

DARWIN J. THOMAS MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes Monday January 23, 2023

Attendees:

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Gerald Arnold	USN	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Jim Barry	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Albert Carrillo, SR		Linn Malaznik	USA
Walter Carroll	USAF	Bill McCorquodale	USN
Gerald Cederholm	USA	George Midwin	USA
Tito Cortez	USA	Richard Paulsen	USA
Jim Cranford	USA	Gary Roberts	
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Carmen Sanders	AVVA
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Dave Sanders, SR	USAF
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Burton Smith	USN
Warren Finch	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Richard Veit	USA
Richard Francis	USN	Mike Welsh	USMC
Mike Frangadakis	USA	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Don Havens	USMC	Reuben Wilhite	USMC
Rose Herrera	USAF	John (Jack) Wells	USMC
Jim Husing	USA		

I. was called to order by Vice President <u>Warren Finch</u> at 12:00 PM (1200 hours) at the Cupertino Country Inn. Sergeant-At-Arms <u>Jeff Driskell</u> presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain <u>Pastor William McCorquodale</u> 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

2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie

1-year Board Member -Dennis Whittaker

1-year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Barry Banford Bella Cortez Nancy Gomes Chris McCorquadale Jennifer Newcomer John Poggi Kim Shepard Barry Banford, from Sacred Heart, discussed the options available to veterans and their spouses regarding burial services and what is covered by the VA. It is best to have this planning done as quickly as possible to save hardship for family and loved ones.

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the November and December meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes as submitted by <u>Rich Veit</u> and Second by <u>Dennis Foggie</u>.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements
Money from HGDP

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for November and December 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 <u>Frank Lem</u> and second by <u>Dennis Foggie</u>.

VII. Officer Reports:

President - Veterans Chorus' event on December 17 was well received and attended with a collection of \$384.00 donated to the VVA.

There will be a mobile Wreaths Across America display Saturday January 28, 2023 and all are encouraged to attend.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Thoughts go out to: Randy Richmond Bill Briggs Rich McCoy

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Next meeting to be held on February 2, 2023.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Report distributed and noted that during the January meeting. There was a list of members at large from the Santa Clara County area and the Treasurer will follow up with them to encourage them to transfer to Chapter 201.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Elections were held, and new officers elected and sworn in. Starting planning for the Memorial Day event. Reminder that the Four Chaplains memorial service will be held Saturday February 4, 2023 at St. Sebastian Church.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of August 31, we have a total of 122 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders):

Spoke with Becky Thomas and no new updates.

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 (Rose Herrera):

Working with Mayors office to create new Veteran liaison.

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee: Nothing to report.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

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

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business: - Nothing to report.

XIV. New Business:

Motion from Jack Wells to donate \$700 to the Veterans Orphanage for shoes for children to run the 5 K. Motion passed.

XV. AVVA Report:

Nothing to report.

XVI. Good of the Order

Nothing to report.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Chaplain <u>Pastor William McCorquodale</u> and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms, <u>Jeff Driskell</u>.

The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be at the Cupertino Country Inn on February 27, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:00 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen R Thompson Secretary/Treasurer

Darwin J. Thomas Chapter 201 Vietnam Veterans of America



DARWIN J. THOMAS MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes Monday February 27, 2023

Attendees:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Jim Husing	
Albert Carrillo, SR	USA	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Bill McCorquodale	USN
Jim Cranford	USA	George Miđwin	USA
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Steve Penland	USN
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Jennie Phan	AVVA
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Burton Smith	USN
Warren Finch	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Richard Veit	USA
Don Havens	USMC	Jack Wells	USMC
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1-year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Kathy Matulewicz Chris McCorquadale Gwen Lee

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the January meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. <u>Bill McCorquodale</u> noted that the correct name for Sacred Heart is Sacred Space. Motion to approve the minutes as amended by <u>Dennis Foggie</u> and <u>Richard Veit</u> second.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements Copies of Veteran Magazine P.O. Box Renewal

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for January 2023 was noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Rport as presented and subject to audit by <u>Alberto Carrillo, Sr.</u> and second by <u>Jim Cranford</u>.

VII. Officer Reports:

President - Veterans Chorus' is continuing performances and updates will be provided.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Thoughts go out to:

Randy Richmond

Bill Briggs

Rich McCoy

Dick Francis

Dave Sanders, Sr.

