**VVA1106 FYI  FYI: October 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

**Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106.**

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

**Meeting called to order at 9:00 AM, October 5, 2019 by President, Lee White**

Board Members Present: Milt Omoto, Joe Plant, Tom Werzyn, Pattie Ehline, Ron Smith, Glen Payne, Dan Green, John Vargas, and Dave Lyons.

Members Present: Gary Bentzen, Cliff Butler, Donna Chaney, Robert Crago, Bob Easter, Barry Fiore, Dan Graham, Leo Greunke, Jim Hemphill, Mike Huber, Jack Hunter, Mike Karsh, Peggy Kelly, Roger Lanphier, Ernest Ledvina, Bob Lee, Jerry Liechti, Chuck Luley, Larry Majors, Bob Mallin, Jim Marcille, Jim McGrevey, John McMaster, Gary Palka, Ed Phillips, Jay Quiring, Clarence Rebolledo, Steve Robertson, Bob Rotruck, Carl Sanchez, Rob Senatore, John Sheadel, Gary Steinhoff, Garry Turks, Dan Wagle, and Wendell Wallace.

Associate Members: Claudia Hunter, Kari Liechti, Michelle Mallin, Litta Plant-Schaper, Barbara Rotruck, Jai Smith, Leann Stelzer, and Jim Williams.

Guests and New Members Present: Don Boswell, Dean Brown, Bill Clark, Natalie Gates, Dennis Lockhardt, Don Milo and Gwendolyn Wilson.

Invocation and Prayer given by VVA1106 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 for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and for those who are still MIA

Minutes from the September 7, 2019 - VVA Meeting was approved. Motion: Jim Marcille; 2nd by Ron Smith

SPECIAL PRESENTATION: Lindsey Fair, Kristie Fraizer - RTR Pilates. Introduced by Tom Werzyn. Joseph Pilates originated this concept of physical conditioning while in an English internment camp during WW1. Prior to WW1, he was a gymnast, body builder, boxer and self-defense trainer for England police and Scotland Yard. During internment camp time, using minimal equipment, he developed the systems of exercise that bear his name. He moved to America in 1925, and his system of exercise continued to prosper.

Member BIOS:

Today, Bob Mallin, MD agreed to briefly describe his military experience and life since then.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Lee White

Social/Promotional Items – (shirt order) Leann are leading this effort.

New hat pins and shirts are available today. See Leann to purchase these.

Poppy Drive – Nov. 9th. 9-1:00 PM – We have four locations and we need volunteers to assist at two locations. See one of our team leaders - Tom Werzyn and Lee White.

CO State Council Meeting – Castle Rock – 9-14-19 (Awards) The State Council won a national Award as State Council of the Year. Milt Omoto wrote all the eight pages of paperwork to make that award happen.

Litta Plant-Schaper has agreed to serve as the AVVA Liaison to the Board.

3rd. Quarter Birthday Cake celebration today after the meeting.

Wreaths Across America, December 7th is the date at Fort Logan.

Conference of State Council Presidents – Stan Paprocki – 10-10-19 in Silver Spring, MD

Donations to our Scholarship Program, Honor Bell, and Wreaths Across America are all good causes if you plan to make donations prior to the end of the year.

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Dave Lyons - Dave described his recent Honor Flight to Washington D.C.

John Vargas and Ron Smith are going on the Honor Flight this month.

Please get your applications on-line and complete them.

TREASURER’S Report – Joe Plant: The Financial Report was read and approved.

Veterans Assistance Program - Joe Plant: In September, we assisted two veterans with funds to move into an Apartment, and we assisted one Veterans with one month of rent funds. So, we helped 3 veterans get and stay off the street. We received an award from the HUD-VAST program for our past assistance in getting veterans off the street.

SECRETARY Report - Glen Payne: We try to keep you informed of coming events through email, so please let me know if you change your email address. The Chapter Meeting Minutes are also a way to keep you current with the services of Chapter VVA1106.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Dave Lyons: We now have 137 Members and 32 Associate Members for a total of 169 members in VVA CHAPTER 1106. Thanks to our members who have invited veterans to join our chapter. Brochures, Applications and Business Cards are available to you to assist in inviting prospective members.

