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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106**

**February 6, 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, Pat Surrena, Paul Seppo**

**Board Members Excused: Joe Plant**

**Members Present: Dave Lyons, Marv Lich, John McMaster, Sonny Gorsuch, John Williams, Jerry Liechti, Bob Rotruck, Mike Messenger, Mike Karsh, Joe Langran, Robert Senatore, Mike Ruby**

**Guests Present: Claudia Hunter, John Vargas, Terry Newkirk, Gary Newkirk, Jim Marcille, Wendell Wallace, Jim Roose, Gary Harris**

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

**Meeting called to order by President Lee White at 9:02 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 were introduced.**

**Approval of VVA Chapter 1106 - South Metro Denver "Minutes" dated Jan 2 2016, as written. Motion to accept by Bob Rotruck and 2nd by Sonny Gorsuch.**

**Lee White requested that a member of the chapter chair the nominations committee in preparation for elections in April.**

**Lee White went to the dedication of the statue at the Alameda Shopping center of the Vietnamese soldier and the American Soldier.**

**Lee White met with the head of the Fresh Harvest Food Bank.**

**Mike Messenger gave an update on the trip to Angel Fire trip to New Mexico on June 11. He reminded us that we need to make our reservations now at the Kachina Lodge in Taos, New Mexico (575-758-2275).**

**Special Speaker was Phillip Read of Read’s Roofing and Repair LLC. He has a program called “Roofs For Disabled Veterans”.**

**Presidents Report given by Lee White**

* **Colorado State Council meeting on March 12. It will have positions open on the council.**
* **Lee would like to have an education committee put together to partner with a few area high schools. He will contact VVA national to get information that they have put out so that we can do more professional presentations at the school.**
* **Nominations for chapter officers and directors will be accepted in March.**

**No updates on the Agent Orange Townhall meeting**

**Vice President’s report: Scholarship program application process has been finalized. The scholarship will be for students who reside in Douglas, Arapahoe, and Elbert counties. They must be a child or grandchild of a veteran. Application is posted on the website.**

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

**Milt and Lee put a budget together for our chapter for 2016. It will be reviewed at the board meeting and presented at the March meeting.**

**Hazel Simeon gave the Secretary report:**

* **Asked for assistance with the scholarship committee. The scholarship committee will be meeting for lunch directly after the board meeting on March 5.**

**Pat Surrena did not have a directors report this month.**

**Milt Omoto gave his director report:**

* **Grants and Fundraising. He has submitted requests for grants to several foundations/businesses this past month.**
* **Korean War Veterans are invited to a reception on Feb 17 to honor them. Milt has the information.**

**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 10 associate members.**

**POW/MIA Committee: December was a slow month as far as accounting for POW/MIA remains, only 2 were confirmed last month. Mike Messenger has an internet radio show on MileHighRadio.com at 9AM on Wednesday mornings.**

**Bob Rotruck gave the report on the newsletter (deadline of February 20 for the March-April issue),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: None**

**Next VVA Chapter meeting is March 5, 2016.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:45 by President Lee White**