



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1106

Chapter 1106 Membership Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: January 7, 2023,

Scheduled Meeting Start Time: 9:00 AM

Meeting Location: South Metro Fire and Rescue building

Meeting called to order by President David Lyons at 9:00 AM

Meeting Opening:

Welcome to the meeting by President David Lyons

Pledge of Allegiance (all)

Invocation Prayer by Chaplain Garry Turks

POW/MIA Chair Presentation and Moment of Silence

Board Member Roll Call

David Lyons, John Vargus, Garry Turks, Joe Plant, Tom Werzyn, Joe Robinson, Joe Dempsey, Mike Huber

Excused: Patti Ehline

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

Alice Boswell, Jane Brown, Ita Dempsey, Claudia Hunter, Litta Plant-Schaper, Barbara Rotruck, Jai Smith, Leann Stelzer, Naomi Turks, Vieng Vongsakoun, Don Boswell, Bob Brown, Wayne Buser, James Chisel, Dale Creason, Charles Daldry, Joe Dempsey, Leland Eagleson, Bob Easter, Rance Exline, Barry Fiore, Dan Graham, Dan Green, Leo Greunke, Ted Hanfelder, Warren Harrison, Jim Henderson, Mike Huber, Jack Hunter, Walter Leuci, Marvin Lich, David Lyons, Jesse Maldonado, Bob Mallin, Jim Marcille, Jim McGrevey, Don McNeely Sr, Tony Nickerson, Gary Palka, Ed Phillips, Joe Plant, Clarence Rebolledo, Coy Ritchie, Joseph Robinson, Bob Rotruck, Murry Sallenbach, Carl Sanchez, John Sheadel, Ron Smith, Phil Snyder, Jerome Springs, Wain Stowe, Garry Turks, John Vargas, Dan Wagle, Wendell Wallace, Tom Werzyn, John Williams, Lew Wood, Jim Williams, Bob Lee

Rich Crandall (President of the Colorado Freedom Memorial)

This is the first memorial in America dedicated to ALL wars, ALL branches of service and containing the names of all those who died from a single state in those wars. The Colorado Freedom Memorial is in Aurora, Colorado near Buckley



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1106

Air Force Base, constructed of glass panels that reflect Colorado's mountains and blue skies the Memorial holds the names of over 6,000 Coloradans killed or missing in action. They are grouped by war; names will not be alphabetically listed. Much of the Colorado Freedom Memorial is meant to reflect the chaos of war, including the shuffling of names. They welcome your visit! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact them at the Colorado Freedom Memorial.

John Vargas

Introduction of Patrick Keelan board member of the Rocky Mountain Honor Flight. Patrick has been with the honor flight since 2012. His leader at the honor flight is President Dale Goulette. At least ten of our VVA members have been on the Honor Flight to Washington DC. Patrick made it possible for our members to go on the Honor Flight. VVA presented Patrick with plaque and a Vietnam pocket watch.

At our December luncheon some of tables had name plaques. Let Litta Plant know you want one and for five dollars she can have one make for you.

There was feedback on our luncheon last December. The director, Michael Rohrbach, of the Veterans Administration gave us a thank you note. His speech at the luncheon was to encourage all veterans to use the benefits we must use the services at the VA hospital.

There will be two members of our chapter looking for a new site for our December luncheon. If anyone has any ideas for this year's luncheon, notify our President.

Tom Werzyn

Tom Werzyn presented a plaque and veteran coin to Walter Leuci for his help and work with providing coffee and water at our chapter meetings.

David Lyons (President)

John Spalding a navy veteran printed our bookmark we passed around the Christmas luncheon. David will make sure John received one of the veteran coins and a Certificate of Appreciation..

Our color guard will be presenting the flags at the VA hospital chapel on February 23, 2023.



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1106

Daughters of the American Revolution contacted Lee White about presenting certificates to our membership. The lady in charge of this presentation might come out in April and present certificates of appreciation to members of our chapter.

Inquires of the total dollars we received from the poppy drive we ask and as of this meeting we had \$7,715. In November we had \$5,371 for a total of \$13,086.

Honor Bell Chris Boyer has a fundraiser on January 17, 2023. We do not have all the notes, but it will be near Arapahoe Road just east of I25. Chris will provide the information we need to attend this fundraiser.

