



Here are the Membership Meeting Minutes for Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106 on April 6, 2019.

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

Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM by Vice-President Bob Easter

Board Members Present: Milt Omoto, Dave Lyons, Tom Werzyn,
Bob Easter, Glen Payne, Patti Ehline, Ron Smith, Joe Plant

Members Present: Bruce Arndt, Gary Bentzen, Donna Chaney, Larry Collins, Joe Dempsey,
Barry Fiore, Sonny Gorsuch, Dan Graham, Dan Green, Warren Harrison, Jim Hemphill, Jack
Hunter, Kenneth Jones, Mike Karsh, Roger Lanphier, Bob Lee, Marvin Lich, Jerry Liechti, Larry
Majors, Bob Ballin, Jim McGrevey, John McMaster, Gary Palka, Jack Paulsen, Bill Pine, Jay
Quiring, Clarence Rebolledo, Bob Rotruck, Rob Senatore, John Sheadel, Mike Sizemore,
Carroll Skiles, Charles Smith, Gary Turks, Dan Wagle, Wendell Wallace, and John Williams.

Associate Member: Desiree Dayton, Kari Liechti, Michelle Mallin, Kyrsten Nelson,
Litta Plant-Schaper, Leann Stelzer, Jim Williams.

Guests and New Members Present:
Claudia Hunter, Jeannette Luppess, Alexis Winemiller, Darryl Wright

Invocation and Prayer given by Chaplin Garry Turks

Pledge of Allegiance by all

**The Sgt At Arms, Rob Senatore, conducted the POW/MIA ritual, followed by a Moment of
Silence. Moment of Silence for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and for those who
are still MIA**

Minutes from the March

2, 2019 VVA Meeting were approved.

Motion: Sonny Gorsuch; 2nd by Jay Quiring

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Bruce Arndt, VVA Chapter 1106 Member – Veterans Court

Courts along the Front Range have a Veterans Court program. First the Veteran must plead GUILTY and then work to follow a program to be eligible for “expunge” crime from one’s record.

--Offenses include almost any crime, but not guns, murder, sexual crimes, or bank crimes. Many are drug related crimes.

--The court can provide food / shelter as needed. Social Worker and Mentor Volunteers are assigned to monitor the Veteran’s progress. Veteran must appear in court ever two weeks to account for efforts—attended counseling, drug testing, etc.

--VVA 1106 member –Dr. Bob Mallin—is a Volunteer Mentor for Veteran Court.

--This 2-year-old court program has a 2% recidivism rate.

--22 Veterans are currently in Denver Veteran Court program, with a future cap of 60.

Jeannette Luppess, Navy Federal Credit Union

--Open to all Veterans and active duty personnel or immediate family members

--Worlds largest Credit Union

--A full-service bank

President Report by Vice-President Bob Easter:

-Poppy Drive is scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 2019 from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM Memorial Day weekend. and Veterans Day in 2019.

We have leaders for each of 4 locations and as many helpers as we can get at each location. Sign-up sheets are in the back or call/email Lee to volunteer.

Bike Show on May 18th—register \$5.00 if showing a Bike. Otherwise, free entrance, free food.

-Rockies Game on June 30th: tickets available now. Barry Fiore reported that he has 50 tickets for four Rockies games—June 30th, May 26, July 14 and August 4th—all Sunday at 1 PM. Ticket cost is \$40.00. June 30th game, \$13.00 of each ticket sold comes back to VVA1106. To buy tickets for any of Rockies Tickets, please contact Barry Fiore.

-VVA Region conference 8-9 at Sparkes, NV June 1, 2019 and National VVA Conventions Spokane, WA July 15-20, 2019.

The Board will select ONE representative to attend.

--Highland Ranch 4th of July Parade: We plan to participate.

--“Wall That Heals” Update by Dave Lyons – June 19-22nd.

Replica of Wall will be in Arvada at Faith Bible Chapel. Open 24 hours a day.

Sign-up for security duty at the traveling wall.

-Conference of VVA State Council Pres. Meeting. in Silver Springs, MD– Dave Lyons will attend this meeting for us – April 11-13th.

Member Volunteers Needed for:

--Promotional Items (2)

– Veterans Emerg. Assistance Committee (1)

– Veteran Event Coordinator (2)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Joe Plant

VVA 1106 has a total of \$31,473.42 funds in the bank.

