



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

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday March 15, 2021

Attendee:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Jim Barry	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Walter Carroll	USAF	Julian John Macias	USMC
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Phil Nguyen	AVVA
Alex Cau	AVVA	Carmen Sanders	AVVA
Cang Dong (ARMY DKC)	AVVA	David Sanders	USAF
Jeffrey Driskell	USAF	Burton Smith	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Warren Finch	USA	Richard Veit	USA
Dennis Foggie	USAF	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Richard Francis	USN	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Robert Hawkins	USMC	Reuben Wilhite	USMC
Wayne Heimsoth	USA	Richard Veit	USA

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 5:20 PM (1720 hours) at Holder's Country Inn. Acting Sergeant at arms Dennis Foggie led the Pledge of Allegiance and Acting Chaplain David Sanders provided the invocation.

II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

- President - Warren Finch
- Vice President - Gene Fanucchi
- Secretary / Treasurer- Stephen Thompson
- Sergeant at Arms - Vacant
- 3-year Board Member - David Sanders
- 2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie
- 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker
- 1-Year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Lucia Carroll
Susan Heimsoth
Gwen Lee
Jennifer Newcomer

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the February 2020 and September 2021 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Gerald Arnold made the following amendment; adding David Sanders as an attendee. Motion to spend \$2500 approved unanimously and meeting adjourned at 5:59 PM. Motion to approve the minutes as amended and submitted by Jerry Arnold and second by Frank Lem.

V. Correspondence:

Bank statements
Corporate Donation

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report was noted during the meeting and membership advised that the finance report covered from February 2020 through February 2021, which incorporated the full year for the chapter.

Any member who 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 Jerry Arnold and second by Rich Veit.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch took the time to welcome everyone to the meeting and noted that we could have had the full restaurant to ourselves, but we declined since we were not certain as to the number of members that would attend and initially agreed to have the meeting in the outdoor tented area. Prior to the meeting, the weather turned rainy, and the meeting was moved to the small dining area that is normally used in the past.

Discussion of the annual election prompted a motion from David Sanders and seconded by Dennis Whittaker to bypass the current year elections and maintain all officers and directors in their current roles for the remainder of the 2021-2022 Chapter year. Approved and all officers and directors agreed to remain in their current roles.

It was noted that we have a vacancy in the role of the Sergeant at Arms and would look to the membership for a new candidate.

VIII. Chaplain Report:

Nothing to report.

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Copies of the BOD minutes were presented to the membership. Draft Budget was presented during the January meeting and will need final approval during the April meeting.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting to be held 5/7 – 5/9 at the Wyndham hotel in Visalia.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

UVC is sending actual notices of memberships dues required to all Veteran organizations in the county.

UVC is working on a virtual Memorial Day celebration and requesting assistance from VVA 201. The Veterans Day Parade is possibly going to be an actual event and will be determined more completely as the county evaluates the COVID 19 restrictions.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of February 28, we have a total of 119 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): - David Sanders noted that he had heard from Becky Thomas that they had found the actual crash site and had provided some items that were found at the site and finalizing a report.

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Additional presumptive illnesses are being added.

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): Nothing to report

Government Affairs Committee (Fran McVey): Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson): Presented the draft 2022 budget to the membership and requesting full approval at the April meeting. No fund-raising events are being noted at this time until COVID 19 restrictions are lifted.

Public Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Nothing to report

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): New Director for the Palo Alto Medical Center is Lisa Howard, who was previously at the Reno VA. Veterans can be a part of the virtual town hall by calling 650-858-3925 and requesting to be added to the call-in list.

Incarcerated Veterans Committee (Jack Wells): Nothing to Report

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report

XV. AVVA Report:

Cang introduce Alexander Cau and Phil Nguyen as new AVVA representatives for Chapter 201 and as possible longer term AVVA leadership.

XVI. Good of the Order:

Wreaths across America is scheduled for December 18, 2021 with Warren Finch to be a speaker.

Dennis Whittaker noted that he is in the process of funding a full reunion for his Vietnam Company in Nashville in November. In order to do this, he is seeking

donations from various Veteran organizations and corporate sponsors to raise close to \$500,000.00. Rich Veit made a motion requesting \$500 from the chapter to assist in the reunion and a second from Dennis Foggie. Motion passed.

