



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

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday February 28, 2022

Attendees:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Rose Herrera	USAF
Albert Carrillo SR		Clyde Horn	USA
Walter Carroll	USAF	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Jim Cranford	USA	James Madeiros	USA
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Bill McCorquadale	USN
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Richard Mc Coy	USA
Warren Finch	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Richard Veit	USA
Mike Frangadakis	USA	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Richard Francis	USN	Mike Welsh	USMC
Don Havens	USMC	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Robert Hearn	USAF	Oleta Wilhite	AVVA
Wayne Heimsoth	USA	Reuben Wilhite	USMC

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 12:30 PM (1230 hours) 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 - Excused
- Secretary / Treasurer- Stephen Thompson
- Sergeant at Arms – Dennis Foggie
- 3-year Board Member – David Sanders - Excused
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- 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker -
- 1-Year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Introduction of a number of guests and potential new members and all are very welcomed to the meeting during our new day and time.

Lucia Carroll
Gwen Lee
Elisa Mariscal
George Midwin
Al Mouns
Floyd Okada
Steve Penland

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the November and December meetings were forwarded electronically to the membership. There was no meeting in January due to COVID restrictions still in place. Motion to approve the minutes by Richard Veit and second by Dennis Whittaker.

V. Correspondence:

Corporate Donation from Front stream and Bank Statements.

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for November through January 2022 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:

- Holiday dinner well attended with approximately 120 guests and members. Special thanks to Cang and the AVVA for their wonderful gifts and contribution of dessert,
- Annual Elections are held in April and all positions are available. Interested parties can contact Dennis Foggie or Dennis Whittaker to express interest.
- Veterans Chorus has 2 concerts coming up with one in May. Website is <https://www.southbaymilvetschorus.com>.

VIII. Chaplain Report

- Randy Richmond and Bill Brigs are still ailing.

IX. Board of Directors Report:

Next meeting is in planning.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Distributed and next meeting is Mid-April

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

- Rose Herrera, President UVCSCC, announced that the Memorial Day event will be live at Oak Hill Cemetery and hopeful of a full day as we have seen in past years.
- 3/29 War Veterans Day will be honored with a proclamation presented to the various Veterans and organizations in San Jose at City Hall by the Board of Supervisors.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Stephen Thompson, As of January 31, we have a total of 120 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): Deferred

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Deferred

Constitution By-Laws Committee (Robert Kadlec):

Membership has been advised and will vote on acceptance during April meeting.

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): Deferred

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Collected \$520 during Moffett fund raiser and added 2 new members to the chapter.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): Palo Alto Town Hall Meetings.

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

DAR and OCC will host the next lunch for members in honor of their service.

XVII. 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 Holders Country Inn on March 28, 2022. Hosted lunch starts at 1130 and meeting starts at 1230 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM (1230 hours).

Respectfully Submitted,



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



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Jim Cranford	USA	Bill McCorquadale	USN
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Richard Mc Coy	USA
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Fran McVey	USN
Gene Fanucci	USA	Steven Penland	USN
Warren Finch	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Richard Veit	USA
Mike Frangadakis	USA	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Richard Francis	USN	Mike Welsh	USMC
Don Havens	USMC	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Rose Herrera	USAF	Oleta Wilhite	AVVA
Clyde Horn	USA	Reuben Wilhite	USMC
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III. Guests:

Introduction of a number of guests and potential new members and all are very welcomed to the meeting during our new day and time.

Julie DeMaria (DAR & OCC)	Suzi Logan (DAR)
Sue Fitzpatrick (DAR)	Michael Moore
Nancy Hughes (DAR)	Lisa Oakley (DAR)
Gwen Lee	Betsy Riccomini (DAR)

The Chapter was honored by Julie DeMaria, Founder of Operation Care and Comfort (OCC) and Nancy Hughes, Regent of the Santa Clara Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), along with other members of the DAR, with a hosted lunch, a BIG THANK YOU for our service, Welcome home salutation and a gift bag with a number of very thoughtful gifts. The Chapter attendees were very moved by the experience and loudly thanked this group for their thoughts and generosity.

