



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday March 25, 2024**

Attendees:

Gerald Arnold	USN	Don Havens	USMC
Jim Barry	USA	Jim Husing	USA
Walter Carroll	USAF	Craig Kumler	USN
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Roger Clark (col USA RET)	USA	George Midwin	USA
Freddie Clegg	USA	Bob O'Connor	USMC
Jim Cranford	USA	Gary Roberts	USA
Thomas Crawford	USA	Steve Thompson	USN
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Richard Veit	USA
Warren Finch	<b>USA</b>	Jack Wells	USMC
Dennis Foggie	<b>USAF</b>	Mike Welsh	USMC
Mike Frangadakis	USA	Cang Dong	DPKR
Patrick Garcia	USMC	Xuan Thanh VanGaasbe	<b>AVVA</b>
Zeke Garcia	USAF		

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 12:30 PM (1230 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 - Freddie Clegg  
 3-year Board Member - Gerald Cederholm  
 2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie  
 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker - Excused

**III. Guests:**

Gwen Lee
Patrick Ingram

We were honored to have a representative group from the Daughters of the American Revolution that presented the Chapter with a 50<sup>th</sup> Commemorative flag and certificate presented to President Finch.

Mike Singletary From Honor Flight made a presentation to the group and invited any veteran that has not seen the Wall to go on line and complete a registration to be able to be considered for a flight.

**IV. Reading of Minutes:**

Minutes of the February meeting was forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by Richard Veit and second by Gerald Arnold.

**V. Correspondence:**

Bank Statements

**VI. Finance Report:**

The Finance Report for February was noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Report as presented and subject to audit by Frank Lem and seconded by Gerald Arnold

**VII. Officer Reports:**

**President** Finch noted the veterans chorus has 3 presentations coming up and will be providing more information at a later meeting. One of the shows will donate all proceeds to the Blue Star Moms.

VVA will be active in the Oak Hill Vietnam War Memorial Day ceremony on March 29. President Finch will present information and honors for all Vietnam Veterans.

Annual election of officers to be held In April

**VIII. Chaplain Report**

**Chaplain asked for thoughts go out to:**

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

**IX. Board Of Directors Report:**

The Board met on February 9 and approved the following:

- Review Finances through February 2024
- Approved Draft Emergency assistance and donation policy to be submitted to the membership. Motion to approve the policy was moved by Gerald Arnold and seconded by Dennis Foggie.

**X. California State Council (CSC) Report:**

Next meeting to be held April 4 - 6

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

Next meeting to be held at AL 318 on April 4 at 1630 hours.

Planning is on going with Oak Hill Memorial for the Memorial Day ceremony.

**XII. Committee Reports:**

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson): As of February 29, we have a total 136 members.

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

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

Community Services Committee – nothing to report.

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

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee: Final Budget to be approved during April meeting.

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): Legislative report 38 CFR has the overall criteria for PTSD and other evaluations.

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

**XIII. Unfinished Business:**

Nothing to report.

**XIV. New Business:**

Nothing to report.

**XV. AVVA Report:**

- a. New representative to work with Cang – Xuan Thanh VanGaasbe was introduced.

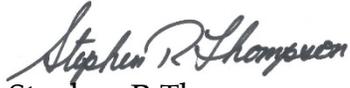
**XVI. Good of the Order**

- a. Gerald Cederholm made a motion to donate \$1500 to the Honor Flight program to send one veteran to Washington DC. Second by Gerald Arnold and approved unanimously.
- b. Jim Crawford blessed us with a vocal rendition of 50,000 men originally performed by George Jones.
- c. Jim Crawford noted that there is a 4th of July Pancake Breakfast at the Quinlan Community Center – Steve Thompson to send copy of the flyer to the membership.

**XVII. Closing Ceremony**

Closing prayer provided by Chaplain Richard Veit and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms, Freddie Clegg.

**XVIII.** The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be at the Cupertino Country Inn on Monday April 22 with non-hosted social at 11 and meeting and nominations and elections to be held at 12 PM.



Stephen R Thompson  
Secretary / Treasurer  
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