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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106**

**July 2, 2016**

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

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

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

**Board Members Excused: Pat Surrena**

**Members Present: David Lyons, John Williams, Sonny Gorsuch, Marv Lich, John McMaster, Jerry Leichti, Mike Messenger, Joe Langran, Robert Senatore, Bob Rotruck, Mike Karsh, Norm Posner, Bob Lee. Jim Marcille, Jack Hunter, Mort Anderson**

**Associate Member: Suzanne Sigona, Barb Rotruck, Mary Seppo, Linda Messenger, Kirsten Nelson, Dee Lyons, Chris Omoto**

**Guests Present: Tom Spricknell**

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

**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.**

**Hazel introduced the scholarship recipients for the 2016-2017 year, Emily Walker and Zachary Hall.**

**Minutes from the previous meeting on June 4, 2016 motioned to accept by Sonny Gorsuch and 2nd by John McMaster**

**Lee Whites Presidents Report:**

* **July 4 Parade: we will be in the Highlands Ranch Parade only, we did decide to not have a booth there in the evening hours. Lee called and we will be getting our $200.00 refunded. Everyone who is planning on walking the route with the chapter must be at the staging area at 7:30 AM.**
* **Honor Bell Foundation: they are looking for teams of 3 people who would volunteer 1 day or ½ day a month at Fort Logan to ring the Honor Bell when veterans are interred.**
* **Angel Fire Recap: Mike Messenger showed a video of the ceremony, he also thanked Chapter 1106 for participating in the ceremony and gave a brief description of the events of the day.**
* **Colorado State Council: Lee is the president, Milt is the secretary, Joe Plant is the chaplain, and Dave Lyons is a delegate.**
* **VVA Chapter 1071 and their cremains project has identified 74 cremains as being veterans that have been sitting in a funeral home for years. They interred 30 veterans at Fort Logan on June 25 and in a couple of months they will inter 30 more at Fort Logan.**
* **We may be going to SoldierStone as a day trip/weekend trip for the chapter. This Vietnam War Memorial is located near Gunnison, CO.**
* **Home Builders Foundation: they specialize in accessibility for handicapped people, not just veterans. They really want us to locate people that they can help.**
* **Bob Rotruck asked for assistance in taking some old lumber taken to the dump for a veteran’s family. The family will pay for the dumping expense.**

**Bob Easter Vice President’s report:**

* **Bob Rotruck asked for the chapter’s support of the state council. When they have meetings we should be there to support our new council.**

**Paul Seppo gave the Treasurer’s report.**

**Hazel Simeon gave the Secretary’s Report:**

* **More polo shirts will be ordered, there is an order form on the back table, write down your size. The cost will be about $35.00. Also more tee shirts will be ordered.**
* **Rob Senatore has volunteered to take over the website.**

**Milt Omoto gave his director report:**

* **VVA Chapter 1106 member, Joe Langran was installed as commander of American Legion Post 1260. Joe wants to work with our chapter on various activities that would benefit both groups.**

**Joe Plant gave his directors report: They gave 2 power chairs this past month to handicapped veterans.**

**Patti Ehline gave her directors report:**

* **She is now on the committee at the VA Called “Voices for Veterans”. She talks directly to the VA about what veterans are talking about as far as needs that need to be met or discussed. She also informed about the mental health summit on August 31.**
* **Women’s conference is not being held this year. They are having another event on July 14 in lieu of the conference.**

**Membership committee:**

* **Chapter 1106 now has 50 regular members and 17 associate members.**
* **Mike Karsh and Jim Marcille worked on a letter to send out to the Members At Large who live in Colorado. Lee sent out letters to Chapter 1106 members who have not attended in awhile.**

**POW/MIA report given by Mike Messenger:**

* **Nothing new to report.**

**Bob Rotruck newsletter report:**

* **Newletter has been posted on the website.**

**Roundtable discussion: None**

**Next meeting is Saturday, August 6.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:35 by President Lee White.**