Bill McCorquodale also discussed the warning signs of a stroke and the need to seek emergency care ASAP. For more information, visit the Mayo Clinic Web site:

www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/stroke/symptoms-causes/syc-20350113

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Met in February and discussed Financials, restaurant locations and proposed budget.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting is April 6 - 8 in Visalia, CA.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report: Deferred.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of January 31, we have a total of 127 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): Deferred.

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): Deferred.

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee:

Tentative date for next fundraiser will be in June.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

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

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business: - Nothing to report.

XIV. New Business:

Discussed the National VVA report that indicates the potential dissolution of National VVA in 10 -12 years. Chapter 201 will be doing succession planning over the next few years to assure continuity.

Wall that Heals exhibit is being shown in San Luis Obispo March 16 - 19.

Annual Elections to be held in April and anyone interested in a position should contact the Election Committee (Dennis Foggie and Dennis Whittaker).

Draft Budget presented and to be voted on in April.

XV. AVVA Report:

AVVA is now an incorporated Chapter under National AVVA. California State Director to present the Charter and Flag to Cang and the AVVA Chapter 201 during their meeting in March.

XVI. Good of the Order

Veterans Benefit Workshop discussed since the San Jose VSO is able to coordinate a van with personnel that can be available to answer benefit questions. Need to determine Chapter interest.

Oak Hill is having a Vietnam Veteran Day celebration at the Gold Star Moms monument on March 29.

Warren is going to talk to Oak Hill about VVA holding the Field of Honor celebration on Memorial Day since UVC is no longer the lead in the overall events of the day.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Chaplain <u>Pastor William McCorquodale</u> and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms, <u>Jeff Driskell</u>.

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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 March 27, 2023

Attendees:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Frank Lem	USAF
Albert Carrillo, SR	USA	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Walter Carroll	USAF	Linn Malaznik	USA
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Bill McCorquodale	USN
Roger Clark (Col, USA Ret.)	USA	George Miđwin	USA
Cang Dong (Army DKC)	AVVA	Floyd Okada	USN
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Steve Penland	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Gary Roberts	
Warren Finch	USA	Burton Smith	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Stephen Thompson	USN
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III. Guests:

Lucia Carroll

Patrick Garcia

Gwen Lee

Chris McCorquodale

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V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements Copies of Veteran Magazine

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for February 2023 was noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Rport as presented and subject to audit by <u>Dennis Whittaker</u> and seconded by <u>Gerald Arnold</u>.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch reported that looking to further discussions with Oak Hill Cemetery regarding Field of Honor and Missing Man Table.

Annual Election to be held in April and anyone interested in any position should contact the election committee.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Thoughts go out to:

Randy Richmond

Bill Briggs

Rich McCoy

Dick Francis

Dave Sanders, Sr.

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Next meeting April 3, 2023

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting is April 6 - 8 in Visalia, CA.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

There will be an in-person meeting of the UVC at AL Post 318 in Willow Glen on April 13 and a ceremonial installation of officers.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of February 28, we have a total of 129 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): Deferred.

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera):

The Mayor has appointed a Veterans Liaison

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee:

Tentative date for next fundraiser originally considered for June, but there may be conflicts so looking to July.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold):

PACT Act.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Annual Budget will need to be approved during the April meeting.

XIV. New Business:

National Vietnam Veterans Day is March 29

XV. AVVA Report:

AVVA is now an incorporated Chapter under National AVVA. California State Director to present the Charter and Flag to Cang and the AVVA Chapter 201 during their meeting in April.

XVI. Good of the Order

The Early edition of the Observation post is available

Motion from <u>Dennis Whittaker</u> and seconded by <u>Dennis Foggie</u> to create Certificates of Appreciation for Nicole Gasparik, Amy Steele, Jeniffer Kan and Laura Allen with the Miller Middle School Board Meeting on April 13.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Chaplain <u>Pastor William McCorquodale</u> and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms, <u>Jeff Driskell</u>.

The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be tentatively at the Cupertino Country Inn on April 24, 2023.

