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**Membership Meeting Minutes**

**Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 1106**

**March 4, 2017**

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

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

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

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

**Board Members Excused: Joe Plant**

**Members Present: John McMaster, Jack Hunter, Sonny Gorsuch, Tom Werzyn, John Vargas, , Bob Mallin, Bob Lee, Larry Majors, Wendell Wallace, Marv Lich, Jerry Liechti, Mike Karsh, Dan Green, Jim Marcille, Joe Langran, John McMaster, Bob Rotruck, Warren Harrison, Peggy Kelly, Garry Turks, Robert Senatore, Jim Henderson**

**Associate Member: Barb Rotruck, Chris Omoto, Jim Williams**

**Guests Present: John Durant, Barry Fiore, Glen Payne, Angela Schnelvelt.**

**Invocation and Prayer given by Hazel Simeon**

**Pledge of Allegiance by all**

**Moment of Silence for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and for those who are still MIA**

**Special Guest Speaker: Mike Shea, Attorney/Mediator-CW5 US Army Retired.**

**Minutes from the Feb 4, 2017 were approved. Motion made by Bob Rotruck and 2nd by John McMaster.**

**Lee Whites Presidents Report:**

* **Pat Surrena has stepped down from his board member position effective February 16, 2017.**
* **Agent Orange/HepC/PTSD Town Hall meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29 at the American Legion Post 161 in Arvada. We will be partnering with Chapter 1071 to put this event together.**
* **The next Poppy Drive will be Saturday, May 27. Four King Sooper locations in Aurora have been reserved. Details to follow.**
* **Englewood High School Memorial Day Veterans Event will be held on Sunday, May 28. More details to follow**
* **The next quarterly Colorado State Council Meeting will be Saturday, March 11, 2017, with Lee White, Milt Omoto, and Dave Lyons to attend.**

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

* **VVA Chapter 1106 is putting together a speakers bureau to go into schools, etc. and speak about Vietnam. Anyone interested talk to him.**

**Lee White gave the Treasures Report for Joe Plant.**

**Hazel Simeon gave the Secretary Report:**

* **August 19 we are having a trip to Soldier Stone. We will be having a ceremony on at Soldier Stone on that Saturday afternoon and staying overnight at the Gateway Inn and Suites. The cost per night is $99.00. That price is good for both the 18th and 19th of August. Call and make your reservations to 719-539-2895 before July 15.**

**Rob Senatore gave the Webmaster Report.**

**Milt Omoto gave his directors report:**

* **He applied for the Cracker Barrel Foundation grant again.**
* **He ask everyone to support the Poppy Drive, it is a great way to help the chapter and get to meet other veterans.**

**Dave Lyons gave his reports on Veterans Assistance Program the chapter offers to veterans who need assistance.**

**Patti Ehline gave her directors report:**

* **She and 2 other Vietnam veterans spoke at Douglas County High School to about 1000 students over 2 days. The students are really interested in learning more about Vietnam.**
* **She is on the VA’s mental health committee, she wants to bring to the committee any issues that are affecting veterans in any area that the VA needs to know about.**

**Hazel Simeon gave the scholarship committee report:**

* **We are giving away 4 $1000.00 scholarship to anyone who is given who is a child or grandchild of a veteran who lives in Douglas, Arapahoe, Elbert counties. Applications are on our website. We have received one back so far.**

**Membership Committee, Lee White, Chairperson:**

* **We now have 67 members and 20 associate members in our chapter as of the end of January.**
* **VVA National has recorded 80,686 members as of December 16, 2016. One NEW VVA Chapter was chartered in January 2017 in Wapakoneta, Ohio. (VVA Chapter 1126)**

**Pat Surrena informed us about the new radio show on KOA with Steffan Tubbs called the American Veteran show, It airs at 6AM on Saturdays and is rebroadcast at 8AM Sundays. There is also a website with the same name that has the shows available at all times if you miss one from Saturday or Sunday.**

**Newsletter Committee report by Bob Rotruck:**

* **He is always looking for information on our members that he can make into an article about you.**

**Scholarship Committee Report by Hazel Simeon:**

* **Chapter 1106 will be awarding FOUR $1000.00 scholarships to high school seniors that are relatives,(children, grand children), of a veteran in Douglas, Arapahoe, and Elbert counties. Application and instructions can be found on our website.** **.**

**Roundtable Discussion:**

* **Barry Fiore informed us about the non-profit “The Forgotten Heroes Campaign”. Their mission is to research and award ribbons and medals to servicemen/women who earned their awards but never received them. He also would like to help with chapter fundraising efforts, golf tournaments and Rockies tickets.**

**Next meeting is April 1.**

**Meeting adjourned at 10:20 by President Lee White**