

**Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1071**

**Members Meeting**

**Loc: Elks Lodge, 1455 Newland St. Lakewood Co, 80214**

**August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

- I. SILENCE CELL PHONES: Trinidad Rael
- II. Invocation, Opening Prayer: Trini Rael
- III. Pledge of Allegiance: Trini R ~ All in attendance
- IV. POW/MIA: Jose Gonzales
- V. Opening comments: Trini reported that Pres.Stan was at a special State Council meeting today
- VI. Welcome New Members: Trini, none in attendance
- VII. Welcome Guests: Trini, Guest were ladies and one husband from Denver based Quilts of Honor.
- VIII. Members Birthday's, Trini, None
- IX. [*Awards & Presentations*] Steve Newton: Introduction of ladies and Quilts of Honor. Gwen Moore introduced all the quilt ladies in attendance today along with her Vietnam veteran husband. She also gave a history of their group and why the love to present quilts to veterans.

Quilts of Honor were presented to several 1071 members by the ladies of Q of H group. Each recipient was identified by military branch and rank. Also they were allowed the opportunity to say a few words. Recipients were nominated by fellow 1071 members (probably Mayor Steve Newton ☺)

Receiving quilts were: Owen Oliver, Army, Jose Gonzales, Army, Leonard Smith, Army, Cliff Fejfar, Navy, Bill Bleau, Air Force, Bill Robbins, Air Force, Jeff Fossum, Navy.

The ladies also took names of anyone who would like to be presented at a later date with one of their Honor Quilts. Wonderful presentation.

**Members Attendance:** (50) Steve Newton, Wally Struble, Jim Topkoff, Lynn Herbert,

Phil Waters, Cliff Fejfar, José Gonzáles, Vern Moore, Terry Ritenour, Marty Chavez  
Doug Scherer, Nelson Hendrickson, Trini Rael, Leonard Smith, Frank Riddle, Otto Smolik  
Jerry Zimmer, Joe Romero, Dan Semborsky, Owen Oliver, Rusty Morse,  
Robert (Bob) Wyatt, Don Woods, Darrell Chapman, Lew Roman, Ron Gorman, Ray Fouts,  
Wilton Webb, Mike Holland, Bruce Gottschalk, Joe Dural, John Currie, Glenn Fishel, Joe  
Dragonosky, Chuck Mallicoat, Patrick Delapp, Bill Bleau, Steve Randolph,  
Doug Nunes, Ron Kurtz, Rick Winfrey, Michael Craig, Frank Tobani, Robert Doriss,  
Larry Carroll, Bill Robbins, Bob Burnham, Francis Donovan, Gerald Unrein, Dave Weaver

**AVVA Members:** (3) Carol Cordova, Marie Winfrey, Linda Fishel,

**Guest:** (10) Suzanne Sigona, The following names are from the Quilts oh Honor group:  
Rita Cusack, Darlene Dunston, DeLaine Kuehnel, Connie Johnson, Gwen Moore, Tom Moore,  
Juliene Pimentel, Cathy Suchey, Lois Wageck

X. Report of BoD business: Trini R.

VVA Chapter 1071 August 7<sup>th</sup> Board meeting highlights.

1. The board accepted the members meeting minutes for the month of July.
2. Board discussed and accepted the financial reports for the months of June and July.
3. We covered The VA National Convention registration and costs for the board of directors who will be going. The convention will be held in Greensboro North Carolina November 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup>.
4. We discussed the upcoming trip to Soldier Stone in September. Owen Oliver will be covering more on this later in the meeting.
5. We discussed the Quilts of Valor which will be presented to some of our veterans today.
6. We discussed what we needed to do to help Brighton Colorado with The Wall That Heals Memorial which will arrive Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Memorial will be set up for viewing Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>. More will be covered later in the meeting.
7. The Honors Burial program was discussed.  
We also discussed what help is needed regarding the Veterans Fair being held here at the Elks basement room, Sept 16<sup>th</sup> from 11 to 2pm

XI. Officer reports

- a. President: Schedule conflict, State Council
- b. Vice-president Trinidad Rael;
- c. Secretary: Marty Chavez; Dick Southern area 9 membership report
- d. Treasurer: Leonard Smith; Reported on Financial status of 1071.

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XII. Department reports (write in additional)

- a. Membership/Business cards/Name tags Trini
- b. Webmaster

XIII. **Membership Report: Ray Holtz**

- XIV. 1. We added 1 new VVA member Jim Keeton.
- XV. 2. We added no new AVVA members.
- XVI. 3. We have 213 members, and 37 AVVA members giving us a total of 250 members.

XVII.

XVIII. **Webmaster Report: Ray Holtz**

- XIX. 1. July website visits were 903.
- XX. 2. Posted West Metro Veterans Fair Poster and a link for more information. Fair is Thur. Sept 16<sup>th</sup> 11 am to 2 pm at the Elks Lodge.
- XXI. 3. Posted The Wall That Heals information at Brighton Sept 3, 2021
- XXII.

- a. **Fund raising** Steve Newton: Nothing to report
- b. **Honors Burial** Jim Topkoff
- c. **Education & Speakers Program**; N/A
- d. **Logo/sales**: Jerry Zimmer, VVA 1071 Polo shirts, Jerry spoke about the new VVA 1071 polo shirts, the sizes and prices for each shirt.
- e. **The Wall That Heals**: Jose gave an update on what will be happening at TWTH Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup>.
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XXIII. **Director discussion**

- 1. Owen Oliver: Soldier Stone Trip, Video on Soldierstone history was shown  
[Speaker-Guest] N/A

XXIV. [Speaker-Member] N/A

XXV. Reminder: Sign in | Raffle ticket: Trini R

XXVI. Discussion from the floor (write in during item v above)

XXVII. **Raffle**: Jim Topkoff

- 1. Item: \$25 Home Depot card: Suzanne Sigona
- 2. Item: \$25 Home Depot card; Lynn Hebert
- 3. Item: \$25 Buffalo Wings card: 8205
- 4. Item: ????; Jerry Zimmer
- 5. Item: \$25 iHop card: 8188
- 6. Bullet Dest Pen: Marty Chavez

XX POW/MIA: Jose Gonzales

Recovered Remains: N/A

Benediction: Trini

Meeting adjourned, Turn Cell Phones back on: Trini R.

Next Members meeting: Sept. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021,