Jack Wells introduced Jennifer Newcomer, who is an Amerasian orphan that has been reconnected with her biological father in the US. She is working with a group of Amerasians in Vietnam and looking to raise funds to run DNA tests in an effort to determine who their true father may be. This could allow them to be considered for allowance to become citizens of the US. The cost of the tests is \$60, and the request was for \$300 to fund 5 tests. Motion by Jack Wells and second by Dennis Whittaker. Motion Passed

Library exhibit is still desired, but due to COVID 19 restrictions, the display has been postponed. President Finch will follow up with the Library.

XVII. Closing Ceremony:

The closing prayer was presented by Acting Chaplain David Sanders and Acting Sergeant at Arms Dennis Foggie retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 business meeting will be on Monday April 19, 2021 at Holders Country Inn on De Anza Boulevard. The next meeting will be at the regular time of 6 PM for the non-hosted dinner and 7 PM for the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM (1900 hours).

Respectfully Submitted



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



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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday April 19, 2021

Attendee:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Walter Carroll	USAF	Frank Lem	USAF
Jim Cranford	USA	Carlos Mariscal	USMC
Elizabeth Dietz	USPHS	James Madeiros	USA
Lawrence Dietz	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Jeffrey Driskell	USAF	Richard Veit	USA
Gene Fanucchi	USA	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Warren Finch	USA	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Reuben Wilhite	USMC
Richard Francis	USN	Stephen Thompson	USN
Robert Hawkins	USMC	Richard Veit	USA
Mike Frangadakis	ISA	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Wayne Heimsoth	USA	Oleta Wilhite	AVVA

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 7:10 PM (1910 hours) at Holder's Country Inn. Sergeant at arms Dennis Foggie led the Pledge of Allegiance and Acting Chaplain Richard Veit provided the invocation.

II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

- President - Warren Finch
- Vice President - Gene Fanucchi
- Secretary / Treasurer- Stephen Thompson
- Sergeant at Arms – Dennis Foggie
- 3-year Board Member - David Sanders (excused)
- 2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie
- 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker
- 1-Year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Lucia Carroll
Liz Frangadakis
Susan Heimsoth
Gwen Lee
Elisa Mariscal
Jennifer Newcomer

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the March 2021 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes and submitted by Richard Veit and second by Dennis Whittaker.

V. Correspondence:

Bank statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for March 2021 was noted during the meeting.

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 Jerry Arnold and Bob Kadlec.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch announced the following assignments:

- Randy Richmond = Chaplain
- Bill McCorquadale – Backup Chaplain
- Dennis Foggie – Sergeant at Arms
- Gerald Arnold – Veteran Service officer and Veteran Benefits
- Randy Richmond – AVVA Liaison
- Dave Sanders – Agent Orange and POW/MIA
- Bob Kadlec – Constitution and Bylaws
- Mike Frangadakis – Community Affairs
- Rose Herrera – Government communications
- Rose Herrera and Steve Thompson = UVC Delegates
- Emergency Assistance Committee – tentative = Jack Wells, Wayne Heimsoth, Dennis Whittaker and Steve Thompson.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Dave Sanders and Randy Richmond are still not feeling well.

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Will be meeting in May prior to the next meeting.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

- Next meeting to be held August 27 – 29 at the Wyndham hotel in Visalia. State Meeting held via Zoom in early April and nothing new to report.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Memorial Day planning is continuing, and a virtual celebration is planned to finalize the event.

Veterans Day parade may be physical parade and planning is continuing.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Stephen Thompson, As of February 28, we have a total of 118 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): - No Report

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): - No Report

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): - Veteran Memorial in Los Gatos is doing well and still looking for contributors willing to buy a commemorative brick.

Government Affairs Committee (Fran McVey): - Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson): - Final budget for Fiscal year 2022 was approved by membership.

Public Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): - Nothing to report

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): - Pfizer vaccine being used by the VA Palo Alto and available to veterans and care givers.

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report

XV. AVVA Report:

Nothing to report

XVI. Good of the Order

Discussed the availability of the Three Flames restaurant for a holiday meal at 3 flames in San Jose. Steve the contact Manager for open dates.

