



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
DARWIN J. THOMAS
MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday January 20, 2020

Attendee

Gerald Arnold	USN	Wayne Heimsoth	USA
Jim Barry	USA	Rose Herrera	USAF
John Burnham	USA	Clyde Horn	USA
Walter Carroll	USAF	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Lawrence Dietz	USN	James Madeiros	USA
Liz Dietz	USPHS	Carlos Mariscel	USMC
Cang Kim Dong	AVVA	William McCorquodale	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Bill Noyes	USA
Warren Finch	USA	Burton Smith	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	William Thai	AVVA
Richard Francis	USN	Stephen Thompson	USN
Mike Frangadakis	USA	Richard Veit	USA
Earl Frazier	USAF	Jack Wells	USMC
John Hassenplug	USN	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Dan Heckerman	USA		

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 7:00 PM (1900 hours) at Holder's Country Inn. Sergeant at arms John Hassenplug led the Pledge of Allegiance and William McCorquodale provided the invocation.

II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

- President - Warren Finch
- Vice President - Gene Fanucchi
- Secretary/Treasurer- Stephen Thompson
- Sergeant at Arms - John Hassenplug
- 3-year Board Member – David Sanders - Excused
- 2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie
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III. Guests:

Gina Barker
Lucia Carroll
David Ham
Sandy James
Michael Lassen
Judy Noyes

Steve Thompson and Rose Herrera were presented Certificates of Appreciation for their presentations at Wreaths Across America along with an Army Challenge Coin.

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the November and December 2019 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Walter Carroll and seconded by Frank Lem.

V. Correspondence:

Bank statements
Corporate Donation
Private Donation
Thank you letter from UVC for parade Donation
Request for annual donation from Salvation Army

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report was noted during the meeting and membership advised that copies of the financial statement would not be distributed meetings since the Board does review the Financial Reports quarterly.

Any member that wishes to review the Chapter Financial Statements may contact the Treasurer, Steve Thompson at any time and he will establish the time for the member to review.

Motion to approve Finance report as presented and subject to audit by Frank Lem and John Hassenplug.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch thanked everyone that was in attendance for the annual Holiday Dinner at Three Flames Restaurant. We plan to have our annual event there going forward unless another venue is more desired.

Meeting with the main library to work further on the display for March 2020.

Attended the end of year event at Cang's home which was a wonderful event.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Fran McVey is doing better and encourage people to reach out to him.

Bill Briggs having minor surgery.

Randy Richmond is at Palo Alto VA for a routine procedure and always welcomes visitors.

Dave Sanders is home ill with serious back pains.

IX. Board of Directors Report:

The Board discussed the Draft 2020/2021 Budget and approved sharing with membership who are requested to review and advise the Treasurer of any thoughts or changes with final approval during the March meeting.

Discussed donating up to \$5,000 to fire victims that are VETERANS and looking at ways that this can be done to assure the monies are used for VETERANS.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

- Next meeting to be held 2/28 – 3/1.
- Biannual Conference is June 11 – 14 in Visalia.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

UVC installed new officers. Ray Watts, President, Rose Herrera, Vice President, Steve Thompson, Treasurer, John Hassenplug, Secretary and Wayne Heimsoth, Sergeant at arms.

Working to recruit and encourage younger veterans to include OIF and OEF.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Stephen Thompson, As of December 31, we have a total of 113 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): Nothing to report

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Nothing to report

Constitution By-Laws Committee (Robert Kadlec): Nothing to report

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis):

Los Gatos Veterans Memorial is doing well

Government Affairs Committee (Fran McVey): Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Next Moffett Field Fund Raiser is tentative for May.

Public Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Nothing to report

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

Vet Tix is website for Veterans to find and purchase tickets. Monterey Bay Fishing Trip.

Incarcerated Veterans Committee (Jack Wells): Nothing to Report

XIII. Unfinished Business: Nothing to report

XIV. New Business:

Jack Wells made a motion to donate \$500, which was then amended to \$1,000 to East Meets West Dental Program – Vietnam. Second by Mike Frangadakis. Motion Passed.

Motion by Mike Frangadakis and second by Jerry Arnold to donate \$500 to the Airman's Closet to buy backpacks and supplies for dependents. Motion Passed.

XV. AVVA Report:

AVVA 201 held end of year event for selected members of UVC and VVA 201.

XVI. Good of the Order

Four Chaplains memorial will be held on Saturday February 1 at 10 AM. Steve Thompson and Earl Frazier agreed to carry chapter flag and colors.

Dennis Whittaker advised the group that Honor Flight is now accepting Vietnam Veterans for trips to Washington DC to see the Wall.

John Hassenplug invited any VVA member to attend the next MOAA luncheon with guest speaker General Ostenberg who will discuss his time in Vietnam and other military related issues.

