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Chapter 1106

## Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 5, 2022

Scheduled Meeting Start Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: Fremont Building, 14603 E Fremont Ave., Centennial, CO 80112

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

### Meeting Topics

1. Welcome to the meeting by President Lee White
2. Invocation Prayer by Joe Plant and Moment of Silence
  - Prayers for those in the world that are suffering in conflicts
  - Prayer for our members and family members who are sick and are shut-in
  - Prayers for those in need

3. Pledge of Allegiance (all)

4. POW/MIA Chair Presentation by Dan Green and Moment of Silence

Moment of Silence for those still POW/MIA and for Chapter members who have passed

5. Board Member Roll Call

Officers and Board Members Present Roll Call: Officers: Lee White (President), David Lyons (Vice President) Mike Huber (Treasurer), Milt Omoto (Secretary); Board Members Present: Joe Plant, Joe Dempsey, Ron Smith, John Vargas, Tom Werzyn; Patti Ehline (on-line)

Excused: Reverend Garry Turks (Chaplain)

6. Members in Attendance (from sign-in sheets and on-line)

Mike Karsh, Alice Boswell, Jane Brown, Linda Croce, Claudia Hunter, Dora Plant, Litta Plant-Schaper, Barbara Rotruck, Detlef Schaper, Jai Smith, Leann Stelzer, Vieng Vongsakoun, Jim Williams, Bruce Arndt, Don Boswell, Bob Brown, Wayne Buser, Cliff Butler, Dale Creason, Tony Croce, Joe Dempsey, Bob Easter, Patti Ehline, Barry Fiore, Guillermo Frausto, Dan Green, Leo Greunke, Warren Harrison, Mike Huber, Jack Hunter, Roger Lanphier, Walter Leuci, Marvin Lich, Chuck Luley, David Lyons, Jim Marcille, James Martindale, Jim McGrevey, Don McNeely Sr., Harry Montgomery, Tony Nickerson, Milt Omoto, Gary Palka, Joe Plant, Clarence Rebolledo, Coy Ritchie, Joseph Robinson, Bob Rotruck,



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Murry Sallenbach, Carl Sanchez, Ed Seiler, Charles Smith, Ron Smith, Phillip Snyder, Michael Tarby, John Vargas, Dan Wagle, Tom Werzyn, Gary Weston, Lee White, Lew Wood, Pam Huber, Di Seiler

*Note: If your name does not appear on this list but you were there, that is because you did not sign-in*

The above list includes all on-line attendees

7. Recognition of new members and guests (including members who have not attended in a while):

CCSD Christina, Mellissa and Eric (brought donuts to the meeting); Phil Snyder (first meeting, Air Force); Juan Romero, Darcey Gartrell, Naomi Lloyd, Letitia Herrera; Robin Anderson

8. Chapter Meeting Minutes Approval

Minutes for the February 5, 2022, Chapter Membership meeting were emailed to each member. Minutes are also posted on the Chapter website.

**Motion 1.** Motion to approve the VVA Chapter 1106 Minutes dated February 5, 2022, made by Dave Lyons and second by Joe Plant; the minutes were approved.

9. Appreciation Presentation: CCSD presented thank you certificates to Chapter members who donated time at various CCSD schools; recipients include Ron Smith, Suzanne Sigona, Tom Werzyn, Tony Nickerson, Letitia Herrera, Roger Lanphier, Dave Lyons, and John Vargas.

Guest Speaker: Robin Anderson, Real Estate Appraisal Firm. Robin presented the process for a home appraisal needed to apply for a VA loan; the VA has a panel of qualified appraisers; the VA appoints the appraiser; appraisals are required so that the lender knows what they are investing in; the appraisal includes the condition of the property and attributes that can be compared with other houses in the neighborhood that are similar in size and improvements, such as upgrades, age, etc.; the appraiser will walk through the house and property, measure, take pictures and note the condition; upon completion, you will get a copy of the appraisal from the lender; you can contact Robin at (720) 363-1776.