Miller Middle School will be holding the annual veteran celebration and more information to follow.

If Veterans Day parade is actually a physical event, we will need a minimum of 4 volunteers to carry the flags. Please let Steve Thompson know of any interest.

Veteran Walk, 8/21. More information to follow.

Jack Wells introduced a book written by Du Hua, who after 13 attempts, escaped Vietnam and joined the Navy and was injured while serving and has written a book of his adventures. Jack wanted to see if the chapter would like

to purchase a copy for any interested members, Steve has taken the book home and will return for further review during the next meeting.

Website is updated and need articles for the Observation post and contact Bob Kadlec with any articles.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The closing prayer was presented by Acting Chaplain Richard Veit and Sergeant at Arms Dennis Foggie retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 business meeting will be on Monday May 17, 2021 at Holders Country Inn on De Anza Boulevard. The next meeting will be at the regular time of 6 PM for the non-hosted dinner and 7 PM for the meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen R. Thompson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "S" at the beginning.

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



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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday May 17, 2021

Attendee:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Alexander Cao	AVVA	Frank Lem	USAF
Alberto Carrillo	USA	Julian John Macias	USMC
Jim Cranford	USA	James Madeiros	USA
Cang Dong	AVVA	William McCorquodale	USN
Jeffrey Driskell	USAF	David Sanders	USAF
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Warren Finch	USA	Richard Veit	USA
Dennis Foggie	USAF	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Richard Francis	USN	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Don Havens	USA	Oleta Willhite	AVVA
Wayne Heimsoth	USA	Reuben Willhite	USMC

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II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

- President - Warren Finch
- Vice President - Gene Fanucchi
- Secretary/Treasurer- Stephen Thompson
- Sergeant at Arms – Dennis Foggie
- 3-year Board Member – David Sanders
- 2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie
- 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker
- 1-Year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Susan Heimsoth

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the April 2021 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes, as amended adding Wayne Heimsoth as a VVA Representative to the UVCSCC and submitted by Dave Sanders and second by Richard Veit.

V. Correspondence:

- Bank statements
- Corporate Donation from Costco

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for April 2021 was noted during the meeting.

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 Jack Wells and Dave Sanders.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch provided the following updates:

Holiday Dinner tentative for Monday December 6 at Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose.

President Finch provided general overview of the Emergency Assistance Program, membership and will be developing criteria in the near future for presentation to the Board and membership.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Pastor Bill noted the following:

Fran McVey is doing better and hopes to attend meetings in the future.

Rich McCoy is having mobility issues.

Walter Carroll is recovering from recent illness.

Carlos Mariscal recently lost his sister and chapter sends condolences.

Randy Richmond is still having mobility issues.

Pastor Bill reminded everyone to do buddy checks and also to make sure that families know where the veterans DD214 is located.

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Nothing to report

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Zoom meeting held May 4 with a high percentage of Chapters in attendance and noted possibility of HGDP Distributions.

Cal Con meeting to be held at Wyndam Hotel in Visalia August 27 – 29. Steve Thompson, Dave Sanders and Jerry Arnold will be the delegates.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Memorial Day planning will be a virtual event and recorded at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Veterans Day parade may be physical parade and planning is continuing.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Stephen Thompson, As of April 30 we have a total of 118 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): - Nothing to report

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): - Nothing to report

Emergency Assistance Program: - Nothing to report

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

XIV. New Business:

Jack Wells made a motion to donate \$500 to the ministry in Da Nang, second by Dave Sanders and Approved.

Flag retirement ceremony to be held on Flag Day at Oak Hill Cemetery and once complete, the retired flags are destroyed via the crematorium.

XV. AVVA Report: Nothing to report

Nothing to report

XVI. Good of the Order

Fort Ord will be open for burials starting May 3rd.

