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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106**

**November 5, 2016**

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

**South Metro Denver Fire & Rescue Building Boardroom**

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

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

**Members Present: David Lyons, John Williams, Wendell Wallace, Marv Lich, John McMaster , Bob Rotruck, Robert Senatore, Tom Werzyns,** Jerry Leichti**, Peggy Kelly, Joe Langran, Larry Majors, Bob Mallin, John Grace, Jim Marcille, Mark Nickell**

**Associate Member: Barb Rotruck, Dee Lyons, Jim Williams**

**Guests Present: Susan Sharkey, Joe Sharkey, Ron McCulley**

**Meeting called to order by President Lee White at 9:00AM**

**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**

**Minutes from the October 1, 2016 meeting were motioned to be accepted by Bob Rotruck and 2nd by Dave Lyons.**

**Special Guest Speaker: Beth Forbes from the Denver Homebuilders Foundation**

**Dave Lyons gave a short talk about flag etiquette that he learned while he attended a session at the Tucson VVA Leadership Conference**

**Lee Whites Presidents Report:**

* + **He attended the National Meeting of State Council Presidents in Washington DC this past month.**
  + **Veterans Salute at Wings Over the Rockies on Wednesday, the 9th. 10 people from the chapter will be attending.**
  + **Englewood HS Veterans Day Program on Friday, the 11th starting at 7:30 AM. 6 people from our chapter will participate.**
  + **There is also an event at the Ben Franklin Academy in Highlands Ranch that 4 of our chapter members will be attending on Friday.**
  + **Nov 12 we are having another poppy drive at 4 local King Soopers from 9AM-1PM. At least 3 people are needed at each store but the Tower and Hampden location will need 4-5 volunteers. The locations are:**
    - **Illif and Buckley**
    - **Buckley and Quincy**
    - **Smokey Hill and Himalaya**
    - **Tower Road and Hampden**
* **Wreaths Across America will be putting a Christmas Wreath on the headstones at Fort Logan National Cemetery. Several of our members made personal donations to purchase wreaths.**
* **We will be having a Christmas event as a chapter, the date is Saturday, December 17th from 11:30AM-1:30PM at the Golden Corral on Arapahoe and Parker Rd.**
* **Valor Point Allies has a program for Homeless Vets where they find homes for them and have a support system for them when they are in their own home. Lee has not had time to contact them again.**
* **Honor Bell Foundation is still looking for volunteers for their Honor Guard.**

**Bob Easter gave his Vice Presidents Report:**

* **Nothing new to report.**

**Paul Seppo gave the Treasures Report which will be approved at the meeting on December 3, 2016.**

* **Kiowa Lyons club gave our chapter a donation.**

**Hazel Simeon gave the Secretary Report:**

* **She has ordered the polo shirts as well as the tees. They will be available for purchase at the December meeting.**

**Rob Senatore gave the Webmaster Report.**

**Patti Ehline gave her directors report:**

* **The VA is starting to outsource disability examinations.**
* **She has list of all the classes that the VA offers, example PTSD classes, etc.**

**Membership Committee report by Lee White:**

* **We now have 53 members and 18 associate members in our chapter as of the end of September. Dave Lyons will be contacting the MAL members in our area to invite them to our meetings.**
* **On Saturday, the 12th New Hope Presbyterian Church will be having a veterans salute at 6:30 PM.**

**Newsletter Committee report by Bob Rotruck:**

* **Feel free to submit articles to him for enclosure in the newsletter and also information about yourself for the member biography that he puts in each newsletter.**

**Scholarship Committee report by Hazel Simeon:**

* **The scholarship committee met on October 29th and revised the application with some new essay questions and new ideas as to who to contact with information about the scholarship.**

**Veterans Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing new to report.**

**John Williams has information on a website where you can print off proof that you are a veteran even if you do not have a VA card, or a military retiree ID card. Lee will send the link out to everyone.**

**Roundtable discussion: Joe Langran has a contact that may have a space to store power chairs, etc. and will know if it will be available after the 1st of the year.**

**Next Meeting is on December 3.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:40 by President Lee White.**