Vietnam War Commemoration Pin Ceremony: Quarterly award ceremony to present pins in recognition of veteran service during the Vietnam War; presented by Lee White and Milt Omoto

Note: Birthday's for Barbra Rotruck and Joe Plant were recognized

10. President's Report: Lee White

- April 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting is our election meeting; Bob Rotruck has the list of nominees; please see Bob to add your name to the list if you are interested in running for a position;
- A new Chapter 1106 brochure is now available with updated information; Spradlin Printing in Parker provided the brochures at no cost to the Chapter;
- We have speakers scheduled for the April, May and June meetings
- Please continue to support the King Soopers Community Rewards program by signing up and participating; instructions are available at all meetings.



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11. Vice President's Report: Dave Lyons

- Dave recognized Litta's husband Detlef for his volunteer fire department role.

12. Treasurer's Report: Mike Huber

- The Treasurer's Report was presented by Mike Huber;

**Motion 2.** Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report made by Bob Rotruck and second by Tom Werzyn; the Treasurer's Report was approved.

13. Secretary's Report: Milt Omoto

The office of Chapter Secretary is open for nominees; it is important that the Chapter fill all four Officer positions at this April's election: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer so that we are in proper standing with VVA National;

- Note: Per Robert's Rules, Revised, Chapter 15, Section 48, Paragraph 15, the Secretary records minutes of meetings by recording what was accomplished, not what was said; as such, meeting minutes can be brief 2 to 3 pages;
- Minutes do not include opinions, judgments, criticisms, nor extended details; just facts are recorded,

Please see Bob Rotruck to include your name as a nominee.

14. Board Member and Committee Reports

- a) Membership (David Lyons): David reported that the latest MAC report show 87,094 members for VVA National
- b) Veterans Emergency Assistance Program (Joe Plant): The Chapter assisted six veterans in the month of February, working with HUD-VASH to get homeless veterans off the street by paying for initial rent or late rent fees;
- c) Chaplain's Report (Rev. Garry Turks): Chaplain Turks is currently out of town;
- d) Speakers Bureau (Tom Werzyn): Tom reported that the Speakers Bureau is waiting on the schools for engagements for this academic year; Tom did two speaking engagements at elementary schools;
- e) Grants and Fundraising (Milt Omoto): Milt recognized "Buddy Call List" callers with a gift certificate from Texas Roadhouse Restaurant; in addition to being a buddy caller, Walter Leuci was thanked for bringing coffee and water to monthly meetings; Jack Hunter and Bob Rotruck were recognized for their continued contribution to the Chapter;
- f) Events Coordinator (Ron Smith): Ron reported no current activity; if you have any ideas for a Chapter event this year, contact Ron;
- g) Scholarship Committee (Gary Weston): Gary Weston, chair of the Scholarship Committee, reported that the committee has prepared scholarship essay criteria and the brochure for this academic year; they have received good responses from the schools they contacted; see Gary to get involved with the Scholarship Committee;