US Volunteers will provide full military honors upon request, even if the DD214 is not locatable immediately.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The closing prayer was presented by Pastor Bill McCorquodale and Sergeant at Arms Dennis Foggie retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 business meeting will be on Monday June 21, 2021 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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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday June 21, 2021

Attendee:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Jim Barry	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Gerald Cederholm	USA	James Madeiros	USA
Cang Dong	AVVA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Richard Veit	USA
Warren Finch	USA	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Wayne Heimsoth	USAF	Reuben Willhite	USMC
Rose Herrera	USAF	Oleta Willhite	AVVA
Clyde Horn	USA		

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

III. Guests:

Susan Heimsoth
Gwen Lee

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the May 2021 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by Dennis Foggie and second by Jerry Arnold.

V. Correspondence:

- Bank statements

VI. Finance Report:

- The Finance Report for May 2021 was noted during the meeting.
- 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 second by Jerry Arnold.

VII. Officer Reports:

- Need volunteers to carry flags during the Veteran Day Parade.
- President Finch noted that the Veterans Chorus was able to have an in person meeting on June 1 and will be available for future fund raisers. In process of developing a 501(c)(3) called South Bay Military Veterans Chorus and looking to use the church in Saratoga for future practices.

VIII. Chaplain Report

- Bill Briggs Is not doing well and looks forward to joining future meetings
- Neil Lichtman is undergoing Treatment for Bone Cancer
- Dave Sanders is still in a great deal of pain
- Recently notified that Earl Edwards had passed away the prior year.
- Randy Richmond is still having mobility issues

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Nothing to report

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Cal Con meeting to be held at Wyndam Hotel in Visalia August 27 – 29. Steve Thompson, Dave Sanders and Jerry Arnold will be the delegates.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Memorial Day Virtual Program recorded and there were people in attendance at the ceremony at Oak Hill

Veterans Day parade may be physical parade and planning is continuing.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Stephen Thompson, As of April 30 we have a total of 117 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): - Veterans Memorial Celebration to be held on 8/21 and Mike has asked for volunteers to assist. 9/11 event to honor local residents that went down with Flight 91.

Government Affairs Committee (Fran McVey): - Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson): - Will be contacting Moffett to see about fund raisers.

Public Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): - New conditions have been added to Agent Orange.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): - Nothing to report

Emergency Assistance Program: - Nothing to report

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report

XV. AVVA Report: Nothing to report

ARVN Military day was celebrated in San Jose with excellent attendance and presentations.

XVI. Good of the Order

- Jack Wells presented a letter from Resound thanking the chapter for its donation.
- Miller Middle School celebration will be held this year.
- Wreaths across America will be held December 18.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The closing prayer was presented by Richard Veit and Sergeant at Arms Dennis Foggie retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 business meeting will be on Monday July 19, 2021 at Holders Country Inn on De Anza Boulevard. The next meeting will be at the regular time of 6 PM for the non-hosted dinner and 7 PM for the meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted



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Monday July 19, 2021

Attendee:

David Ackerman	USMC	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Alberto Carrillo, Sr	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Carmen Sanders	AVVA
Jim Cranford	USA	Carlos Mariscol	USMC
Cang Dong	AVVA	David Sanders	USAF
Gene Fanucchi	USAF	Stephen Thompson	USN
Warren Finch	USA	Richard Veit	USA
Dennis Foggie	USAF	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Michael Frangadakis	USA	Oleta Wilhite	AVVA
Wayne Heimsoth	USAF	Reuben Wilhite	USMC

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2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie
1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker
1-Year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Jennifer Newcomer

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the June 2021 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Minutes for June 2021 were noted that some military affiliations were incorrect on the attendee listing and corrections were made. Motion to approve the minutes by Wayne Heimsoth and second by Dave Sanders.

V. Correspondence:

- Bank statements
- Thank you letter from Resound

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for June 2021 was noted during the meeting.

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 David Sanders and second by Dennis Foggie.

VII. Officer Reports:

- Veterans Chorus fundraiser for homeless vets in being planned. Chorus changing name to South Valley Military Veterans Chorus and is working with a 501 c 3 for fund raising.
- Still need volunteers for the Veteran Day Parade.

VIII. Chaplain Report

- Jerry Yammomoto, a long time CSC and VVA member passed.
- Randy Richmond is still having mobility issues

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Next meeting August 12, 2021.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Cal Con meeting to be held at Wyndham Hotel in Visalia August 27 – 29. Steve Thompson and Dave Sanders will be the delegates.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Veterans Day parade may be physical parade and planning is continuing.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of June 30 we have a total of 118 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): - Nothing Report

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders):

Parkinson's and Hypertension presumptives added.