IV. Reading of Minutes:

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

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for February 2022 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 Richard Veit.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch provided the following updates:

Veterans Chorus has 2 concerts coming up with one in May. Website is <https://www.southbaymilvetschorus.com/>.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Randy Richmond, Dave Sanders and Bill Brigs are still ailing.

IX. Board of Directors Report:

March 22 meeting reviewed budget, financial reports and noted that all filings for the chapter have been completed.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting is Mid-April.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Rose Herrera, President UVC of Santa Clara County, announced that the Memorial Day event will be live at Oak Hill Cemetery and hopeful of a full day as we have seen in past years.

National Vietnam War Veterans Day will be honored with a proclamation presented by San Jose at the City Hall Council Chambers on March 29th at 1:30PM.

Next UVC Meeting is April 5th via zoom and link is sent to all delegates prior to the meeting.

The UVC still needs a webmaster.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of February 28, we have a total of 123 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): - Deferred

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Deferred

Constitution By-Laws Committee (Robert Kadlec):

Membership will vote on acceptance during April meeting.

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis):

Vietnam War Medal of Honor recipient Sammy L. Davis (the Real Forest Gump) will speak at the Los Gatos Hadash Syngogue on April 19th at 12:15 PM and at the Los Gatos Veteran Memorial at 2:00 PM.

Honors Flights are being arranged for Vietnam and Korean Veterans that have never seen the monuments.

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

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Next Moffett Field fundraiser will be weekend of May 14 - 15.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

Work is continuing on community service and need to stay abreast of all the changes.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business: Nothing to report

XIV. New Business: Nothing to report

XV. AVVA Report:

Cang is looking to have an AVVA meeting and has asked for assistance from the Chapter. Steve Thompson to attend.

XVI. Good of the Order

Dennis Whittaker is working to put together an event for OIF and OEF veterans especially in light of our departure from Afghanistan.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

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

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 to be held at Holders Country Inn on April 25, 2022. Non - hosted lunch starts at 1130 and meeting starts at 1230 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:45

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 25, 2022

Attendees:

David Ackerman	USMC	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Gerald Arnold	USN	Frank Lem	USAF
Jim Barry	USA	Bill McCorquadale	USN
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Richard Mc Coy	USA
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Fran McVey	USN
Jim Cranford	USA	Floyd Okada	
Jeff Driskell	USAF	George Midwin	USA
Warren Finch	USA	Steven Penland	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Stephen Thompson	USN
Mike Frangadakis	USA	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Don Havens	USMC	Mike Welsh	USMC
Robert Hearn	USAF	Dennis Whittaker	USA
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2-year Board Member – Dennis Foggie
1-year Board Member – Dennis Whittaker
1-year Rotating Board Member – Richard Veit - Excused

III. Guests:

Johnny Alias
Johnathan Frangadakis
Gwen Lee
Cindy McCorquadale
Floyd Okada
Don Rancour

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the March 2022 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Dennis Whittaker and seconded by Dennis Foggie.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for March 2022 was noted during the meeting.

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Motion to approve Finance report as presented and subject to audit by Dennis Whittaker and second by Frank Lem.

VII. Officer Reports:

President – Veterans Military Choir will be performing May 14th at 7:30 PM at the Prince of Peace Church and accept donations for appropriate military organizations.

VIII. Board Of Directors Report: - deferred

IX. California State Council (CSC) Report: - deferred

X. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report: deferred

XI. Committee Reports: deferred till May Meeting

XII. Unfinished Business:

- a. By Laws changes approved.
- b. 2022 – 2023 Budget approved.

