

**Vietnam Veterans of America**

**Colorado State Council Meeting**

Location: Douglas Co. Library  
Wilcox Street  
Castle Rock, CO

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2015

Start Time: 1300

**STATE COUNCIL MEETING “MINUTES”**

Meeting called to order by President Manny Pedraza at 1305

Members Present: Manny Pedraza, President, Richard Cox, Vice President, David Raimey, Treasurer, Lee White, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President, Dan Dietz, Delegate, Bill Hilliard, Larry Schaefer, David Jenkins, Steve Newton, Patti Ehline, Marty Chavez, Stan Paproski, John Altfeltis.

Board Members Excused: Joe Plant, John Pascente

Pledge of Allegiance: Manny Pedraza

Prayer: John Altfeltis

Moment of Silence for POW's /MIA's – Manny Pedraza

Special Guest: Dick Southern, Region 9 Director

Meeting “Minutes” from the September 12<sup>th</sup>. Colorado State Council Meeting were approved by all members present.

General Discussion:

Question was presented by Richard Cox to Dick Southern about deceased VVA member's - membership's transferred to surviving

spouses as AVVA Members. Dick replied the VVA and AVVA are two separate entities and would not be accepted.

Question was presented by Lee White for educational materials to present to students. Dick responded by saying additional educational materials can be accessed through the National website. (Interview suggestions)

Chapter Membership's as of December 15, 2015

Chapter 1071 - 104

Chapter 1075 - 44

Chapter 1106 - 49

Special lifetime membership offer from National at \$100.00 had a great impact on increasing chapter memberships.

Question by Lee White to Dick Southern on how to create interest in developing new chapters in Pueblo, Fort Collins, and Grand Junction. Dick suggested we review the Colorado Roster and call current at-large members for any interest level. Also, contact local VFW and American Legion commanders.

Treasurer's Report - Dave Ramey

Monthly HGDP at \$1622 distributed evenly at \$406 to each chapter and State Council.

A \$110.00 donation was received at the Union Restrauant.

Cost of our State Council luncheon: \$320.00

State Council November 2015 month end balance: \$8728.64

Savings Account: \$7116.38

Motion to accept the Treasurer Report by: Larry Schaefer and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Richard Cox.

Dick Southern Report

State Council Elections - An Election Chair position needs to be discussed at our next March 2016 State Council Meeting. Elections will

be at the June State Council Meeting. Patti Ehline was nominated for the Election Nominating Committee by Lee White and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by: Bill Hillard (Note: Patti Ehline declined the Election Nominating Committee position as of December 19, 2015. She will be unavailable.)

New VVA National website scheduled for operation in January 2016.

March 30, 2016 is Vietnam Welcome Home Day – All members are encouraged to contact their state congressmen.

Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Fund Raiser – Check local locations for details.

Colorado State Council to develop their own "By-Laws" in accordance with National's constitution.

Old Business: The idea of having a State Council Conference in 2016 was tabled.

Conference of State Councils scheduled for January 22-23, 2016 in Lafayette, LA. Manny Pedraza to attend.

Colorado State Council Meeting will be June 4, 2016. This changed from June 11, 2016, due to conflict with Chapter 1106 special ceremony in Angel Fire, New Mexico. Motion for the change by Larry Schaefer and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by Lee White. Approved by all members present.

Leadership Conferences are scheduled for July 19-23, 2016 in Tucson, AZ.

Region 8 & 9 Conference is scheduled for June 23-25, 2017 in Denver, Colorado. Motion by Richard Cox and 2<sup>nd</sup>. by: Dave Ramey. Approved by all members present.

NEXT COLORADO STATE COUNCIL MEETING: SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 2016.

Meeting adjourned by: Manny Padraza, President

This report submitted by: Lee White, 2<sup>nd</sup>. Vice President