**Membership Meeting Minutes for June 1, 2019**

**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 by President, Lee White

Board Members Present: Milt Omoto, Dave Lyons, Tom Werzyn,

Bob Easter, Glen Payne, Ron Smith, Joe Plant

Board Members Excused: Patti Ehline

Members Present: Bruce Arndt, Robert Crago, Joe Dempsey, Barry Fiore, Sonny Gorsuch, Dan Graham, Ted Hanfelder, Warren Harrison, Jim Hemphill, Dennis Homrighausen, Jack Hunter, Dennis Johnson, Peggy Kelly, Roger Lanphier, Bob Lee, Richard Lewis, Marvin Lich, Bob Mallin, Jim Marcille, John McMaster, Gary Palka, Jay Quiring, Clarence Rebolledo, Bob Rotruck, Rob Senatore, John Sheadel, Gary Steinhoff, Garry Turks, John Vargas, Dan Wagle, Wendell Wallace, John Williams, Darryl Wright and Jack Wright.

Associate Member: Mrs. Dreiling, Diane Graham, Teodora Plant, Litta Plant-Schaper, Barbara Rotruck, Suzanne Signona, Siltham Smith, Leann Stelzer, Jim Williams.

Guests and New Members Present: Father Dang, Claudia Hunter

Invocation and Prayer given by 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. Moment of Silence for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and for those who are still MIA

Minutes from the May 4, 2019 VVA Meeting were approved.

Motion: Tom Werzyn; 2nd by Dave Lyons

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Father Dang, Chaplain with Denver Police Department

--Thanked members for participation in March 29 Vietnam Memorial Day Program

--Spoke of a program to match Vietnam veterans with their half-Vietnamese children to reunite these children with their Father.

VVA 1106 Chapter Scholarship Awards for 2019: led by John Vargas

Six Scholarship Winners were presented with Certificates of the $2000.00 Scholarships to each of them. Many of the Scholarship winner’s family members were in attendance.

The Scholarship winners submitted an Application including an Essay regarding Vietnam War. Each of the winners read their Essay to the Membership.

Scholarship Winners: Avery Atencio, Ashley Ann Duncan, Joshua Gensemer, Emma Lynn Thomas, Elizabeth Groves, and Abby Stallcup.

Bike Show Fundraiser Certificate of Appreciation presented to Litta Plant-Schaper

Certification of Appreciation: to John Vargas for services to the Chapter.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Lee White

1. Poppy Drive – Sign-up Sheets

Poppy Drive was scheduled for Saturday, May 25, 2019

About $5,500.00 was raised.

2. Region 8/9 Conference – Chapter delegate (1) June 1st. – Sparkes, NV

Tony Nickerson will represent us.

3. 4th of July Parade –Two cars were volunteered for the Parade. Plan to march with us.

4. “Wall That Heals” Update by Dave Lyons – June 19-22nd. Replica of Wall will be in Arvada at Faith Bible Chapel. Open 24 hours a day. Sign-up for security duty at the traveling wall.

5. VVA National Convention in July 15-16: Dave Lyons, Tom Werzyn, Pattie Ehline and Joe Plant will represent us at that convention.

Vice-Presidents Report—Bob Easter: Ask your Schools to request our Speakers on Vietnam. We are looking for new schools to approach.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Joe Plant

We had deposits of: 523 from the Bike Show, $504 from Baseball Ticket sales, $5,500 from Poppy Drive, and $350 from Kiowa Lyons Club.

Veterans Assistance Program: In the last three months, we have assisted four Veterans with needed funds: Toward the Veteran Assistance Program we spent $1,080 in March, $500 in April, and $1422 in May 2019—for a total of $3,002 so far this fiscal year.

The Treasurer’s Report was approved by vote.

Secretary Report—Glen Payne: During February we reported the meeting minutes to all the membership by email and by 22 by snail mail. Eight FYI emails were sent out to the membership during the month.

WEBMASTER – Bob Rotruck –The May/June Newsletter is on the Website. Name tags are available for all at the table. Please pick them up and bring them with you at each meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – (3 minutes or less)

1. Membership – Dave Lyons – 132 Members – 31 Associates – for a total of 163 members in VVA 1106. We have the most AVVA members between the three chapters in the State of Colorado.

2. Voices for Veterans – Warren Harrison: Voices for Veterans meets on May 13 at VA Hospital. Mental Health festival will be May 29 12PM-3 PM at the VA Hospital.

3. Grants/Fund Raising – Milt Omoto.

-Thanks to Litta and Desiree for creating a fund-raising Bike Show event on May 18th that benefits our Chapter fund-raising and finding new members. We hope to make that an annual event for the Chapter.

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

-The Poppy Drive: Thanks to all participating members in May. We are now planning for the Veterans Day Poppy Drive in November.

-July 4th Parade: We will be sending you more of the plans for that event. Please plan to march or ride in the parade with us.

4. Speaker’s Bureau –Tom Werzyn. Spent a day at Hinkley High School for a day. Cherry Creek was also a day of presentations.

5. Scholarship Committee –Jim Marcille: Jim recognized the Scholarship winners’ efforts in creating the quality Essays we hear today. Thanks to the Chapter for the support of this Scholarship programs.

6. Social Committee –Barry Fiore, Milt Omoto, Mike Karsh, Jim Marcelle and Glen Payne. We have located a place and have reservations for an August 10th Summer picnic at Falcon park—just behind Eastridge Rec in Highland Ranch. A Trip is being planned to the Air Force Academy on September 18th. We have located a place for the Christmas Holiday Lunch on December 14.

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

-Jack Hunter: Thanks for everyone using the microphones that are provided. We have a picture board showing all our members. If you have not, see Claudia at the end of the meeting for your picture. A Picture Book will be delivered to you soon.

--Bob Rotruck noted we have a listing of all members with email addresses on the website, but you need a password that Bob can supply you.

-- Litta Plant-Schaper Thanked everyone for helping with the Bike Show that we hope to do again next year.

Meeting Adjourned by: Lee White at: 10:35 AM

BREAK TIME – 10:30 – 10-45 AM - ENJOY A COFFEE REFILL AND SOCIALIZE

NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETING: SATURDAY, July 6, 2019.

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