XII. New Business:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President – Warren Finch
Vice President – Gene Fanucchi
Secretary / Treasurer – Steve Thompson
3 Year Board Member – Dennis Whittaker
2 Year Board Member – Dave Sanders
1 Year Board Member – Dennis Foggie
1 Year Transitional Board Member – Richard Veit

2022– 2023 Delegates to CSC

Steve Thompson – Delegate
Dave Sanders – Alternate

2022– 2023 Convention Delegates

Steve Thompson – Delegate
Dave Sanders – Alternate

Election Committee

Dennis Foggie
Wayne Heimsoth
Dennis Whittaker

Officers and Directors were administered the oath of office by Pastor Bill McCorquadale and affirmed by the membership.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

Warren Finch provided a Certificate of Appreciation to Bill McCorquadale for his outstanding performance as the Installation Officers.

XIII. AVVA Report:

- a. June 19 is honoring the South Vietnamese Armed Forces and will be held at City Hall on Hedding street.
- b. Training rifle squad for their participation at the Field of Honor on Memorial Day.
- c. Will have a 1947 Jeep Willys available since this was the year that Cang was born.

XIV. Good of the Order

Memorial Day celebration at the Oak Hill Cemetery will start at 11:00 AM on May 30 and Field of Honor with Missing Man Presentation and other ceremonies will start at 1:30 PM.

XV. Closing Ceremony

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 meeting will be on Monday May 23, 2022 at Holder's Country Inn. Social hour and lunch begin at 11:30 AM with the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen R Thompson
Secretary / Treasurer
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Monday May 23, 2022

Attendees:

David Ackerman	USMC	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Albert Carrillo, SR		Frank Lem	USAF
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Carlos Mariscal	USMC
Jim Cranford	USA	Bill McCorquadale	USN
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA		
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Fran McVey	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Gary Roberts	
Warren Finch	USA	Burton Smith	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Stephen Thompson	USN
Mike Frangadakis	USA	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Don Havens	USMC	Mike Welsh	USMC
Robert Hearn	USAF	Dennis Whittaker	USA
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III. Guests:

Gwen Lee
Cindy McCorquadale

IV. Reading of Minutes:

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- V. Correspondence:**
Bank Statements
Corporate Donation

VI. Finance Report:

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Motion to approve Finance report as presented and subject to audit by Dennis Whittaker and second by Michael Frangadakis.

VII. Officer Reports:

President - Veterans Military Choir Performed on May 14 and Wayne Heimsoth and Don collected donations for VVA to use for charitable donations in the amount of \$495.25.

Veterans Chorus will also be performing at the Field of Honor on Memorial Day at Oak Hill Cemetery.

Chapter Order # 2:

Pastor Bill McCorquadale will be Chaplain and Richard Veit will be Assistant Chaplain,

Jeff Driskell has assumed role of Sergeant at Arms

Jerry Arnold has assumed role as Veteran Service Officer

Gene Fanucchi to be liaison for AVVA Chapter 201

Chapter Order # 3:

Steve Thompson to be chair for Membership and Finance and Fund Raising

David Sanders to be chair of the Agent Orange and POW Committee

Robert Kadlec to be chair of the Constitution and By-Laws committee

Michael Frangadakis to be chair of the Community Services Committee

Rose Herrera to be the Chair of the Government Affairs and Public Affairs committee

Jerry Arnold to be the Chair of the Veterans Benefit Committee

VIII. Chaplain Report

Thoughts go out to:

Dave Sanders

Randy Richmond

Bill Briggs

Rich McCoy

Reminder to do BUDDY CHECKS

- IX. Board Of Directors Report:** - Nothing to report.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting to be held in Visalia June 16 - 18 and will be the election meeting that was normally held during the Bi-Annual Convention.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Memorial Day has a lot of great activities and Oak Hill has volunteered a great deal of support, VVA Chapter 201 will be hosting the Field of Honor.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of April 30, we have a total of 124 Lifetime members

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): - Deferred

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Deferred

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis):

Veterans Memorial in Los Gatos will be sponsoring a memorial on September 11 to honor the heroes of this day.

