, and his Son is at West Point.

Walt Leuci was in the Air Force. Viola Nathan was an Army Medic at Fitzsimmons 1968-71.

Invocation and Prayer given by Gary Turks

Pledge of Allegiance by all

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

Minutes from the May 5th, 2018 VVA Meeting were approved. Motion: Bob Rotruck; 2nd by Gary Meyers

Guest Speakers:

- **Alycia Carman was introduced by Dave Lyons, and she spoke about the Quilts of Valor program. They have delivered 14,000 Quilts of Valor in Colorado.**
- **Michelle Mallin was introduced by John Vargas, and he presented Michell a Citizen Hero award for her years of leading the Honor Bell program along with Lou Olivera.**

Lee Whites Presidents Report:

- **Poppy Drive: Five teams of VVA 1106 Volunteers needed conducted the Poppy Drive at food stores on Memorial Day weekend, Saturday, May 26th. He thanked the Volunteers for their work in the hot sun. One result of the Poppy Drive this year was donations of about \$3,900.00 to VVA1106. Thrivent Financial also donated \$500.00 to the Poppy Drive.**

- We will participate in the Highlands Ranch July 4th Parade, like we did last year. Volunteers are welcome to ride with us. We need military vehicles or convertible cars to ride in the parade. 15-18 attending VVA members indicated they would participate in the July 4th parade this year.
- At the July 7 VVA1106 meeting, the DAR will present Viet Nam Certificates to those veterans who signed-up today for that event.
- At the July 7 meeting we will also have two other Speakers: Scholarship winners and New Member Drive appreciation.
- John Spradlin Printing in Parker donated the printing of 750 brochures for our VVA Chapter.

Bob Easter gave the Vice Presidents Report as well as the Speakers Bureau report:

- The Speakers Bureau is growing in events with members speaking to High School classes last month and next month.
- Cherry Creek ISD is considering our Speakers as part of the Standard Curriculum next year.

Treasures Report was given by Joe Plant.

- We are moving all our financial accounts to public Services Credit union.
- In the Veteran Assistance program, we provided funds to enable one more veteran to move off the street into an apartment. Since March, we have assisted seven (7) veterans with food and rent. For any needy veteran, he has 2 wheelchairs, a tub chair and a shower stool.

Secretary Report by Glen Payne:

- Mike Karsh and Jim Marcille, Co-chairs of Scholarship Committee were commended for excellent job of soliciting Scholarship Applicants this year. We had thirty (30) applications submitted (15 more than last year). The committee has picked seven (7) Applicants for a personal interview this afternoon. The four (4) winners will read their essays at July 7th meeting.

Webmaster and Newsletter Chairman, Bob Rotruck spoke about Name Tags for the meeting and request content for the Newsletter. May 20th, Captain John Rotruck became Commander of US Mercy Hospital ship.

Board member Milt Omoto:

- Our chapter receives about \$900.00 a month from that VVA Household Goods collection program.
- Rockies Baseball tickets are available sponsoring veterans to the Aug. 26th game.
- Thrivent Financial continues to provide support to VVA1106 events.

Patti Ehline gave her Board member report:

- VVA volunteers are needed to serve on Agent Orange and/or PTSD Committees.
- You can obtain a Medical ID through the VA
- Please get tested for Hepatitis C.
- Get Agent Orange Testing in Golden VA
- VA Mental Health moves to new VA Hospital in October.
- 1st Friday of each month, started in September, Pattie will have a place whereby veterans can speak about their life in the military and after. Please see Pattie to volunteer.

Membership Committee, Dave Lyons, Chairperson:

- Dave reported we now have 132 total chapter members and Associate members

Social Committee report by John Vargas:

- June 23rd Trip planned to Pueblo Aircraft Museum
- Hazel Simeon discussed the August 18th trip to Fruita Vietnam Veterans Memorial is planned. Please make your hotel reservations soon.
- Christmas Dinner has been scheduled.

Government Affairs report by Tony Nickerson:

- He reported the status of veteran bill in the State of Colorado congress and in the federal legislature.
- The RAMP program was discussed. They get answers from the VA for individual veterans on disability claims, etc.

Roundtable Discussion:

- Suzanne Sigona discussed Father's Day flowers program at the Wall for Vietnam Veterans this year.
- Bob Easter suggested we attend July 7 meeting to meet the VVA1106 Scholarship winners and hear their essays. This always restores his faith in young people of today.
- Chaplain Gary Turks requested our attendance at the July 22 VA Hospital opening where he will be doing the prayers and moderating.
- Bob Rotruck read a poem he recently wrote on MIA persons.

Meeting dismissed by Lee White at 10:46 AM.

Next Meeting is Saturday, July 7, 2018 at 9AM