

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1071 - Denver

Location: Elk's Lodge #1777

1455 Newland Street

Lakewood, CO

Date: Saturday Nov. 19th, 2016

Scheduled Time: 10:00 AM MDT

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

******Meeting was held at American Legion Post 161 for this month only.**

Meeting called to order by: Stan Paprocki at 10:05 am

Prayer & Moment of Silence for POW/MIA'S— John Altfeltis, Chaplain

Pledge of Allegiance – John Altfeltis

Posting of POW/MIA Colors on POW Honor Chair— Jose Gonzales

VVA Members Present: John Altfeltis, Jeff Birdwell, DeWayne Bomar, David Chapman, Larry Cato, Chuck Chavez, Marty Chavez, Steve Connolly, Dan Dietz, Cliff Fejfar, Bill Ferguson, Jeffery Fossum, Jose Gonzales, Ron Gorman, Bruce Gottschalk, Bob Hartman, Ray Holtz, Jim Miles, Vern Moore, Rusty Morse, Steve Newton, Owen Oliver, Stan Paprocki, Phil Post, Terry Ritenour, Al Roettger, Joe Romero, Lindsay Smith, Larry Sourbeer, David Steiner, Wally Struble, Eddie Sheeve, Tom Simpson, Frank Tobani, Jim Topkoff, Phil Waters, Rick Winfrey, Bob Wyatt, George Zervos (39)

AVVA Members Present: Scott Hefty, Ashley Vogl (2)

Guests –Janet Beiner (DAR), Linda Fishel(DAR), John Thompson, Kevin Hurst, Larry Ritchie, Robert Primeaux, Bob Lopez, Mike Goldmann, Cal Stegnik (9)

President – Stan Paprocki: Welcomed Members and Guests.

Roll Call: Present: Stan Paprocki, Terry Ritenour, Leonard Smith, Jose Gonzales, Ray Holtz, and Marty Chavez

Stan: Thanked Eddie Shreeve 1071 member and President of American Legion Post 161 for the use of their room to hold our meeting this week. Our regular meeting place (Elks Lodge) is having an event so we were unable to use their facilities this Saturday.

Brought Senate bill # 2921 to members attention. # 2921 is before the Senate and Stan is encouraging all members to call their representative regarding passing of this Bill. This bill is also known as Veterans First which deal with Agent Orange & Hep.C. Stan also encourage all members to get tested for the silent killer, Hep C.

1071 had a very a couple of busy weeks since last meeting with Veterans Day school assemblies and the annual Poppies Sale.

Vice President: Terry Ritenour

Secretary Report: Marty Chavez

Recognized and welcomed all guest to our meeting. Our first guest, Dr Robert Primeaux was past president of the VVA Chapter in Reno, he also has starred in a few movies and he has donated two DVDs to our chapter. Robert has also submitted his transfer papers from his last chapter to our chapter.

Our second guest was Cal Stegnik, Vietnam veteran, Warehouse Supply, Lifetime Denver native, invited by Jim Topkoff & Bill Bleau

Webmaster: Ray Holtz, WEBSITE

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October website visits were 2,995.

Posted photos of High School Veterans Day events at Green Mtn, Ben Franklin Academy and the Brighton concert for veterans.

On November 12th we had our Poppy Fund Raiser at the King Soopers at Thornton and Green Mtn stores and the total donations came to \$2,602.00 in a little more than 3 hours.

The last 4 week period for the King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards we had total of \$2,500.00. That amount plus the previous amount totaled \$4,934.61 leaving us \$66 dollars short of \$5,000.00. The next 4 week period will end on November 26th.

MEMBERSHIP

We added 3 new members: Larry Cato (Life), David Chapman and Allan Irwin.
No AVVA report for October.

We have 134 members, and 17 AVVA members giving us a total of 151 members.

Treasurer Report: Leonard Smith

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Treasurer's Report September 30th, 2016

As of September 1st 2016 General Acct. Balance (General Fund and Emergency Fund)	\$21,951.79
State Household Goods Allocation	579.00
Donations	1,367.90
Expenditures	(1,215.77)
Balance General Acct. 9/30/2016 (General Fund and Emergency Fund)	<u>\$22,682.92</u>
Balance Emergency Fund. 9/30/2016	\$5,000.00
Balance Grant Account 9/30/2016	---0---
Balance Scholarship Account 9/30/2016	\$4,945.31

Outreach Committee: Position Vacant

Guest Speaker: 1071 member Phil Waters spoke about a project he would like to start. This involves 1071 members who want to tell their stories and get them recorded. Recorded story would then be put into the Library of Congress' Veterans Project. Phil has taken training courses to ensure he asks the right questions to the veteran. He hope to get this project rolling by January. If interested you can contact Phil at 303-898-3302. Phil mentioned that one can go to "loc.gov" veterans project for more information.

Jan Beiner from DAR spoke again to members to sign up for their Recognition Certificate which DAR wants to identify and honor 1071 veterans sometime in Feb. 2017. DAR also donated several coats and a \$50 food gift card to Rick Winfrey's coat drive for veterans in the mountains.

Marketing: Jim Topkoff: Jim brought all members present up to date info on the Honors Burial. It kind of looks like we won't be able to do anything like the last burial until next year due to changes at Olingers.

Drawings Door Prizes: Jim Topkoff

Red cap donated by Dan Dietz, Auctioned for \$20. Terry Ritenour high bidder

White Fence Farm gift certificate \$30.....Bob Hartman

!071 Cap.....David Steiner

VVA wool stocking cap.... Ticket # 038

1071 LanyardTicket # 028

Sheet of postage stamp (R.Cox Memorial) donated by Phil Post..... Ticket #014

Up Coming Events: Canned food drive, January, 2017

DAR Vietnam Veterans Commorative event Febuary, 2017

Old Business: Al Roettger spoke about the Veteran's Day events at the High Schools. All the schools 1071 attended were well attended by 1071 members and other veterans. The schools really appreciated our participation.

Rick Winfrey spoke about the coat / clothes drive for all the veterans living in the mountains and how much it is appreciated. He also spoke about the need for canned food as food pantry's are pretty bare this time of year.

David Steiner answered a question regarding the status of the Scholarship funds. David is ready to submit the new application form to bod for approval. If approved then we can move forward.

New Business:

Can food drive will begin in January 2017. Bring them to meetings.

New member David Chapman is looking for volunteers to assist in visiting older veterans who are home-bound. This is through the Jeffco Resource Center. One visit a week per veteran is what they are looking for. If interested please contact David Chapman through our chapter.

Sgt-at-Arms Retired POW/MIA Colors: Jose Gonzales

Benediction: Chaplain Altfeltis

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM MDT

Next Chapter Meeting will be on Dec. 17th, 2016

Marty Chavez, Secretary

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