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Nothing to report

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee (Stephen Thompson):

Next Moffett Field fundraiser will be weekend of June 11 – 12.

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:

June 19 is honoring the South Vietnamese Armed Forces and will be held at City Hall on Hedding street.

XVI. Good of the Order

Memorial Day celebration at the Oak Hill Cemetery will start at 11:00 AM on May 30 and Field of Honor with Missing Man Presentation and other ceremonies will start at 2:00 PM.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 meeting will be on Monday June 27, 2022 at Holder's Country Inn. Social hour and lunch begin at 11:30 AM with the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen R Thompson
Secretary / Treasurer
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Monday June 27, 2022

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Gerald Cederholm	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Jim Cranford	USA	Bill McCorquadale	USN
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Fran McVey	USN
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Steve Penland	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Jennie Ha Phan	AVVA
Warren Finch	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Richard Veit	USA
Mike Frangadakis	USA	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Don Havens	USMC	Mike Welsh	USMC
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1-year Board Member -Dennis Whittaker- Excused
1-year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Ponce Gonzales
Gwen Lee
Larry Ross

Ponce, who is no stranger to our group announced that he was the Election Chair for the recent CSC election that was held on June 17, 2022, in Visalia, CA and all officers and directors were sworn in.

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the May2022 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Jerry Arnold and seconded by Dennis Foggie.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements
IRS notice to file our 990 electronically

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for May 2022 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 Richard Veit and second by Frank Lem.

VII. Officer Reports:

President – Thanks to all that attended the recent Memorial Day event at Oak Hill and the Field of Honor. Event was very successful, with the exception of the helicopters taking off during the Field of Honor ceremony.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Thoughts go out to:

Dave Sanders
Randy Richmond
Bill Briggs
Rich McCoy

Reminder to do BUDDY CHECKS

IX. Board Of Directors Report: - Next meeting June 30th.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Bi-Annual election of officers was conducted.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report - Deferred

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of May 31, we have a total of 125 Lifetime members

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): - Deferred

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): - Deferred

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): - Nothing to Report

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

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee - Nothing to Report

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

Flu shots are available through the VA at Palo Alto and San Jose. Call 650-496-2535. Palo Alto Walk in Clinic, building 5, 2nd Floor, Room 250.

Emergency Assistance Program: - nothing to report

XIII. Unfinished Business: - Nothing to report.

XIV. New Business: - Nothing to report.

XV. AVVA Report:

AVVA will hold election on July 10.

XVI. Good of the Order

Pancake, Breakfast to be held at Quinlan Community Center at a cost of \$10 for adults, \$7 for Children. Meal includes Pancakes, Fruit, Sausages, Tea, Coffee, and Cocoa. Orange juice separate for \$2.00.

4th of July event to be held in Los Gatos at 1130 AM and all are encouraged to attend.

1st Marine Division will be holding their annual SOS Breakfast on July 23 the Moffett Field Museum at 1000 hours and all Marines and Corpsman are invited to attend.

April - June Observation Post is complete and will be posted on the website. Hard copies are available.

Cang advised that he knows of a South Vietnamese Helicopter Pilot that rescued American Pilots is available and would like to make a presentation to our group at the next meeting.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

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Roger Clark	USA	Richard Paulsen	USA
Jim Cranford	USA	Steve Penland	USN
Lawrence Dietz		Jennie Ha Phan	AVVA
Jeff Driskell	USAF	David Sanders, Sr	USAF
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Richard Veit	USA
Dick Francis	USN	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
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III. Guests:

Major Nguyen Quy An
Lucia Carroll

Major An was an honored guest and shared his stories of his time with the South Vietnamese Air Force flying a CH34, the loss of his Arms and being awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for saving the life of 4 American Service members.