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis):

9/11 ceremony to be held at the Veterans Memorial in Los Gatos.

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): - Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Will be contacting Moffett to see about fund raisers.

Public Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera):

New conditions have been added to Agent Orange.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): - Nothing to report

Emergency Assistance Program: - Nothing to report

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report

XV. AVVA Report: Nothing to report

Nothing to report

XVI. Good of the Order

- Jennifer Newcomer updated group regarding Ancestry DNA Results and found 2 families which could allow them the opportunity to leave Vietnam. She also passed our souvenir key chains.
- Bob Kadlec discussed the mobile personal alarms available through the VA and had brochure with additional information.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The closing prayer was presented by Richard Veit and Sergeant at Arms Dennis Foggie retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 business meeting will be on Monday August 16, 2021 at Holders Country Inn on De Anza Boulevard. The next meeting will be at the regular time of 6 PM for the non-hosted dinner and 7 PM for the meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted



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Chapter Meeting Minutes Monday August 16, 2021

Attendee:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Alberto Carrillo, Sr	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Jim Cranford	USA	Carlos Mariscal	USMC
Cang Dong (Army DFC)	AVVA	William McCorquodale	USN
Gene Fanucci	USA	David Sanders	USAF
Warren Finch	USA	Burton Smilth	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Stephen Thompson	USN
Richard Francis	USN	Richard Veit	USA
Michael Frangadakis	USA	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Robert Hearn	USAF	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Don Havens	USA	Reuben Wilhite	USMC
Wayne Heimsoth	USAF		

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- 2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie
- 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker
- 1-Year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

- Susan Heimsoth
- Gwen Lee
- Elisa Mariscal

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the July 2021 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by Burt Smith and second by Dennis Whittaker

V. Correspondence:

Bank statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for July 2021 was noted during the meeting.

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 Wayne Heimsoth and second by Bob Kadlec.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch provided the following updates:

- Still need volunteers for the Veteran Day Parade. (To Date: Steve Thompson, Dick Francis)
- Veterans Chorus December 4 to raise funds for homeless veterans.

VIII. Chaplain Report

- Rose Herrera recovering from cataract surgery
- Fran McVey is still struggling.
- Rich McCoy
- Gerry Cederholm hospitalize
- Randy Richmond is still having mobility issues

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Met August 12, 2021. Primarily reviewed financial reports.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Cal Con meeting to be held at Wyndham Hotel in Visalia August 27 – 29. Steve Thompson and Dave Sanders will be the delegates.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Veterans Day physical parade and planning is continuing.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of June 30 we have a total of 117 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders):

Two veteran remains were repatriated from Vietnam.

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders):

Parkinson's and Hypertension

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis):

9/11 ceremony to be held at the Veterans Memorial in Los Gatos. Also 9/11 ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Will be contacting Moffett to see about fund raisers.

Public Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera):

New conditions have been added to Agent Orange.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): Nothing to report

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report

XV. AVVA Report:

Nothing to report

XVI. Good of the Order

Nothing to report

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The closing prayer was presented by Pastor Bill and Sergeant at Arms Dennis Foggie retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 business meeting will be on Monday September 20, 2021 at Holders Country Inn on De Anza Boulevard. The next meeting will be at the regular time of 6 PM for the non-hosted dinner and 7 PM for the meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted



Stephen R Thompson
Secretary/Treasurer
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**DARWIN J. THOMAS
MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA**

Chapter Meeting Minutes Monday September 20, 2021

Attendee:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Jim Cranford	USA	James Madeiros	USA
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Jennie Phan	AVVA
Gene Fanucci	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Warren Finch	USA	Richard Veit	USA
Dennis Foggie	USAF	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Don Havens	USMC	Olivia Wilhite	AVVA
Robert Hearn	USAF	Reuben Wilhite	USMC
Wayne Heimsoth	USAF		

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 7:05 PM (1905hours) at Holder's Country Inn. Sergeant at arms Dennis Foggie led the Pledge of Allegiance and Richard Veit provided the invocation.