Voices for Veterans – Warren Harrison: The VA Voices for Veterans meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month. We are working on getting a Veteran Disability Counselor who will be available to veterans when they are in the VA Hospital.

Grants/Fund Raising – Milt Omoto:

 -The Poppy Drive is a chance to interact with the community and meet veterans.

 -We have a date of June 13th next year for a Motorcycle fundraising event.

 -VA Household goods pick-up services are available to you. Please use this service. They collect clothing and household items.

Speaker’s Bureau –Tom Werzyn.

 -On Oct. 9th we will be making a presentation to a local DAR chapter.

 -On Oct. 16 we will participate in a school veteran event.

 -Meeting with Cherry Creek Schools yesterday for a post-football event from Sept. 7th, Larry Bull presented Lee, Tony and Tom with a Trophy of Appreciation.

Agent Orange - Patti Ehline: Please contact your national congresspersons to push for diseases to be added to the VA Presumptive List of Diseases caused by Agent Orange. Also, get registered and tested for Agent Orange. Ask Pattie how to initiate the AO testing.

Newsletter—Bob Rotruck: The November/December newsletter is in progress. Send me anything you want included.

Scholarships Committee - Mike Karsh: This committee is in the process of creating marketing materials to schools and students for our VVA Chapter 1106 Scholarships for 2020. We met last week to finalize these materials.

Events Committee—Ron Smith

 -This committee is avidly working on the Poppy Drive on November 9th.

 -Michelle Mallin described the bi-monthly Fort Logan burial of veterans who do not have family. The next event is Dec. 7th at 11 AM at Shelter A. Many Veteran Groups attend, so we usually have sixty people attending.

 -Nov. 2 pet vaccines for Veterans

 -Oct 8th free Flu shots at VA Hospital

 -Michelle Mallin described an Honor Bell fundraiser on Nov. 5th. Cost $25 at North Gate Event Center. This will be a Trivia event with general trivia. Also, the Honor Bell is beginning to work on creating a new Honor Bell society in Colorado Springs, including a new Bell.

 -October 12 will be the bi-monthly Fort Logan ceremony for burial of veterans without families. Please attend.

PTSD Committee - Pattie Ehline:

 -Pattie noted that she is constantly approached by veterans, firefighters, and policemen about the effects of PTSD in their life.

 -Pattie reported that her church group collected clothing for the VA Veteran’s Home in Aurora.

 -Pattie is in touch with the Activities Director at that Veteran’s Home to plan future activities. They also took clothing to the Denver Vet Center.

Social Committee – Glen Payne:

 -Ron Smith and John Vargas spoke about the recent chapter trip to the Dragonman’s Military Museum in Colorado Springs on September 18th. Members on that trip are planning to go to that Museum again in the Spring because there is so much left they want to see. More on that trip latter.

 -The December 14th Holiday Lunch is all planned and ready. Please put that event on your calendar.

Color Guard - Dan Green: The Color Guard needs 3-4 volunteers to march with the Color Guard. Please see one of the current members.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

 -Bruce Arndt spoke on the Veteran Court program, and he is seeking Mentors for this program.

 -John Vargas presented TIDBITS of facts about various member’s lives as a way of us generating conversation and getting to know each other.

 -Jack Hunter reminded us to get a picture—His wife, Claudia, will take your picture in the lobby after the meeting.

 -Leann Stelzer spoke about promotional items that are available to us.

 -Jack Hunter spoke about retiring a flag for a Coast Guard group yesterday.

 -Glen Payne spoke about the Project Healing Waters fishing trip for disabled veterans.

Meeting Adjourned by: Lee White at: 10:46 AM

BREAK TIME – 10:15 – 10:50 AM - ENJOY A COFFEE REFILL AND SOCIALIZE

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING: SATURDAY, November 2, 2019.

GUEST SPEAKER: Elizabeth Escobedo – DU History Department

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

THANK YOU ALL!!!!

Submitted by:

Glen Payne, Secretary, VVA Chapter 1106