Personal invitation was sent to Barbara Ledig to invite her to our annual Holiday Dinner.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The closing prayer was presented by William McCorquodale and Sergeant at Arms John Hassenplug retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 business meeting will be on Monday February 17, 2020 at Holders Country Inn on De Anza Boulevard.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM (2015 hours).

Respectfully Submitted:



Stephen R Thompson
Secretary / Treasurer
Darwin J. Thomas Chapter 201
Vietnam Veterans of America



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Monday February 17, 2020

Attendee:

David Ackerman	USMC	Wayne Heimsoth	USA
Gerald Arnold	USN	Clyde Horn	USA
Walter Carroll	USAF	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Liz Dietz	USPHS	James Madeiros	USA
Lawrence Dietz	USN	Carlos Mariscal	USMC
Cang Kim Dong	AVVA	William McCorquodale	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Bill Noyes	USA
Warren Finch	USA	Randall Richmond	USA
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Burton Smith	USN
Mike Frangadakis	USA	William Thai	AVVA
Earl Frazier	USAF	Stephen Thompson	USN
John Hassenplug	USN	Richard Veit	USA
Dan Heckerman	USA	Dennis Whittaker	USA

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III. Guests:

Lucia Carroll
Susan Heimsoth
Elise Mariscal

IV. Reading of Minutes:

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V. Correspondence:

Bank statements
Corporate Donation
Honorary Life Membership for Becky Thomas

VI. Finance Report:

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Motion to approve Finance report as presented and subject to audit by Randy Richmond and Dennis Whittaker.

VII. Officer Reports:

Display at the Main Library set for March 22 on the 3rd Floor of the library. The photo panels will be on display as well as additional photos and other certificates presented to the South Vietnamese Army.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Long time Chapter 201 member Edward Aki, Retired Marine, passed away and ceremony will be held at the Punch Bowl in Hawaii. He will be honored with a full military dedication.

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Draft Budget was presented during the January meeting and will need final approval during the March meeting.

Nominations are open for all positions with the exception of the 3 year and 2 year Board Member which automatically progress.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting to be held February 28 to March 1, 2020 in Visalia, CA.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Planning has started with Oak Hill Cemetery for the annual Memorial Day Celebration.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of January 31, we have a total of 118 Lifetime members. The passing of Edward Aki has been sent to national.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): Nothing to report

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Nothing to report

Constitution By-Laws Committee (Robert Kadlec): Nothing to report

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis):

Los Gatos Veterans Memorial is doing well.

Thanks, received from the Airman's Closet for backpacks for kids for our generous donation.

Veteran of the Year will be bestowed on Mike Frangadakis at the next Santa Clara County meeting.

Veterans Transition Center is operational in Monterey and pamphlets are available.

Government Affairs Committee (Fran McVey): Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson): Nothing to report

Public Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Nothing to report

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

Mission act is operational. VA home loans have been raised to \$1.0 M.

Incarcerated Veterans Committee (Jack Wells): Nothing to Report

XIII. Unfinished Business: Nothing to report

Draft Budget to be approved during March meeting.

Nominations for new positions are due prior to or during the April meeting when the elections are to be held.

XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report

XV. AVVA Report:

Reminder to attend the display at the Main Library

XVI. Good of the Order

Four Chaplains was well received.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The closing prayer was presented by Randall Richmond and Sergeant at Arms John Hassenplug retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 business meeting will be on Monday March 16, 2020 at Holders Country Inn on De Anza Boulevard.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM (2015 hours).

Respectfully Submitted



Stephen R Thompson
Secretary/Treasurer
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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday September 21, 2020

Attendee:

Walter Carroll	USAF
Cang Dong	AVVA (ARMY DKC)
Gene Fanucchi	USA
Warren Finch	USA
Wayne Heimsoth	USA
Robert Kadlec	USAF
Frank Lem	USAF
William McCorquodale	USN
Fran McVey	USN
Robert Ostenberg	USA
Burton Smith	USN
William Thai	AVVA
Stephen Thompson	USN
Dennis Whittaker	USA

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 6:54 PM (1854 hours) via Zoom for selected business. Pledge of Allegiance, Invocation and all other reports were deferred for this meeting.

II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

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- Secretary/Treasurer- Stephen Thompson
- Sergeant at Arms – John Hassenplug Excused
- 3-year Board Member – David Sanders
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- 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker
- 1-Year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit Excused

III. Guests:

AVVA 201 Members

IV. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting to be held October 22 to October 24, 2020 in Visalia, CA.

V. New Business:

Motion by Dave Sanders and second by Dennis Whittaker to provide a check to Sam McLurie for \$2500.00 to cover the cost of a new refrigerator to replace his unit that was destroyed in the recent fires.

VI. Closing Ceremony

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 PM (1859 hours).

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen R. Thompson".

Stephen R Thompson
Secretary/Treasurer
Darwin J. Thomas Chapter 201
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