



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday June 24, 2024**

**Attendees:**

Gerald Arnold	USN	Don Havens	USMC
Bill Briggs	USN		
Walter Carroll	USAF	Jim Husing	USA
Gerald Cederholm	USA	Craig Kumler	USN
Roger Clark	USA	Frank Lem	USAF
Freddie Clegg	USA	Bob O'Connor	USMC
Jim Cranford	USA	Richard Veit	USA
Thomas Crawford	USA	Jack Wells	USMC
Gene Fanucchi	USA	Mike Welsh	USMC
Warren Finch	<b>USA</b>	Dennis Whittaker	USA
Dennis Foggie	<b>USAF</b>	Cang Dong	DPKR
Dick Francis	<b>USN</b>	Xuan Thanh VanGaasbe	<b>AVVA</b>
Patrick Garcia	USMC		

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 12:30 PM (1230 hours) at Cupertino Country Inn. Sergeant-At-Arms Freddie Clegg presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Rich Veit provided the invocation.

**II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers**

- President - Warren Finch
- Vice President - Gene Fanucchi
- Secretary / Treasurer - Stephen Thompson – Excused
- Sergeant at Arms – Freddie Clegg
- 3-year Board Member – Gerald Cederholm
- 2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie
- 1-year Board Member - Dennis Whittaker - Excused
- 1-year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

**III. Guests:**

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Sam Elerman	USMC
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**IV. Reading of Minutes:**

Minutes of the April meeting was forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by Jim Husing and second by Gerald Arnold.

**V. Correspondence:**

Bank Statements

**VI. Finance Report:**

The Finance Report for April and May were noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Report as presented and subject to audit.

**VII. Officer Reports:**

**President** Field of Honor was well presented

**VIII. Chaplain Report**

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

- Randy Richmond
- Dave Sanders
- Neil Lichtman
- Rose Herrera
- Rich Mc Coy

**IX. Board Of Directors Report:**

Minutes of prior meeting presented and approved by Jim Husing and Gerald Arnold.

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

- Copies of the CSC election results, and meeting minutes were sent electronically.

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

Nothing to Report

**XII. Committee Reports:**

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson): As of June 30, we have 136 members

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

Constitution By-Laws Committee (Steve Thompson): deferred

Community Services Committee – nothing to report.

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

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee: Nothing to report

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

XIII. Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report.

**XIV. Unfinished Business:**

None

**XV. New Business:**

**I. AVVA Report:**

- a. AVVA would like to have a joint barbecue with VVA 201, and this will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

**II. Good of the Order**

**III. Closing Ceremony**

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

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



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