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- h) Social Committee (John Vargas): John thanked CCDS for providing donuts today; he stated that we have use of the Fremont Building meeting area to the end of the year; John presented an appreciation certificate to the Highlands Ranch King Soopers for use of their store for Poppy Drives; John reported that he has made reservations at Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant for the Chapter's Holiday lunch; it will be held on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>; he is seeking inputs on a theme for the event; a memorial bench dedication for Michelle Mallin is scheduled for April 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM, Plum Valley Park in Highlands Ranch; additional information is fourth coming;
- i) Promotional Items (Joe Dempsey). The order of polo shirts (M and L) and new Chapter ball caps are in, and the items are available for sale; additional orders for AVVA polo shirts are needed before an order can be placed;
- j) Voices for Veterans (Warren Harrison): Warren reported that Voices for Veterans has a new Director; Warren visited with the Colorado School of Mines veteran students; Warren is also involved with NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, a United States-based advocacy group; this year's NAMI Walks is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, 2022 at Centennial Center Park, 13133 E. Arapahoe Road, Centennial, CO 80112;
- k) Women Veterans, Veterans Health, PTSD, Agent Orange (Patti Ehline): Patti continues to email information from the VA that may be of interest to members; she reported that Dave Lyons will be the next speaker at Remember Our Veterans in Castle Rock; she stressed the importance of Buddy calls and encouraged members to talk to each other; Patti continues to deliver donated items to the Bill Daniels Veterans Center;
- l) AVVA Chapter Liaison (Litta Plant-Schaper): Litta provides member name tags and you can pick up yours at the back table if you ordered one;
- m) Webmaster and Newsletter (Bob Rotruck): Bob stated that the March-April newsletter was distributed to members; you can also find it on the Chapter website; the Chapter website has a "members only" link that requires a passcode to enter; see Bob to get your passcode;
- n) Government Affairs and Color Guard (Tony Nickerson): Tony thanked CCSD for the appreciation certificates; Tony reported that the United Veterans Coalition of Colorado (UVC) is involved with legislative advocacy and disseminates important information about veteran issues; he is involved and will report on issues important to members; the Mission Statement of UVC is to activate and represent member organizations, speaking with one unified voice in Colorado, to work with and educate state and federal elected and appointed public policy makers to ensure support for veteran issues and concerns, and to inform/educate Colorado citizens about the needs of veterans, active duty armed service members and their families; Tony also reported on the Chapter Color Guard; they donated a burial flag for the internment of Theodore Aldrich, a Coast Guard veteran; in appreciation, Mrs. Aldrich donated to the Chapter;

15. Roundtable

- a) Vieng Vongsakoun reported on the activities of Voices for Colorado Veterans; they meet monthly; their goal is to continue the legacy of Vietnam veterans;
- b) Tom Werzyn provided handouts of today's speaker and information on how to obtain records from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA);
- c) David introduced Naomi Lloyd, Elementary School Liaison for Cimarron Elementary School; the school provides food, clothing, supplies and backpacks to students and families; they are currently accepting household goods, children's school items; they have enough clothing; Naomi will be our June speaker;



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- d) Jack Hunter reminded member that if they don't have their picture on the member picture board to see Claudia who will take your picture;
- e) Joe Robinson reported that the PGA Hope Clinic for this year will have a golf clinic at the Wellshire Golf Course (3333 S Colorado Blvd, Denver); it will begin on the first Saturday in May; For more information about VA's adaptive sports program, visit [www.va.gov/adaptivesports/index.asp](http://www.va.gov/adaptivesports/index.asp). For information about PGA REACH or the PGA HOPE program, visit <http://www.pgareach.com/>.

16. 50/50 Drawings (Ron Smith)

- A handmade coaster set and framed knit portrait of a veteran were donated by Letitia Herrera (Tony Nickerson's daughter) were raffled; the 50/50 drawing was won by Charles Smith who donated it back to the Chapter; thank you Charles;

17. Announcements

- National Vietnam War Veterans Day is March 29<sup>th</sup> (observed); currently we are not aware of any public events;
- The VVA Colorado State Council meeting is March 12<sup>th</sup>.

18. Membership in Sickness or in Need of Support

- a) Please keep Dan Green's wife in your prayers;
- b) Please continue to keep Rich Eisenberg, and Sonny Gorsuch in your prayers;
- c) Please pray for Steve Robinson who has cancer and returned home today;
- d) Please let Chaplain Garry Turks know of members and family members who are ill or in need of support

19. Schedule

- a) The next regularly scheduled Chapter Board Meeting is March 26, 2022, via Zoom
- b) The next Chapter Membership Meeting is Saturday, April 2, 2022; the location will be the CCSD Fremont Building; this is our election meeting.

**The Next Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting is scheduled for April 2 at 9:00AM – Live at the Fremont Building, 14603 E Fremont Ave., Centennial, CO! Zoom capability will be provided to those who cannot attend the meeting in person.**

The membership meeting was adjourned by declaration with no objections by President Lee White at 10:46 AM. This Chapter Membership Meeting minutes is submitted by Milt Omoto, Chapter Secretary.

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