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the June 2022 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Richard Veit and seconded by Steve Penland.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements

VI. Finance Report:

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VII. Officer Reports:

President - Nothing to report.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Thoughts go out to:
Randy Richmond
Bill Briggs
Rich McCoy
Bob Kadlec

Reminder to do BUDDY CHECKS

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Approved renewing CD for 6 months at 0.05%.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting August 17 – 19, 2022.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report - Deferred

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of June 30, we have a total of 125 Lifetime members

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders):

Becky Thomas has not heard any more about her brothers remains, although the crash site has been verified.

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Nothing new.

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): Los Gatos 9/11 event.

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

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee Nothing to report.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

Suicide Prevention line has started and can be reached by dialing 988.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business: - Nothing to report.

XIV. New Business: - Nothing to report.

XV. AVVA Report:

AVVA will hold election on July 10.

XVI. Good of the Order

\$1,000 donation approved for the PIYCA Wheelchair Regatta.

Base housing is available for veterans and need to contact each base for more information.

Palo Alto VA Medical Center Town Hall meetings are available to listen by going on the PAVA Facebook page.

Moffett Field is having a family day on 9/11/22 and needs volunteers, Interested parties need to contact Wayne Heimsoth (wheimsoth@aol.com).

XVII. Closing Ceremony

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 meeting will be on Monday August 15, 2022 at Denny's Restaurant at Hillsdale & Almaden Expressway. Social hour and lunch begin at 11:30 AM with the meeting at 12:30 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen R Thompson
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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday September 19, 2022

Attendees:

Alberto Carrillo, Sr	USA	Wayne Heimsoth	USA
Walter Carroll	USAF	Rose Herrera	USAF
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Frank Lem	USAF
Gene Fanucchi	USA	George Midwin	USA
Warren Finch	USA	Gary Roberts	USA
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Stephen Thompson	USN
Don Havens	USMC	Mike Welsh	USMC
Robert Hearn	USAF		

I. was called to order by Vice President Warren Finch at 12:30 PM (1230 hours) at Denny's Restaurant. Sergeant-At-Arms Jeff Driskell presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Acting Chaplain Steve Thompson provided the invocation.

II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

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

III. Guests:

Lucia Carroll
Hanna Foggie
Larry Ross

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the July 2022 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Dennis Foggie and seconded by Wayne Heimsoth.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements
Reimbursement from CSC

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for July - August 2022 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 Dennis Foggie.

VII. Officer Reports:

President - President Finch attended a POW/MIA ceremony at City Hall and was presented with a plaque honoring VVA and service to Veterans. AVVA also was present and well accounted.

Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 11 and seeking volunteers to help carry our colors. Walter Carroll indicated he would be happy to assist.

Veterans Chorus next event will be December 17 and will be a fundraising event. More details to follow.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Thoughts go out to:

Randy Richmond

Bill Briggs

Rich McCoy

Fran McVey

Jack Wells

Special moment of Silence for John Hassenplug who passed recently.

Reminder to do BUDDY CHECKS

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Next meeting to be held on Tuesday September 27.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting October 14 - 17 in Visalia, but Secretary unable to attend and have notified CSC of fact 201 will not be present.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Attended POW/MIA meeting at City Hall and actively working the Veterans Day Parade. Still need other volunteers to assist and if interested please contact Wayne Heimsoth.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of August 31, we have a total of 125 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): Deferred.

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Nothing new.

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): Nothing to report.

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

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee:
Looking to November to do a Moffitt Field Fund raiser.
Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): Nothing to report.
Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business: - Nothing to report.

XIV. New Business:

VA has cancelled the Wheelchair regatta due to concerns over COVID and elected to have the PIYCA keep our prior donation for next year.
Board to meet to discuss the Holiday Dinner.

XV. AVVA Report:

Nothing to report.

