



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

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Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday January 22, 2024

Attendees:

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| Gerald Arnold | USN | Patrick Garcia | USMC |
| Alberto Carillo SR | USA | Don Havens | USMC |
| Walter Carroll | USAF | Jim Husing | USA |
| Gerald Cederholm | USA | Craig Kumler | USN |
| Roger Clark (col USA RET) | USA | Frank Lem | USAF |
| Freddie Clegg | USA | William McCorquadale | USN |
| Jim Cranford | USA | Bob O'Connor | USMC |
| Thomas Crawford | USA | Gary Roberts | USA |
| Jeff Driskell | USAF | Steve Thompson | USN |
| Gene Fanucchi | USA | Richard Veit | USA |
| Warren Finch | USA | Jack Wells | USMC |
| Dennis Foggie | USAF | Mike Welsh | USMC |
| Richard Francis | USN | Dennis Whittaker | USA |
| Michael Frangadakis | USA | Cang Dong | DPKR |
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I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 12:10 PM (1210 hours) at Cupertino Country Inn. Sergeant-At-Arms Jeff Driskell presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance and 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 - 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:

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| Lucia Carroll |
| Robin Kumler |
| Gwen Lee |

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the November meeting was forwarded electronically to the membership. Corrections to the minutes for November to show Freddie Clegg and Mick Welsh were in attendance and Bob O'Connor to be corrected to show he is USMC. Motion to approve the minutes by Richard Veit and second by Gerald Arnold.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for November and December 2023 was noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Report as presented and subject to audit by Gerald Cederholm and seconded by Gerald Arnold

VII. Officer Reports:

President Finch advised that the Veterans Chorus will be performing for the 4 Chaplains ceremony on February 3.

VVA Has been Invited and has accepted an Invitation from Oak Hill Cemetery to be a part of the National Vietnam Veteran recognition day on March 29. We will be In attendance and will also have a missing man ceremony.

VIII. Chaplain Report

Chaplain asked for thoughts go out to:

Randy Richmond
Bill Brigg
Dave Sanders
Neil Lichtman
Rose Herrera
Rich Mc Coy

Observed a moment of Silence for our lost Brother Bob Hearn.

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Next meeting to be held In February and will review the draft budget for the new year.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

Copies of the minutes of the meeting were distributed along with legislative proposals and PACT ACT literature.

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Veterans Day Parade was a huge success and very well attended. The Veterans chorus provided singing during breakfast and 129th airborne did a flyover. Annual elections to be held at AL318 on 12/7/2023.

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson): As of December 31, we have a total 137 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): American Legion Is doing a major recruitment drive and encouraging all veterans that are not members to consider joining even If they are not able to attend the meetings. Pavers are available for the Los Gatos Veteran Memorial (Flame of Liberty) Pavers are a great way to honor other veterans and family. Link to donate Is <https://honoravet.org/memorial-dedication-footage/>.

Santa Clara Veterans Council Is still active and encourage all to be a part of the community

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:

Flag bearers for 4 Chaplains - Steve Thompson and Gerald Arnold

XIV. New Business:

Nothing to report.

XV. AVVA Report:

- a. A big thank you to the AVVA for the holiday presents and being such strong supporters of VVA.

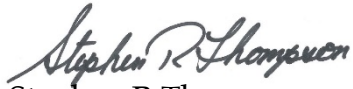
XVI. Good of the Order

Members are seeking to have Willie come and do a presentation to the chapter and to have his books available for autographing. This will be done for a future meeting.

XVII. Closing Ceremony

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

XVIII. The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be at the Cupertino Country Inn on Monday February 26 with non hosted social at 11 and meeting at 12 PM.



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