Meeting was adjourned at 13:00 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen R Thompson

Secretary/Treasurer

Darwin J. Thomas Chapter 201

Vietnam Veterans of America



DARWIN J. THOMAS MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes Monday April 24, 2023

Attendees:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Clyde Horn	USA
Jim Barry	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Gerald Ćederholm	USA	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Jim Cranford	USA	Bill McCorquodale	USN
Thomas Crawford	USA	Rich Mc Coy	USA
Jeff Driskell	USAF	George Midwin	USA
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Carmen Sanders	AVVA
Warren Finch	USA	David Sanders, SR	USAF
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Burton Smith	USN
Don Havens	USMC	Stephen Thompson	USN
Robert Hearn	USAF	Mike Welsh	USMC
Rose Herrera	USAF		

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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

2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie

1-year Board Member -Dennis Whittaker - Excused

1-year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit - Excused

III. Guests:

Hanna Foggie Gwen Lee

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the March meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by <u>Frank Lem</u> and second by <u>Dennis Foggie</u>.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for March 2023 was noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Rport as presented and subject to audit by <u>Gerald Arnold</u> and seconded by <u>Rose Herrera</u>.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch reported he is still talking to Oak Hill regarding doing the Field of Honor on that day. Also has requested that the Veterans Chorus will perform prior to the ceremony and that they will be having a concert on May 10 and Steve will send a flyer.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Acting Chaplain asked for thoughts go out to:

Randy Richmond Bill Briggs Dick Francis

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Nothing to report

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Deferred

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

There was an in-person meeting at AL 318 and well attended and ceremonial installation of officers conducted by David Sanders.

XII. Committee Reports:

Deferred until May meeting due to elections.

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Annual Budget for 2023 – 2024 approved as submitted.

XIV. New Business:

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

President - Warren Finch

Vice President – Gene Fanucchi

Secretary – Steve Thompson

Treasurer – Steve Thompson

3-Year Board Member - Gerald Cederholm

2-Year Board Member – Dennis Foggie

1-Year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker

Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

Honorary Senior Board Advisor - David Sanders Sr.

Election Committee

Dennis Foggie

Dennis Whittaker

David Sanders Sr.

Officers and Directors were administered the oath of office by David Sanders Sr., Past VVA Chapter 201 President and affirmed by the membership.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL

AWARDS:

Warren Finch thanked the entire chapter for all the hard work done by all throughout the year and looks forward to working with everyone during the next year.

XV. AVVA Report:

AVVA will be represented on Sunday April 30 to commemorate the fall of Saigon in an event labeled Black Sunday. VVA 201 members are asked to attend.

XVI. Good of the Order

Motion from <u>Dennis Foggie</u> and seconded by <u>Dave Sanders</u> to donate \$500 to St Timothy's church for allowing us to use their hall for our annual election meeting.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by <u>Acting Chaplain Steve Thompson</u> and Colors retired by <u>Sergeant at arms</u>, <u>Jeff Drisk</u>ell.

XVIII. The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be at the Cupertino Country Inn on May 22, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen R Thompson Secretary/Treasurer

Darwin J. Thomas Chapter 201 Vietnam Veterans of America



DARWIN J. THOMAS MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes Monday May 22, 2023

Attendees:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Clyde Horn	USA
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Jim Cranford	USA	Robert Kadlec	USAF
Cang Kim Dong Army DKC	AVVA	Rich Mc Coy	USA
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Mike O'Brien	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Burton Smith	USN
Warren Finch	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Jack Wells	USMC
Don Havens	USMC	Mike Welsh	USMC
Robert Hearn	USAF	Dennis Whittaker	USA

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III. Guests:

Lucia Carroll Barry Erickson Pat Garcia Jennie Phan

IV. Reading of Minutes:

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V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for April 2023 was noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Rport as presented and subject to audit by <u>Dennis Foggie</u> and seconded by <u>Frank Lem</u>.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch reported we will be doing a Field of Honor event at Oak Hill Cemetery for Memorial Day.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Assistant Chaplain asked for thoughts go out to:

Randy Richmond Bill Briggs Dick Francis

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Nothing to report

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting June 7 - 9.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

There was an in-person meeting at AL 318 and well attended and ceremonial installation of officers conducted by David Sanders.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson):

As of April 30, we have a total of 129 Lifetime members.

POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): deferred!

Agent Orange Committee (David Sanders): noted under Good of the order.

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

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): deferred.

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): deferred

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee: Tentative date for next fundraiser originally considered for June, but there may be conflicts so looking to July 22 & 23.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): PACT Act

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report

XIV. New Business:

Motion from <u>Dennis Foggie</u> and seconded by <u>Dennis Whittaker</u> to replace the carry bags for our flags, Amount not to exceed \$300.00.