II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

- President - Warren Finch
- Vice President - Gene Fanucchi
- Secretary / Treasurer- Stephen Thompson
- Sergeant at Arms – Dennis Foggie
- 3-year Board Member – David Sanders - excused
- 2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie
- 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker - excused
- 1-Year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Alexis Aki
Ada Rose SeEVERS (Aki)
Gwen Lee

Alexis Aki, Wife of past member, Marine, Korea and Vietnam Veteran, Ed Aki, updated the membership regarding the recent burial and internment of Ed's remains at the Punch Bowl cemetery in Hawaii. The ceremony was attended to (as Alexis puts it), more Marines than are members in our meeting that night. Ed's ashes were placed in a spot just to the right of the main entrance of the cemetery in a very special location that was previously the administrative office. The Marine complement was extremely assistive to Alexis and her family. It was a true SEMPER FI moment and tribute to the legacy of Ed Aki.

Alexis also passed out a key chain with beads in the color of the South Vietnam flag and distributed to all members present and it was graciously received.

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the August 2021 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by Richard Veit and second by Jerry Arnold

V. Correspondence:

Thank You note from Co. B Reunion committee

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for August 2021 was noted during the meeting.

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 Dennis Foggie and second by Jerry Arnold.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch provided the following updates:

- Still need volunteers for the Veteran Day Parade. (To Date: Steve Thompson, Dick Francis. Dave Hearn added his name as volunteers).
- Veterans Chorus December 4th, Wreaths across America December 18th and Christmas In The Park on December 17th.
- Warren noted that he has a friend that has a Deuce and a half that could be available to provide rides to members during the Veteran Day Parade.

VIII. Chaplain Report

- Walter Carroll has had some significant issues and complications from a knee implant and is scheduled to have a new implant placed this week. We all wish him well and look forward to his speedy recovery and return.
- Dave Sanders will be having additional surgery in October.
- Randy Richmond is still having mobility issues.

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Next meeting is scheduled for October 21, 2021

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Cal Con meeting held August 27-29 and a number of by law and resolution changes were reviewed and voted. Copies of the resolutions were sent previously and if additional copies needed, contact Steve Thompson.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Veterans Day physical parade and planning is continuing.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of August 31st, we have a total of 117 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): - Deferred

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Deferred

Constitution By-Laws Committee (Robert Kadlec):

Minor by laws change recommended as a result of the Conference, BOD will have 90 days to review and present to membership no later than January 2022 and final vote of approval during April meeting.

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): Deferred

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Will be contacting Moffett to see about fund raisers.

Public Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Deferred

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

Continuous need to remain aware of all benefits and needs for custodial care if rated at greater than 70%.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report

XV. AVVA Report:

Cang and the AVVA group had a rousing dinner meeting on September 19 at 360 restaurants in Vietnam Town and it was well attended.

XVI. Good of the Order

Bob noted that Oak Hill cemetery will be having a commemorative for Gold Star moms on Sunday September 26.

Holiday Dinner set for December 13 at 1800 at Three Flames restaurant in San Jose.

Dave Hearn sang a George Jones song "the Wall" which was a wonderful tribute to our brothers and sisters that have passed previously.

Jack Wells discussed a presentation from Paws for Purple hearts and wanted to see if there was a time we could invite for a demonstration and possible donation. Jack Wells was invited to the next BOD meeting to discuss a donation to Paws for Purple hearts.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The closing prayer was presented by Richard Veit and Sergeant at Arms Dennis Foggie retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 business meeting will be on Monday October 18 at Holders Country Inn on De Anza Boulevard. The next meeting will be at the regular time of 6 PM for the non-hosted dinner and 7 PM for the meeting.

