

**Vietnam Veterans of America**  
**Chapter 1071 - Denver**  
**Location: American Legion Post 161**  
**6230 West 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue Arvada, Co. 80003**  
**Date: Saturday Nov. 18, 2017**  
**Scheduled Time: 10:00 AM MDT**

**CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES**

**Meeting called to order by:** Stan Paprocki, 1071 President

**Prayer & Moment of Silence for POW/MIA'S** – John Altfeltis

**Pledge of Allegiance** – Jose Gonzales

**Posting of POW/MIA Colors on POW Honor Chair** - Jose Gonzales

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

Excused:

**VVA Members Present: (39)** John Altfeltis, Donald Bates, Bob Burnham, DeWayne Bomar, Chuck Chavez, Marty Chavez, John Currie, Dan Dietz, Robert Doriss, Jeffrey Fossum, Jose Gonzales, Bruce Gottschalk, Bob Hartman, Nelson Hendrickson, Ray Holtz, Bob Lopez, Michael McDonald, Jim Miles, Vern Moore, Russell Morse, Steve Newton, Owen Oliver, Stan Paprocki, Philip Post, Trinidad Rael, Steve Randolph, Terry Ritenour, Eddie Sheeve, Tom Simpson, Leonard Smith, Lindsay Smith, Otto Smolik, Larry Sourbeer, David Steiner, Wally Struble, John Thompson, Jim Topkoff, Phil Waters, Rick Winfrey,

**AVVA Members Present: (2)** Archbishop Alexander, Janet Beiner

**Guests: (11)** Stan Ogata, Susan Bates, Lee White, Linda Olson, Bill Vance, William Serger Bill Robbins, Sandra Quinhall, Holly Hall, Donald Sais, Naomi Schnee

**President Report:** Stan Paprocki,

Introduced Lee White, VVA State Council President, who presented Ray Holtz 1071 Webmaster with the 2017 VVA National Webmaster Of The Year Award plaque. This award is in recognition for the great work Ray has done over the years for our chapter. Ray gave credit to all members who contribute to the website. This is a great honor as Ray's work is in competition with over 600 chapters. Way to go Ray.

Stan spoke about attending the VVA National State Conference in place of Lee White. The conference was attended by all states council presidents and committee members. Stan covered several important areas that were discussed at all meetings. Stan also made it a point to seek out and talk to individual National Officers and ask questions. This was a great experience and eye opener for Stan.

Mentioned the school functions and Poppies donations during Veterans Day week.

**Vice President Report:** Terry Ritenour

Terry spoke about the Broomfield Veterans Memorial and the Procession of replacement panels that were headed to the Colorado Veterans Memorial in Aurora. These panels were replaced due to vandalism

Terry also gave out a special shout out to Chick Filet for their support to veterans by placing a Missing Man decorated table in their restaurants.

Two upcoming events : 1. First Aid class for veterans taught by AVVA member Carl Lofaro, JeffCo Mental, Monday Nov.27<sup>th</sup>. 2. 118 VFW Founders Banquet, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Brown Palace

Hep.C testing was being held at the JeffCo veterans court this past week and I just want to remind all veterans to get tested for this silent killer if you haven't done so yet.

**Secretary Report: Marty Chavez,**

Welcomed guests and had them introduce themselves.

Gave a special shout out to member Wally Struble for his great effort in sending out 25 letters to family and friends telling them about our fund raiser with poppies donations. Pretty much all these people showed up and donated.

**Treasurer Report: Leonard Smith**

Leonard read the Financial Report to our Members.

**WebMaster: Ray Holtz****Website**

1. October website visits were 4,427.
2. Posted photos of Vets Day poppy fundraiser locations.
3. Two new Press Releases is posted:
  1. Press Release Agent Orange wait for Justice continues
  2. Blue Water Navy Vets foiled again.
4. Posted photos of Veterans Day events at Green Mtn H.S., Ben Franklin Academy, and Jefferson Academy Elementary School.
5. The last 4 week period for the King Soopers Neighborhood Rewards ending Oct 28th we had total of \$5,745.00 which is the best ever, so our total for the last 8 weeks came to \$10,611.02. We will get a check for \$530.55. The next period will end on November 25th.  
If we can maintain over \$5,000 in card reloads each 4 week period we would get \$3,250 a year for our chapter.

**Membership: Ray Holtz**

1. We added 4 new members: Ron Kurtz, Mike McDonald, Steve Randolph and Otto Smolik.
2. We added 1 new member to our AVVA roster: Archbishop Alexander
3. We have 164 members, and 17 AVVA members giving us a total of 181 members.

**Outreach Liaison: Robert Primeaux****Board of Directors:**

Jose Gonzales: Just want to encourage all members to volunteer at the events put on by our chapter. It is a wonderful experience.

John Altfeltis: Update on board member AL Roettger who is at Porter Hospital. His spirits are high but he sounds very weak at this time. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

**Guest Speaker:** John Thompson talked about the VOA, Bill Daniels program for veterans, especially the veterans court system and their need for volunteers. John then introduced Holly Hall and Naomi Schnee from the Volunteers of America, Colorado Branch who spoke about the Bill Daniels Veteran Services Center which is dedicated to serving veterans (and their families) in need. Holly passed out brochures which listed the services provided. They are located at 1247 Santa Fe Drive, Denver. For more information call 720-501-3367 or go to [www.voacolorado.org/vsc](http://www.voacolorado.org/vsc).

**Honors Burial: Jim Topkoff**

Jim read out loud an email received by the President of our chapter from Ms. Debra Bishop, who goes on to describes how she found out that we had buried her great uncle at Ft Logan during one of our Honors Burial. Ray said he would post the email letter on the website for all to read on the Honors Burial pulldown.

**Marketing:** Jim Topkoff

**Drawings Door Prizes:**

Hand made Vietnam Pen (by Dan Dietz) High bidder was Owen Oliver \$35.

White Fence Farm Gift Card: Robert Doriss

Hu Hut Mongolian Grill Gift Card: Bill Robbins

\$25 King Soopers Card: Donald Bates

DAR Gift Card: DeWayne Bomar

**Up Coming Events:**

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Member Bob Lopez talked about a request from a lady who collects new or gently used purses which are then filled with personal hygiene products to give to homeless veteran women. Bob is hoping to get 1071 members to help out. Please bring purses to December 16<sup>th</sup> members meeting or you can contact Bob Lopez at 303-422-2032 for more information.

Member Rick Winfrey mentioned that even though he has backed off on the VSO job in Gilpin County, it is still in his heart to help out the veterans who live in the mountains who are homeless. Rick states that if you have woman's , kid's or men's clothing that he will take them as well as any food you might want to donate.

Phil Waters and Bruce Gottschalk talked about their experience with the JeffCo Veterans Court system. It is a great thing for troubled veterans. Both men really enjoy working as mentors and really encourage other veterans to volunteer. VP Terry is also a mentor with the veterans court. Bruce also volunteers with the Arapahoe county veterans court.

**Retiring of POW/MIA Colors:** Jose Gonzales

**Benediction:** John Altfeltis

**Meeting adjourned at 11:45am MDT**

**Next Chapter Meeting will be on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

**Marty Chavez - Secretary**

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