XV. AVVA Report:

South Vietnamese armed forces will have a special memorial celebration on June 18 and encourage VVA members to attend.

XVI. Good of the Order

Mike O'Brien reported on the move to approve a special Agent Orange Medal and distributed forms to be used for this purpose, further reported on the numerous presumptive conditions and encourage all to be diligent in how they monitor their health and any related issues from Agent Orange.

Jack wells distributed a number of Veteran Challenge coins and the chapter agreed to cover the \$7 cost for each challenge coin.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Assistant Chaplain <u>Richard Veit</u> and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms, <u>Jeff Drisk</u>ell.

XVIII. The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be at the Cupertino Country Inn on June 26, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Stephen R Thompson Secretary/Treasurer

Darwin J. Thomas Chapter 201 Vietnam Veterans of America



DARWIN J. THOMAS MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes Monday September 25, 2023

Attendees:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Richard Francis	USN
Alberto Carillo SR	USA	Patrick Garcia	USMC
Walter Carroll	USAF	Jim Husing	USA
Roger Clark (Col. USA Ret,)	USA	Craig Kumler	USN
Freddie Clegg	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Jim Cranford	USA	Stephen Thompson	USN
Thomas Crawford	USA	Richard Veit	USA
Jeffrey Driskell	USA	Jack Wells	USMC
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Mike Welsh	USMC
Warren Finch	USA	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Cang Kim Dong	DPRK

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II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers

President - Warren Finch
Vice President - Gene Fanucchi Excused
Secretary/Treasurer - Stephen Thompson
Sergeant at Arms - Jeff Driskell

3-year Board Member – Gerald Cederholm Excused

2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker

1-year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Khan Hoang

Lucia Carroll
Lucia Carroll

Robin Kumler

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the July meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by <u>Gerald Arnold</u> and second by <u>Dennis</u> Whittaker.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for July 2023 was noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Report as presented and subject to audit by <u>Dennis Foggie</u> and seconded by <u>Dennis Whittaker</u>.

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch advised that we are going to need volunteers for the annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11. We will need a minimum of 4 people that are able to march to carry the colors., Gerald Arnold, Steve Thompson and Walter Carroll have indicated they will be present and able to assist.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Chaplain asked for thoughts go out to:

Randy Richmond

Bill Briggs

Dave Sanders

Bob Kadlec

Rich Mc Cov

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Next meeting to be scheduled soon.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting is to be held the 3rd weekend in October.

Minutes of the Biannual National Conference were distributed and available for anyone that requires.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Nothing to report.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson): As of July 31, we have a total of 131 members.

Agent Orange and POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): nothing to report. Constitution By-Laws Committee (Robert Kadlec): Nothing to report.

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): 9/11 event to be held on Sunday September 10 at the Los Gatos Veteran Memorial. More information will be sent.

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

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee: Nothing to report.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): Keep track of your buddies, caregivers and the PACT act.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report.

XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report.

XV. AVVA Report:

a. Cang is sponsoring a POW/MIA day at his home in San Jose on Saturday September 16 at 12 noon. Flyers will be sent to invite all that wish to attend.

XVI. Good of the Order

Motion from Dennis Whittaker and second by Richard Veit to donate \$750 to the Wreaths across America.

Motion from Jack Wells and second by Richard Veit to donate \$300 to the Resound foundation for the Christian Ministry in Da Nang,

Motion by Don Havens and second by Jack Wells to donate \$800 to the Maui Fire Relief fund sponsored by VVA Chapter in MAUI.

Tom Crawford reported on the Reunion of the Charlie Company, C-1-22-4. They met in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and toured Fort Carson, the home of the 4th Infantry Division, where they were given an excellent tour. Tom inquired as to whether there were other Vietnam groups having reunions.

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USAF	Don Havens	USMC
USA	Rose Herrera	USAF
USA	Jim Husing	USA
USA	Craig Kumler	USN
USA	George Midwin	USA
USAF	Bob O'Connor	USA
USA	Steve Thompson	USN
USA	Richard Veit	USA
USAF	Jack Wells	USMC
USN	Mike Welsh	USMC
USA	Cang Dong	DPKR
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III. Guests:

John Poggi
Lucia Carroll
Khan Hoang
Robin Kumler
Gwen Lee
Espie Manglona
Maricel Manglona

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the Septe meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by <u>Richard Veit</u> and second by Dick Francis.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for September 2023 was noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Report as presented and subject to audit by <u>Freddie Clegg</u> and seconded by <u>Gerald Arnold</u>

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch advised that we are going to need volunteers for the annual Veterans Day Parade on November 11. We will need a minimum of 4 people that are able to march to carry the colors., Gerald Arnold, Steve Thompson, George Midwin and Walter Carroll have indicated they will be present and able to assist.