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

Respectfully Submitted

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

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



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DARWIN J. THOMAS
MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes Monday October 18, 2021

Attendee:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Frank Lem	USAF
Walter Carroll	USAF	Carlos Mariscal	USMC
Gerald Cederholm	USA	William McCorquadale	USN
Jim Cranford	USA	Fran Mc Vey	USN
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Jim Reese	USA
Gene Fanucci	USA	Carmen Sanders	AVVA
Warren Finch	USA	Dave Sanders	USAF
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Burton Smith	USN
Richard Francis	USN	Stephen Thompson	USN
Don Havens	USMC	Richard Veit	USA
Robert Hearn	USAF	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Robert Kadlec	USAF	Mike Welsh	USMC

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II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

- President - Warren Finch
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- Secretary / Treasurer- Stephen Thompson
- Sergeant at Arms – Dennis Foggie
- 3-year Board Member – David Sanders
- 2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie
- 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker - excused
- 1-Year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Lucia Carroll
Bruce Hopke
Gwen Lee
Elisa Mariscal
Mai
Vanessa

Introduction of Mai and Vanessa who escaped Vietnam and their friend Bruce. Also Jim Reese, soon to be a member.

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the September 2021 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by Richard Veit and second by Dave Sanders

V. Correspondence:

Thank You note from Alexis Aki.

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for September 2021 was noted during the meeting.

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 Walter Carroll and second by Richard Veit.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch provided the following updates:

- Still need volunteers for the Veteran Day Parade.(To Date: Steve Thompson, Dick Francis, Gerald Arnold, Bob Kadlec. Dave Hearn indicated he may be able to volunteer.
- Veterans Chorus December 4, Wreaths across America December 18 and Christmas in the park on December 17.
- Warren noted that he has a friend that has a Deuce and a half that could be available to provide rides to members during the Veteran Day Parade.

VIII. Chaplain Report

- Fran McVey was a welcome visitor after an extended absence.
- Dan Heckerman. Randy Richmond and Rich McCoy are still ailing.

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Next meeting is scheduled for November 4, 2021.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting in Visalia 10-27 - 29.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Veterans Day physical parade and planning is continuing. Flyers with directions and staging areas were distributed.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of September 30 we have a total of 118 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): - Deferred

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): - Deferred

Constitution By-Laws Committee (Robert Kadlec):

Proposed Bylaws changes forwarded to the Board Of Directors.

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): - Deferred

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Will be contacting Moffett to see about fund raiser second weekend of November.

Public Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): - Deferred

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

Third COVID booster is available.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

XIV. New Business:

Motion by Steve Thompson and second by Richard Veit to allow Dennis Whittaker to re donate the \$500 donation to a worthy veteran cause since his reunion was not held. Motion passed

XV. AVVA Report:

Nothing to report

XVI. Good of the Order

Motion by Dave Sanders and Second by Bob Kadlec to donate \$5,000 to the UVC for the Veteran Day parade. Motion passed and check has been distributed.

Motion by Richard Veit and second by Dave Sanders to present a check to the Paws for Purple Hearts organization after their presentation in November. Motion passed.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The closing prayer was presented by Pastor Bill McCorquadale and Sergeant at Arms Dennis Foggie retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 business meeting will be on Monday November 15 at Holders Country Inn on De Anza Boulevard. The next meeting will be at the regular time of 6 PM for the non-hosted dinner and 7 PM for the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM (2015 hours).

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen R Thompson
Secretary / Treasurer
Darwin J. Thomas Chapter 201
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MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday November 15, 2021

Attendee:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Rose Herrera	USAF
Walter Carroll	USAF	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Jim Cranford	USA	Carlos Mariscal	USMC
Elizabeth Dietz	USPHS	James Madeiros	USA
Lawrence Dietz	USA	Rich Mc Coy	USA
Cang Dong Army DKC	AVVA	Carmen Sanders	AVVA
Warren Finch	USA	Dave Sanders	USAF
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Stephen Thompson	USN
Richard Francis	USN	Richard Veit	USA
Don Havens	USMC	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Robert Hearn	USAF	Oleta Wilhite	AVVA
Wayne Heimsoth	USA	Reuben Wilhite	USMC

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II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

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- Vice President - Gene Fanucchi - Excused
- Secretary / Treasurer- Stephen Thompson
- Sergeant at Arms – Dennis Foggie
- 3-year Board Member – David Sanders -
- 2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie
- 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker - excused
- 1-Year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Lucia Carroll
Gwen Lee
Elisa Mariscal
Megan Franke (Paws For Purple hearts)
Timmy (Service Dog)

Introduction of Megan Franke from Paws for Purple Hearts and her wonderful Black lab companion, Timmy. They provided a wonderful demonstration of the capabilities of these wonderful service dogs and the contribution they have made to the Veteran community. VVA 201 was honored and presented a Check for \$5,000 to Paws for Purple Hearts.

