



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

**Chapter Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday April 28, 2025**

Attendees:

Arnold, Gerald	USN	Lem, Frank	USAF
Blank, Roger	USAF	Morasch, Peter	USA
Alberto Carillo, Sr	USA	O'Connor, Bob	USMC
Carroll, Walter	USAF	Roberts, Gary	USA
Cederholm, Gerald	USA	Reichard, Bill	USA
Clark, Roger	USA	Swiger, Dan	USAF
Clegg, Freddie	USA	Thompson, Stephen	USN
Cranford, Jim	USA	Veit, Richard	USA
Devlin, Robert	USAF	Wells, Jack	USMC
Fanucchi, Gene	USA	Welsh, Mike	USMC
Finch, Warren	USA	Whittaker, Dennis	USA
Garcia, Patrick	USMC	Dong, Cang	ARVN
Havens, Don	USMC	Cong, Pham	AVVA
Husing, Jim	USA	Son, Trinh	AVVA
Kumler, Craig	USN	Phong, Duong	AVVA

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 12:10 PM (1210 hours) at Holders Cupertino Country Inn. Sergeant-At-Arms Freddie Clegg presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chapter Chaplain Rich 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 -

**III. Guests:**

Robin Kimler
Hoang, Knanh
Lucia Carroll

**IV. Reading of Minutes:**

Minutes of the March meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by Dennis Whittaker and second by Gerald Cederholm.

**V. Correspondence:**

Bank Statements  
Veteran Magazine

**VI. Finance Report:**

The Finance Report for March 2025 was noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance report as presented and subject to audit by Dennis Whittaker and seconded by Alberto Carillo, Sr.

**VII. Officers Report**

**President** regular business meeting for May will be skipped since we will be doing ceremonies at the Field of Honor at Oak Hill Memorial Cemetery on May 26 at 130 PM.

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

Randy Richmond  
Warren Finch  
Dave Sanders  
Rich Mc Coy  
Rose Herrera  
Bill Briggs

Reminder to do Buddy Checks at least weekly

**VIII. Board Of Directors Report:**

Deferred

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

Recent meeting in Visalia discussed the upcoming National Convention and the fact that delegates will be discussing the future of VVA National and the impact on local chapters

**X. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report =**

There will be a Zoom meeting on Thursday May 1 at 6 PM.

**Committee Reports: deferred until June meeting due to elections.**

**XI. Unfinished Business: - nothing to report**

**XII. New Business: -**

**XIII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

President – Warren Finch

Vice President – Gene Fanucchi

Secretary – Steve Thompson

Treasurer – Steve Thompson

3 Year Board Member – Dennis Whittaker

2 Year Board Member – Gerald Cederholm

1 Year Board Member – Dennis Foggie

Rotating Board Member – Richard Veit

Board Member Emeritus – Dave Sanders, Sr

Election Committee

Dennis Foggie

Dennis Whittaker

Jim Husing

Oath of office for the Officers and Directors was administered by Freddie Clegg, Sergeant at arms and affirmed by the membership.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL**

**XIV. AVVA Report:**

AVVA will be involved with the Black April event on April 30, 2025 to commemorate the fall of Saigon on April 30, 1975. Event will be held in Sacramento and all are invited to attend.

**XV. Good of the Order – Jim Cranford noted that he attended an event for Honor Flight and was presented with a T Shirt and signed up to make the flight in the near future.**

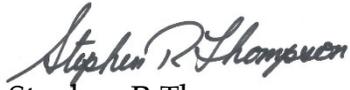
Dennis Whittaker reminded all that he will need 96 volunteers in 14 months when the Moving wall comes to Cupertino.

**XVI. Closing**

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

**XVII.** The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be at the Cupertino Country Inn on June 23, 2025. The meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stephen R. Thompson".

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