Treasurer's Report Mike Huber

Mike is building our budget for the coming year. Contact our Treasurer if you want to know current totals.

Lee White

Lee discussed with Dale Creason about bringing back the VA Chapter 1106 survey form. It was started a number of years ago which gave a little background and history of our members. Lee will bring more forms at our next chapter meeting and if members would be kind enough to fill them out. Another way each member of the chapter can get to know each other better.

Lee would like to encourage spouses or anyone else that our membership can contact to promote our AVVA to join. More members to help with our present AVVA members. Membership for AVVA is \$20 a year and \$100 for lifetime membership.

Lee will be in touch with members to set up a 3-minute bio so that the membership can get a little information on each other.

Quarterly birthday cake was suggested.

On the sign-in table there will be a 3-ring binder containing Build Your Legacy binders, Lee will bring more on our next chapter meeting.

Joe Plant (Veterans Assistance)

We helped fifteen veterans in the month of December. Joe carried forward October and November budget to help on the month of December, which is a busy month to get veterans off the street.

Joe received 16 or 17 calls from social workers during the month of December for assistance. We helped five veterans with deposits on a new place to live. We helped three



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1106

with application fees and deposits such as rent. A total of \$5,717 was spent, yet Joe was still under budget.

Chaplain (Garry Turks)

There are more names to add to the members that are sick. Six of the names of the people on the list are ill. Some of the names are Bill Clark, Mike Karsh, Tom Carlisle (who is homebound), Norm Posner (recovering from surgery).

Garry is prepared and takes precautions when he visits our sick members.

Garry reminds us to do our buddy checks and call anyone you may know who is ill.

Tony Nickerson

The VA Insurance health program that the government was deciding to present for veterans, did not get passed. You can still enroll in the program if you are younger than 80 years old, 100% disability, you do not have to have a physical exam. The only problem is there is a two-year waiting period before you are fully insured. You still must pay your premiums for two years before your accepted into the program.

There are many caveats to this insurance plan; Tony can provide that information.

Tony encourages us to apply for property tax exemption if your age 65 and over. You do not have to be a veteran with 100% disability.

Tom Werzyn

Nothing going on, we are waiting to hear from CCSD.

Litta Shaper-Plant

Need one more volunteer, talk to Litta or Gary Weston. Volunteer needed to look over the application for scholarship.

Joe Dempsey

Shirts that were orders have arrived. Associated members have ask for shirts. We should figure out what we need as far as ordering items. There must be a certain amount to order before the order will go in.

Bob Rotruck

The March/April newsletter is well on its way. The Education scholarship application is on the website.

If any member needs the password to get into the website, they can contact Bob Rotruck.



Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1106

Vieng Vongsakoun

Voices for Colorado Veterans. Big fear that this group is not going to last forever. Grateful that Bob Rotruck stepped up and help to create a website for the group last month. They meet on the last Thursday of the month and invite the membership of VVA 1106 to join the at their meetings. The group will meet at Sport Book.

Tom Werzyn

Remind the membership of the National Personnel Records Center, known as the National Archives. There is information to get records that anyone needs to help with their claims and for just general information.

Berry Fiore

It has been his honor the help a number of members to get their medals and ribbons. January 28 the ceremony will be for Gary Weston and Alan Jaffe. Berry invites the membership to the ceremony at the American Legion Post on Yale Blvd. and I25, starts at 11:00am. Future ceremonies with be for Mike Huber and Leo Greunke.

Check your DD214 and be sure you get your medals and ribbons. Berry will help you get your medals and ribbons you deserve.

Dan Green

Making a request of the membership to join the Color Guard. The Color Guard group can use a couple more members to help present the flags. To join see Dan Green, Ron Smith, or Dale Creason.

50/50 was 120 dollars. Garry Turks winner of \$60.

Schedule

The next regularly scheduled Chapter Board Meeting is January 28, 2023, via Zoom.

The next Chapter Membership Meeting is Saturday, February 4, 2023; the location will be the South Metro Fire and Rescue Building.

The membership meeting was adjourned at 10:40 by President David Lyons.

This Chapter Membership Meeting minutes submitted by Clarence Rebolledo, Chapter Secretary.

Published: 1/19/2023

Circulation Notice: These minutes may contain sensitive and/or personal information; therefore, please use discretion when sharing this information with non-VVA members.