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the October 2021 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by Richard Veit and second by Dave Sanders.

V. Correspondence:

Corporate Donation from Front stream and Bank Statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for October 2021 was noted during the meeting.

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 Wayne Heimsoth and second by Richard Veit.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch provided the following updates:

- Parade attendance by members of VVA and AVVA 201 was well represented and demonstrated the wonderful commitment of all in the chapters.
- Veterans Chorus December 4, Wreaths across America December 18 and Christmas in the park on December 17. Website is:
<https://www.southbaymilvetschorus.com>.

VIII. Chaplain Report

- Rich McCoy was a welcome member we have not see in some time
- Dan Heckerman, Randy Richmond and Bill Brigs are still ailing. Jerry Arnold honored Al Turturo (WWII) vet who just turned 100 and starting to be more frail as well as Don Paulson (Korea Vet).

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Board approved quarterly financial reports and proposed By Laws changes .**California State Council (CSC) Report: end of January.**

X. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Veterans Day parade, as noted, was a huge success with great community participation and active involvement from a number of groups.

XI. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of October 31 we have a total of 118 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): - Deferred

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Deferred

Constitution By-Laws Committee (Robert Kadlec):

Membership has been advised of BOD approved changes and their responsibility to vote on the changes during the April 2022 Election Meeting.

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): Deferred

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Next fund raising event will be November 20 and 21 at Moffett Field Commissary.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

Mission act and care giver program updates.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report

XII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

XIII. New Business:

XIV. AVVA Report:

Nothing to report

XV. Good of the Order

Nothing to report

XVI. Closing Ceremony

The closing prayer was Offered by Richard Veit and Sergeant at Arms Dennis Foggie retired the colors.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 event will be the annual Holiday Dinner to be held at Three Flames Restaurant on Meridian in San Jose. This will be at 1800 hours on Monday December 13th. No host reception will start at 1700 hours. There will be no business meeting held at this time.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen R Thompson
Secretary/Treasurer
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MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday December 13, 2021

Three Flames Restaurant, Meridian Ave, San Jose, California

In lieu of the December Chapter 201 social and business meeting, VVA and AVVA members, and guests gathered at The Three Flames Restaurant in San Jose at 5:00 PM for a Holiday dinner. This being our annual dinner, all routine business was suspended until our next meeting. Attendance included 38 VVA 201 members, 37 guests and spouses as well as 45 AVVA members and South Vietnamese attendees for a total turnout of 120 people.

- I. During the registration process, a survey was presented to each member soliciting their input on possibly moving meeting date or time to a noon meeting to allow for the members to not have to be concerned with driving in the dark or late at night.
- II. **Richard Veit** provided the opening and closing prayer and noted that the Chapter Chaplain, Randy Richmond, is with us in spirit and thought.
- III. **President Warren Finch** introduced Ms. Becky Thomas, beloved sister of our chapter namesake, Darwin J. Thomas and General Robert Hipwell, Retired US Army and current leader for the United States Veterans of America. General Hipwell presented a video of the current activities of the United States Volunteers and a series of slides outlining his career with emphasis on his time in Afghanistan. His presentation and oral delivery were well received and appreciated by all in attendance. President Warren Finch presented General Hipwell with a certificate of appreciation for his presentation and being a honored guest of the chapter.
- IV. **AVVA President Cang Kim Dong** thanked all of the VVA members for their support during the Vietnam War and working with the South Vietnamese forces to try and stem the tide of communism. AVVA also presented a commemorative American/South Vietnamese knitted sash to General Hipwell. The AVVA also prepared 2 delicious cakes and presents for all of the Veterans in attendance
- V. **President Warren Finch** adjourned the Dinner and reminded all that the next gathering will be the monthly social and business meeting on the third Monday of the month on January 17, 2022 at Holder's Country Inn.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Secretary/Treasurer
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