Veterans Assistance Program: In the last three months, we have assisted four Veterans with needed funds: Long-time Chapter Member Pat Surrena has been released from a Rehab. Hospital, and we provided him with a Power Chair that was donated to us, a transport chair and funds for two ramps up to his house for a total of \$1,100.00. We provided funds toward rent for a Veteran for \$230 and two gift cards totaling \$250.00 for two other Veterans.

Secretary Report—Glen Payne:

During February we reported the meeting minutes to all the membership by email and by 22 by snail mail. Seven FYI emails were sent out to the membership during the month.

WEBMASTER – Robert Rotruck –The May/June Newsletter is on the Website. We have recently updated the website. Please take a look and give Bob your comments. Name Tags for meetings: sign-up on a list at a meeting and a Name Tag for you will be made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – (3 minutes or less)

1. Membership – Dave Lyons – 129 Members – 29 Associates – for a total of 158 members in VVA 1106. We have a goal of 200 members for VVA1106.
2. Grants/Fund Raising – Milt Omoto.
 - Thanks to Litta and Desiree for creating a fund-raising Bike Show event on May 18th that benefits our Chapter fund-raising and finding new members. Desiree spoke about having may Bikes registered already and many donations for the raffles. Free food and drinks. Lots of fun for all!
 - Events like the Bike Show and Poppy Drive are a chance for you to interact with the community and other veterans, so please join these events.
 - VA House hold pick-up services is available to you. Please use this service. They collect clothing and household items.
 - The Rockies Game tickets benefits three veteran organization. Tickets for the June game directly benefit Chapter 1106.
 - The Poppy Drive is also a fundraising event that needs more volunteers to interact with the public.
3. Agent Orange/PTSD – Women Veterans – Voices for Vets - Patti Ehline.
 - The Veteran's Daniel Center takes all your contributions of personal cleanliness care items and gives them to homeless veterans who come to the Daniels center.
 - Patient Advocate at new VA hospital is available if you have any complaints/concerns about your care there.
 - For Psychiatric care, you can walk-in any time and be seen for Psychiatric care.
 - Healthvet.va.gov www.myhealth.va.gov is a great website to gather all your health information: appointments, prescription refill, Lab test results, xray results, and physician notes on your visits.
 - Warren Harrison, Donna Chaney and Pattie Ehline are on a VA Mental Health Advisory Committee at the VA Hospital. Let them know your plaudits and concerns for VA Mental Health Care.
 - A Voice for Veterans meeting will be occurring at the VA Hospital on May 2, and you are invited to attend.
 - Pattie was recently a surgery patient at the new VA hospital, and she says she, as a Nurse, was "truly impressed" with the quality of care she received.

4. Scholarship Committee – Co-Chairs Mike Karsh and Jim Marcille; John Vargas, Glen Payne. Committee has visited all the high schools to leave to posters for their wall and insure students can see our scholarship data is in the HS computer database. We are awaiting May 8th deadline for Scholarship Applications.
5. Social Committee –Barry Fiore, Milt Omoto, Mike Karsh, Jim Marcelle and Glen Payne. We have located a place and have reservations for an August 10th Summer picnic at Falcon park—just behind Eastridge Rec in Highland Ranch. A Trip is being planned to the Air Force Academy. We have located a place for the Christmas Holiday Lunch.
6. Ron Smith is our newest Board Member. He was introduced today.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

-Where can dispose of worn US Flags was discussed. VFW Post 3631 disposes of flags. Douglas Country Vet Services; ACE Hardware, any Boy Scouts. Proposed a Flag Burning ceremony for this organization---maybe at the August Picnic.

-Zillow.com has contacted us to met with them on March 6 to discuss their veteran outreach. Alexis Winemiller, an Air Force veteran, from Zillow.com is visiting with us today.

-Tom Werzyn and Dave Lyons are presenting Certificates to Loveland Junior ROTC program.

-Tom Werzyn is speaking on April 16th to a local Social Organization.

-Jack Hunter: Please see Claudia outside for a picture if you have not already done that. We will be publishing pictures of all the members.

Note: Lee White, President VVA1106, will miss the April and May meetings due to a trip and a hip surgery.

Meeting Adjourned by: Bob Easter at: 10:15 AM

BREAK TIME – 10:30 – 10:45 AM - ENJOY A COFFEE REFILL AND SOCIALIZE

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING: SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2019.

LOCATION: SOUTH METRO FIRE & RESCUE BUILDING, 9195 E. MINERAL AVE., CENTENNIAL, CO

THANK YOU ALL!!!!

Submitted by:

Lee White, President VVA Chapter 1106 – South Metro