Memorial Service to be held for Bob Kadlec on 11/6 at Oak Hill Cemetery and all are welcome to attend.

Christmas Trees for Troops donations are welcomed for Battaglia Farms.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Chaplain asked for thoughts go out to:Randy Richmond

Bill Briggs Dave Sanders Rich Mc Coy

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Next meeting to be scheduled soon.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting to be held January 5 - 7, 2024 Report of October meeting sent electronically.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Veterans Day Parade is moving along and all are encouraged to attend and participate.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson): As of September 30, we have a total 133 members.

Agent Orange and POW/MIA Committee (David Sanders): nothing to report.

Constitution By-Laws Committee (Steve Thompson): Nothing to report.

Community Services Committee (Mike Frangadakis): Nothing to report

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

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee: Evaluating moving to Fort Ord in the future.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): Keep track of your buddies, caregivers and the PACT act.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Nothing to report.

XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report.

XV. AVVA Report:

a. AVVA will be providing a Wreath for Bob's memorial service.

XVI. Good of the Order

Muffet Air Museum is seeking volunteers and Steve will send out more information once received.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Chaplain <u>Richard Veit</u> and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms, <u>Jeff Drisk</u>ell.

XVIII. The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be at the Cupertino Country Inn on November 27, 2023. The meeting was adjourned at 1300 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 27, 2023

Attendees:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Zeke Garcia	USAF
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Don Havens	USMC
Jim Cranford	USA	Rose Herrera	USAF
Thomas Crawford	USA	Craig Kumler	USN
Jeff Driskell	USAF	Frank Lem	USAF
Gene Fanucchi	USA	James Madeiros	USA
Warren Finch	USA	Bob O'Connor	USA
Dennis Foggie	USAF	Gary Roberts	USA
Richard Francis	USN	Steve Thompson	USN
Michael Frangadakis	USA	Richard Veit	USA
Patrick Garcia	USMC	Jack Wells	USMC
		Cang Dong	DPKR

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 12:10 PM (1210 hours) at Cupertino Country Inn. Sergeant-At-Arms <u>Jeff Driskell</u> presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain <u>Richard Veit</u> 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 – Gerald Cederholm

2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie

1-year Board Member -Dennis Whittaker

1-year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

John Williams	USMC

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Robin Kumler	
Gwen Lee	
Kathy Matulewicz	

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the October meeting was forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by <u>Richard Veit</u> and second by Rose Herrera.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements

Thank you letter regarding wreaths across America donation.

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for October 2023 was noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Report as presented and subject to audit by <u>Gerald Cederholm</u> and seconded by Gerald Arnold

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch advised that the Veterans Chorus will be performing on December 16 and will be raising funds and awareness for Paws for Purple Hearts.

Veterans Day Parade VVA marchers Gerald Arnold, George Midwin, Walter Carroll and Steve Thompson. AVVA 201 provided timely assistance and carried the banner for the chapter,

Veterans Chorus sang at Bob Kadlec memorial service and VVA and AVVA 201 were well represented.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Chaplain asked for thoughts go out to:

Randy Richmond

Bill Brigg

Dave Sanders

Neil Lichtman

Bob Hearn

Rich Mc Cov

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Next meeting to be held December 1.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Next meeting to be held January 5 - 7, 2024.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Veterans Day Parade was a huge success and very well attended. Veterans

chorus provided singing during breakfast and 129th airborne did a flyover. Annual elections to be held at AL318 on 12/7/2023.

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XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report.

XV. AVVA Report:

a. AVVA will have their annual holiday visits to Palo Alto VA Medical Center and Menlo Park Medical Center on December 16 and all are Invited to be a part of this celebration.

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Muffet Air Museum is seeking volunteers and Steve will send out more information once received.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Chaplain <u>Richard Veit</u> and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms, <u>Jeff Drisk</u>ell.

XVIII. The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be the annual Holiday luncheon at the Three Flames Restaurant on Tuesday December 12 at 12 noon. The meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours.

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