XVI. Good of the Order

\$5,000 donation approved for the UVCSCC for the Veterans Day Parade.
\$500 donation approved for the Trees for Troops.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Acting Chaplain Steve Thompson and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms, Jeff Driskell.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 meeting will be on Monday October 17, 2022 at Denny's Restaurant at Hillsdale & Almaden Expressway. Social hour and lunch begin at 11:00 AM with the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:30 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



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



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

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday October 17, 2022

Attendees:

Alberto Carrillo, Sr	USA	Wayne Heimsoth	USA
Gerald Arnold	USN	Don Havens	USMC
Jim Barry	USA	Wayne Heimsoth	USA
Walter Carroll	USAF	Jim Husing	USA
Thomas Crawford	USA	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Frank Lem	USAF
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Bill McCorquodale	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Gary Roberts	
Warren Finch	USA	Burton Smith	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Stephen Thompson	USN
Richard Francis	USN	Richard Veit	USA
Zeke Garcia		John (Jack) Wells	USMC

I. was called to order by Vice President Warren Finch at 12:00 PM (1200 hours) at Denny's Restaurant. Sergeant-At-Arms Jeff Driskell presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Acting Chaplain Pastor Bill McCorquodale provided the invocation.

II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

President - Warren Finch
Vice President - Gene Fanucchi
Secretary/Treasurer - Stephen Thompson
Sergeant at Arms - Jeff Driskell
3-year Board Member - Dave Sanders - Excused
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
Larry Ross
Kim Trinh

Kim Trinh was welcomed and shared her experiences as a escapees from Vietnam and eventual welcome to the United States. She presented a special Veterans Medal to President Warren Finch.

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the September 2022 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Frank Lem and seconded by Dennis Foggie.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements
Extra copies of the Veteran Magazine

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for September 2022 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 Dennis Foggie.

VII. Officer Reports:

President - Veterans Day Parade will be held on November 11 and seeking volunteers to help carry our colors. Walter Carroll indicated he would be happy to assist. At this time we have Walter Carroll and Gerald Arnold as volunteers.
Veterans Chorus' next event will be December 17 and will be a fund-raising event. More details to follow.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Thoughts go out to:
Randy Richmond
Bill Briggs
Rich McCoy
Fran McVey
Reminder to do BUDDY CHECKS

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Holiday dinner set for December 13 at 5 PM at the Three Flames Restaurant in Willow Glen. Member and guest are no charge and additional guests will be welcomed for a \$45 charge. Need RSVP by no later than December 1, 2022.
Guest speaker is to be determined.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting to be held in January 2023.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Veteran Day parade will be held in downtown San Jose as it has for each year previously. Parking may be available at the SAP center.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of September 30, we have a total of 125 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): Deferred.

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): Nothing new.

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): Nothing to report.

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

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee:

Looking to November to do a Moffitt Field Fund raiser.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

PACT act is in place and Family Care Giver program is being evaluated for further inclusion.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business: - Nothing to report.

XIV. New Business: - Nothing to report

XV. AVVA Report:

Cang and AVVA will be active in the Veterans Day Parade.

XVI. Good of the Order

Wayne noted that next February will be an event for POW's and more to follow as we get closer.

Also, the two VVA VA Volunteer representatives have not attended in person or via Zoom in years. After additional research, it was noted that the two members are no longer active members of VVA 201 and consideration to add three new members to be evaluated.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Pastor Bill McCorquadale and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms, Jeff Driskell.

The next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 meeting will be on Monday November 21, 2022 at Denny's Restaurant at Hillsdale & Almaden Expressway. Social hour and lunch begin at 11:00 AM with the meeting at 12:00 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:00 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



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 November 21, 2022

Attendees:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Michael Frangadakis	USA
Jim Barry	USA	Jim Husing	USA
Alberto Carrillo, Sr		Robert Kadlec	USAF
Gerald Cederholm	USAF	Frank Lem	USAF
Tito Cortez	USA	Gary Roberts	USA
Jim Cranford	USA	Carmen Sanders	AVVA
Cang Kim Dong	AVVA	David Sanders	USAF
Jeffrey Driskell	USAF	Burton Smith	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Warren Finch	USA	Qurino Upshur	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Richard Veit	USA
Richard Francis	USN	Dennis Whittaker	USA

I. was called to order by Vice President Warren Finch at 12:00 PM (1200 hours) at Denny's Restaurant. Sergeant-At-Arms Jeff Driskell presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Assistant Chaplain Richard Veit provided the invocation.

