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**Here are the Membership Meeting Minutes for**

**Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106 on July 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, July 6, 2019 by President, Lee White

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

Excused: Glen Payne

Members Present: Bruce Arndt, Gary Bentzen, Cliff Butler, Donna Chaney, Robert Crago, Bob Easter, Barry Fiore, Sonny Gorsuch, Dan Graham, Dan Green, Leo Greunke, Ted Hanfelder, Warren Harrison, Jim Henderson, Mike Huber, Jack Hunter, Mike Karsh, Roger Lanphier, Larry Majors, Bob Mallin, Jim Marcille, Jim McMaster, John McMaster, Gary Palka, Ed Phillips, John Powell, Richard Price, Jay Quiring, Clarence Rebolledo, Steve Robertson, Bob Rotruck, Carl Sanchez, Rob Senatore, John Sheadel, Mike Sizemore, Charles Smith, Gary Steinhoff, John Vargas, Dan Wagle, Wendell Wallace, John Williams, Darryl Wright.

Associate Members: Michelle Mallin, Litta Plant-Schaper, Barbara Rotruck, Suzanne Signona, Jai Smith, Leann Stelzer, Jim Williams, Alexis Winemiller.

Guests and New Members Present: Claudia Hunter, Bob Fitzgerald, Jose Gonzales, Gwen Wilson

Invocation and Prayer given by Joe Plant

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 June 1, 2019: VVA Meeting were approved. Motion: Tom Werzyn; 2nd by Ron Smith

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Vietnam Commemoration Pin Presentation –By Suzanne Sigona

2nd Quarter Members with Birthdays recognized.

Bob Easter given Certificate for his work on behalf of VVA1106. Bob has resigned as Vice-President and as a Board Member.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Lee White

1. Recap & Appreciation – The Wall That Heals” – Lee thanked all who attended, especially Suzanne, Tom, Dave, and Joe.

2. Tom Werzyn and Lee White made a presentation at Wind Crest to 70 veterans at that location.

3. Donna Chaney is collecting clothes for homeless and other veterans. All members will bring clothing, magazines, books to Aug. 3 meeting

4. VVA National Convention in July 15-16: Dave Lyons, Tom Werzyn, Patti Ehline and Joe Plant will represent us at that convention. We will have a report on Aug. 3rd.

5. 4th of July Parade: 17 total including Color Guard members participated. We had a large crowd along the parade. Thanks to all members who participated.

6. Rocky’s/Dodgers Game – Sunday, June 30th. We had 35 attend the game with 12 sponsored veterans.

7. Special thanks to Alexis Winemiller (Air Force Veteran and works with Zillow.com) who provided the Coffee and Donuts today and at future meetings.

8. Leann Stelzer has agreed to assist Clarence Robolledo in organizing and providing promotional materials like the yellow t-shirts and other items for our Chapter.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Joe Plant:

* On July 1, Six checks for $2,000.00 were sent out for our 2019 Scholarship Winners. Treasurer Report Approved by vote.
* Veterans Assistance Program: We are in contact with Providers Resource Clearinghouse that has free furniture for veterans.
* Call Joe Plant to get in touch with them. They are at 14500 E. 33 street in Aurora. 303-962-2270
* Currently Joe has in storage: 4 power chairs, 2 shower chairs, a transfer chair, c-pap machines, walkers (large and small), regular wheelchair, and a back brace. If you know any veteran who might need these, let me know.

Webmaster: Bob Rotruck On our website, we have some information that is behind a password for members only. If you need a password, please email your name and he will email the password back to you. The July-August newsletter is posted on the website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – (3 minutes or less)

1. Membership – Dave Lyons – 133 Members – 31 Associates – for a total of 164 members in VVA CHAPTER 1106.

2. Voices for Veterans – Warren Harrison: A Mental Health for Veterans Summit meeting for the Denver area will be August 7th at the UC Health Center (across from the VA Hospital. A memo on that summit meeting will be sent to you.

3. Grants/Fund Raising – Milt Omoto: -VA Household goods pick-up services are available to you. Please use this service. They collect clothing and household items.

-Donna Chaney is also collecting clothing and other things for veterans at the Aug. 3rd meeting.

-Rockies game on July 14 tickets are available—see Barry Fiore.

-The Social Committee is arranging a trip to tour the Air Force Academy on Sept. 18th.

4. Speaker’s Bureau –Tom Werzyn: We currently have seven members who have volunteered for the Speaker’s Bureau. As opportunities arise will call these members to speak.

5. Newsletter—Bob Rotruck: The September/October newsletter is being created. Let me know if you have any comments to add.

6. Agent Orange—Patti Ehline: Please register with Agent Orange Registry. That is a way for the VA to we are serious about this subject.

7. Color Guard—Ron Smith: The Color Guard will be performing at Jefferson Co. Fairgrounds on Aug 9, 10 and 11th. On Sept. 7th will be presenting the colors at a Cherry Creek football game at Legacy Stadium.

8. PTSD—Patti: Attended a meeting of Vietnam Nurses in San Antonio recently, many of whom have PTSD. Most Vietnam Vet Nurses are very active in their VVA chapters encouraging veterans to seek help for PTSD and health needs. Nurses agreed they do this due to survivor’s guilt that they feel in their own PTSD.

9. Scholarship Committee –Jim Marcille: The Scholarship Committee met recently to review this past year and plan for next year. We received a Thanks letter from one of our 2019 recipients—Josh Gensemer: Thanks to the Chapter for the support of this Scholarship programs.

10. Social Committee –John Vargas: Chapter Picnic will be on August 10th with a western theme at a great, new location. We have 2 chefs, western music, and fun activities. Please sign-up so we can predict food preparation.

11. Women Veterans—Patti: She has pictures to share from her recent visit with Vietnam Nurses, the July 4th Parade and the traveling WALL that was in Denver this month. She is now taking shampoo and other personal care items directly to the Bill Daniels Vet Center here in Denver to be distributed to homeless veterans.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

--Dan Green spoke of his thanks to everyone who participated in the July 4th parade with a special acknowledgement of Patti who walked the route with a walker. Being in the Color Guard at the parade, he was honored to attend.

--Lee spoke about the Honor Flight program encouraging Vietnam veterans to sign-up for the flight.

--Carl Sanchez: Served in ’65 with Big Red1:

--Michelle Mallin: Sept. 12th Golf Tournament with two other veterans organizations at Highlands Ranch Golf Club.

--Rob Senatore spoke on Color Guard needing volunteers to be members of the Color Guard.

--Cliff Butler: Wind Crest meeting on Nov. 9th to celebrate Vietnam Veterans. Color Guard and veterans are welcome.

--Lee encouraging us to submit suggestions to the Suggestions Box to help us improve our Chapter.

--Suzanne Sigona spoke of her thanks for all who helped with the travelling WALL.

--Jose Gonzales from Chapter 1071 Thanked for all our support on the traveling WALL event.

Members who are ill: Joe Plant is with us today, but he was in the hospital recently to get a stint repaired. Pat Serena is in Rehab currently, and he is on dialysis three times a week.

Meeting Adjourned by: Lee White at: 10:25 AM

BREAK TIME – 10:30 – 10:50 AM - ENJOY A COFFEE REFILL AND SOCIALIZE

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING: SATURDAY, August 3, 2019.

-Horsemen for Heroes

-Report on Mission ACT

-Bring Clothes to Aug 3rd meeting to be given to Veterans

-Reports on VVA National

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