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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106**

**March 5, 2015**

**9195 E Mineral Ave, Centennial, CO 80112**

**South Metro Fire and Rescue Boardroom**

**Board Members Present: Lee White, Milt Omoto, Hazel Simeon, Bob Easter, Patti Ehline, Paul Seppo**

**Board Members Excused: Joe Plant, Pat Surrena**

**Members Present: Dave Lyons, Jimmie Martinez, Robb Robichaud, Jim Marcille, Marv Lich, John McMaster, Sonny Gorsuch, John Williams, Bob Rotruck, Mike Karsh, Joe Langran, Robert Senatore, Bob Lee, Wendell Wallace**

**Guests Present: Gary Harris, Eric Rael, Amy Langrock**

**Associate Members Present: Barbara Rotruck, Diane Graham, Suzanne Sigona, Chris Omoto**

**Meeting called to order by President Lee White at 9:05 AM**

**Pledge of Allegiance by all**

**Invocation and Prayer given by Hazel Simeon**

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

**Guests and new members were introduced.**

**Approval of VVA Chapter 1106 - South Metro Denver "Minutes" dated February 6 2016, as written. Motion to accept by Bob Rotruck and 2nd by Dave Lyons.**

**Special guests Eric Rael and Amy Langrock from ERC Management (Freddie’s Frozen Custard & Steakburgers) presented VVA Chapter 1106 with a check for $8991.89. The Denver area Freddie’s collected money at their front counters to give to veteran organizations. A great portion of what was collected in 2015 was given to VVA Chapter 1106.**

**Bob Rotruck is the chapter chair the nominations committee in preparation for elections in April. He passed out the nominations form to everyone to nominate someone to serve on the board.**

**Upcoming events for Chapter 1106:**

* **Saturday, March 12 is the state council meeting in Castle Rock starting at 1PM**
* **Thursday, March 24 the Honor Bell Foundation is showing a movie called “Taking Chance” at the Alamo DraftHouse Cinema off of Sante Fe and Bellview.**
* **April 2 will be out next meeting and the elections and swearing in of officers/board members**
* **Our May 7 meeting will have Congressman Mike Coffman as out special guest speaker.**

**Angel Fire Trip June 11. The planners of the trip have invited the other Colorado VVA chapters, the American Legion and VFW chapters to join us on that trip. So far 10 people from our chapter will be going. A training session for those who want to be a part of the ceremony will be held on April 1, at 6:00PM at the VFW post 2461, address 1350 S Broadway. Lee is contacting the Taos chapters of the Lions Club, VFW post to see if they will host a meal for us while we are there. Lee reminded us that we need to make our reservations now at the Kachina Lodge in Taos, New Mexico (575-758-2275).**

**Presidents Report given by Lee White**

* **Lee met with Jason Culpepper of the Home Depot Foundation. We will be going through Purple Heart Homes if we find a veteran in need because Purple Heart Homes has a much closer connection with the Home Depot Foundation. Joe Plant and Dave Lyons will be our contact people if we find a veteran in need.**
* **Lee bought a 10’X10’ tent with sides to use for outreaches this summer.**

**Vice President’s report:**

* **Scholarship Committee is meeting at Fazoli’s after the board meeting today. Anyone interested in helping to work on the criteria to select the winner is welcome to join us.**
* **We now have another flag pole and stand to display our flag.**

**Treasure’s Report given by Paul Seppo:**

* **As of March 5 we have $6370.54 in checking and $1500.19 in savings. (This is without the check received today from Freddie’s).**

**Hazel Simeon gave the Secretary report:**

* **Please make sure that we have member email address to send the minutes to.**
* **We received a Thank You card from the Fresh Harvest food bank we donated all the food to last month.**
* **Still looking for pictures of Vietnam for the website.**

**Pat Surrena was not in attendance today.**

**Milt Omoto gave his director report:**

* **Grants and Fundraising. A poppy drive will be on May 28 at 3 King Soopers stores and the Sam’s Club in Lone Tree. Hours will be 9-1 and we will be looking for volunteers to staff the tables.**

**Patti Ehline gave her directors report**

* **She gave updates on medical issues facing Vietnam Veterans.**
* **She will be meeting with the head of the Women’s Committee at VVA National in March.**

**Membership Affairs Committee: The special lifetime offer extended permanently. It will be $100 for life members going forward. We have 49 regular members and 14 associate members.**

**Bob Rotruck gave the report on the newsletter as well as the Facebook page. He has redone the VVA1106 page and is changing it to VVA 1106 (added the space because it is a new type of Facebook page).**

**Round Table discussion: We might want to look into LinkedIn as another way to get our organization out on the web.**

**Next VVA Chapter meeting is April 2, 2016.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:07 by President Lee White**