

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1071 - Denver

Location: Elk's Lodge #1777

1455 Newland Street

Lakewood, CO

Date: Saturday Sept.17th, 2016

Scheduled Time: 10:00 AM MDT

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

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, Bill Bleau, Chuck Chavez, Marty Chavez, Steve Connolly, Ernest Covington, Dan Dietz, Cliff Fejfar, William Ferguson, Jeffery Fossum, Jose Gonzales, Ron Gorman, Bruce Gottschalk, Bob Hartman, Dave Hennig, Lynn D. Herbert, Ray Holtz, Jim Miles, Rusty Morse, Steve Newton, Owen Oliver, Stan Paprocki, Phillip Post, Lance Rommerdahl, Terry Ritenour, Lew Roman, George Santos, David Steiner, Larry Sourbeer, Lindsay Smith, Tom Stepleton, Wally Struble, Jim Topkoff, George Zervos (33)

AVVA Members Present: Mary Ann Whitehead, Scott Hefty, Ed Baker, Carl Lofaro (4)

Guests –Robert Compoy, Eliza Fermie, Lisa Menard, Bill Gregory, Wanda Herstein, Jim Herstein, Jerry M.Snowbarger, Linda Olson Ferguson, Vern Moore, Mike Goldmann, Phil Waters, Daniel Sorenselo,

President – Stan Paprocki: Welcomed Members and Guests.

Roll Call: Present: Stan Paprocki, Leonard Smith(excused), Jose Gonzales, Ray Holtz, and Marty Chavez

Stan turned over platform to Steve Connley & Cliff Fejfar for some announcements.

Steve Connley spoke to members regarding the sad passing of VVA member ,Bob Garcia. Services will be held at Ft. Logan. More information will be shared as soon as available.

Cliff Fejfar spoke regarding Judy Atencio's passion for having coffee & Sweets available for the members meeting and wanting Cliff to take over. Not going to happen, so Cliff suggested that members visit the Elks Breakfast prior to meeting and get their coffee there. Cliff introduced Lisa Menard, State Chairperson for the Patriot Guards. Lisa introduced two other members, Jim & Wanda Herstein. Lisa gave us a brief history of the Patriots Honor Guard and the services that they provide to honor all veterans.

Stan presented Lisa & the Patriots Chapter with a Certificate of Appreciation and DVD of the last Honors Burial for all their work helping 1071 with Honors Burial project plus helping with the burial of our own who have passed on.

Stan spoke about the State Council meeting that was held the past Saturday. Plans are being made to have a state convention some time in the near future. More information will be presented to members at later date.

Stan mentioned the Vietnam Traveling Wall which is set up at Furniture Row through Sunday. The opening ceremonies were attended by some 1071 members. Steve Newton volunteered and helped set up the Wall, he also set up the booth, Steve & Dan manned it and donations on Friday alone were \$89. Thank you Mr. Newton & Mr. Dietz.

Mead High School has invited Chapter 1071 to participate at their home coming football game Sept 30th to celebrate Veterans Appreciation day.

Nov.6th Veterans Day Tailgate event will also be held at Embassy Suites in Loveland. More will be posted on website by Ray.

Jim Miles reminded all to bring in Vietnam era books/ articles for the pending libraries at some high schools associated with our chapter. Jim also suggested that we visit book stores and request donated books or purchase some.

Rusty Morse explained the value & usage of the Memorial Richard Cox stamp.

Vice President: Vacant

Secretary Report: Marty Chavez

Recognized and welcomed all guest to our meeting.

Marty shared information regarding an email from Lee White which informs veterans of a special Dental Service provided by the DiCino Family Dentistry to honor all veterans during Heroes Appreciation Month (Sept)

Marty also reminded all members to get with Ray and submit their military bios for 1071 website and to preserve their own history for years to come.

Webmaster: Ray Holtz, WEBSITE

WEBSITE

August website visits were 3,054.

Notice of Bob Garcia's passing and service information will be posted as soon as we get it.

Posted Wanted: Vietnam Books to donate to High Schools.

Posted photos of or Chapters visit to Soldiers Stone on 8/27/16. Also a 3-minute video from USA Today about Soldiers Stone.

Merchandize page addition of Richard Cox First Class Stamps for sale.

Will be posting photos of our Chapter members at the Traveling Wall in a day or two.

The last 2 four week periods for the King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards we had total of \$5,499.95. Our Chapter will be getting a check for a little over \$250. The next 4-week period will end on October 1st.

Poppy Sales will be on Nov.12th from 9-12noon at two king Soopers locations. 136th & Colo Blvd (north) and Green Mtn K.S. (Alameda & Union) Lakewood. We would like to have a minimum of 4 members per location to man the table and pass out poppies.

MEMBERSHIP

No VVA or AVVA report yet for August.

We have 130 members, and 17 AVVA members giving us a total of 147 members.

Treasurer Report: Leonard Smith (on Vacation)

VVA Denver Chapter 1071 Treasurer's Report August 31st, 2016

As of July 1 st , 2016 General Acct. Balance	\$12,913.00
State Household Goods Allocation	575.00
Merchandise Sales	532.00
Donations	6,730.00
Expenditures	(5,295.00)
Balance General Acct. 7/31/2016	<u>\$15,455.00</u>
Balance Emergency Acct. 8/31/2016	\$5,100.38

Balance Grant Account 8/31/2016 \$3,022.97

Balance Scholarship Account 8/31/2016 \$4,794.74

Outreach Committee: Position Vacant

Guest Speaker: Eliza Fermie , Project Coordinator for the Colorado Visiting Nurses Association. Eliza spoke to members regarding about their project working with veterans. I.E. Training classes in First Aid, CPR, Mental Health issues.

Marketing: Jim Topkoff: Jim spoke to members regarding current events about the Honors Burial. Jim also requested for members to step up and volunteer with the Honors Burial

Dan Dietz: Dan informed members that he is now a Floating Member for the State Council representing Chapter 1071. He also talked about the Traveling wall and asked for volunteers to help man the table/booth at that event, to help answer questions about our the VVA and our chapter.

Drawings Door Prizes: Winners

White Fence Farm \$30. Bill Ferguson

1071 Lanyard...David Steiner

Donated Book(by Jeff Fossum). Bob Compoy

Cap...Owen Oliver

Up Coming Events:

Old Business: Scott Hefty spoke regarding the Veteran's Fair, free BBQ. All are welcome.

New Business:

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

Benediction: Chaplain Altfeltis

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM MDT

Next Chapter Meeting will be on Oct.15th, 2016

Marty Chavez, Secretary

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