II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

President - Warren Finch
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3-year Board Member - Dave Sanders
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1-year Board Member -Dennis Whittaker
1-year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Zeke Garcia
Gwen Lee
Larry Ross

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the October 2022 meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by Dennis Foggie second by Dave Sanders.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for October 2022 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 Dennis Foggie.

VII. Officer Reports:

President - Veterans Day parade was well attended and successful with a special thanks to Cang and his AVVA group for their continued participation in the parade.

Veterans Chorus' next event will be December 17 and will be a fund-raising event. More details to follow.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Thoughts go out to:
Randy Richmond
Bill Briggs
Rich McCoy
Fran McVey

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Next meeting to be held on December 5 at the new Holders Inn location so that the Board can evaluate if it will work for future meetings.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting to be held in January 2023.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Veterans Day Parade was a huge success with a VIP breakfast at the new Hilton and close to 70 units were represented. Increased number of bands and other groups. Parade video to ultimately be posted on the following website: SJveteransparade.org. Special thanks to Bob Kadlec for providing the artwork from prior years since the printer had a computer crash and lost a lot of old art work. The new web site has a QR code that can be used to access the parade flyers and brochures.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of October 31, we have a total of 125 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders):

No word on remains of Darwin J Thomas.

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders):

Check Website for more details.

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis):

It appears that there are a number of conflicts in veteran events, and it would be good to look at some sort of master calendar. To be reviewed.

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

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee:

Moffett Field Fund Raiser raised \$355.00

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

Reminded everyone to look at and sign up for Myhealvetvet.gov.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business: - Nothing to report.

XIV. New Business:

Motion from Dennis Whittaker and second from Rose Herrera to donate \$500 to the Wreaths across America to be held at Prince of Peace on Sunday December 17.

XV. AVVA Report:

Cang and AVVA were very active in Veteran Day Parade and will be doing visits to Palo Alto and Menlo Park VA hospitals to provide holiday cheer. Always a very welcome event for patients and staff. Motion to donate \$500 to AVVA to offset some of the expenses for the gifts provided by Dennis Foggie and second by Dave Sanders. Anyone that would like to assist the event is on December 11 and meet at Palo Alto Medical Center at 9 AM.

XVI. Good of the Order

Hillsdale and Ross – Hot Rod association had a fun event and use of a hearse to carry dead turkeys in a parade.

Miller middle school event was well attended and BOD to evaluate the presentation of a letter or plaque to honor their contributions.

40th anniversary of the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial wall was performed in Washington DC and sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Assistant Chaplain Richard Veit and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms, Jeff Driskell.

The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be our annual Holiday Dinner on December 13 at 5:00 PM at The Three Flames Restaurant in Willow Glen. The next business meeting for VVA 201 will be held at Denny's Restaurant on January 16, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:00 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,



Stephen R Thompson

Secretary / Treasurer

Darwin J. Thomas Chapter 201

Vietnam Veterans of America



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SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Tuesday December 13, 2022

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.

- I. President Warren Finch opened the event welcoming all who attended and thanking the chapter members and guests for all of their continued support during the year and looking forward to a better year moving forward.
- II. Richard Veit provided the opening and closing prayer.
- III. There was no event or other presentation due to the illness of the South Vietnamese Singer's guitarist.
- 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. The AVVA also prepared two delicious cakes and presents for all of the Veterans in attendance.
- V. Attendance included 25 VVA 201 members, plus guests and spouses, as well as 25 South Vietnamese AVVA attendees for a total turnout of 75 people.
- VI. President Warren Finch adjourned the Dinner and reminded all that the next gathering will be the monthly social and business meeting on the fourth Monday of the month on January 23, 2023 at the Cupertino Country Inn (new location and date).

Respectfully Submitted:

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