



Colorado State Council

Colorado State Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 8, 2018 Start Time: 1:15 PM
Meeting Location: Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St. Castle Rock, CO 80104

Meeting called to order by President Lee White at 1313 hour.

Invocation: Joe Plant, Chaplain (Chapter 1106)

Pledge of Allegiance: Lee White

Moment of Silence (for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice and for those still POW / MIA): Lee White

Roll Call of Officers Present: Lee White (President), Stan Paprocki (First Vice President), David Lyons (Second Vice President), David Ramey (Treasurer), Milt Omoto (Secretary)

Absences: Thomas Dowell (Voting Delegate 1075)

Chapter Delegates, Representatives and Members: Terry Ritenour (Voting Delegate, 1071), Joe Plant (Voting Delegate, 1106), Larry Peterson (Non-Voting Delegate 1075), Leonard Smith (Non-Voting Delegate, 1071)

New Members/Guests: Dick Southern (Region 9 Director), Owen Oliver (Chapter 1071 Director)

Declaration of Principles and Mission Statement: skipped

Meeting minutes from the September 8, 2018 Colorado State Council meeting. Secretary Milt Omoto noted that according to Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised (RONR), minutes distributed prior to the meeting for review do not need to be read at the meeting (RONR 11th ed. pp. 354-355). No proposed corrections were made, and the minutes were approved.

Region 9 Report, Dick Southern

Dick provided a quick summary of his travels to attend State Council meetings at Utah, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and California, in addition to attending the National Conference of State Council Presidents in October. He also traveled to the Philippines and Guam for their meetings.

Dick reviewed VVA's "Motion 11," which was discussed at the October BOD conference. This motion established a single class of membership for VVA, "Life Member." All current three-year members automatically become life members. One-year members have the option of paying the \$50 life time membership fee or dropping from membership. Dick noted that all members need a copy of their DD 214 on file at National. Chapters can help by reviewing the VVA's Detailed Membership Report to identify those members that have a "no" under the DD 214 column. As far as Dick knows, there is no change in AVVA membership fees, except that regular VVA members may join AVVA for \$50 life membership.

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Dick provided a summary of the two working groups assessing the future of VVA. Working group-one is basically studying the process and approach to dissolve the VVA as a corporation (VVA is registered in the State of New York). They are determining how to address the disposal of assets, employees, the rental property, etc. at termination of the organization. Working group-two is tasked with determining the feasibility of a new organization to perpetuate VVA's legacy. There are many complications with in-progress work, claims processing, and legislative activities. There will be no decision until the final results and recommendations of each working group are presented to members at a future annual convention, and members have the opportunity to discuss and vote. It is very unlikely that any results or recommendation will be presented at the 2019 Convention in Spokane.

The Region 8/9 Conference will be held at the Sparks Nugget Casino Resort June 1, 2019. The hotel is located at 1100 Nugget Ave, Sparks, NV 89431. May 31 and June 2 will be travel days. The cost for a room is \$99/night (the \$23 resort fee is waived). There is a free airport shuttle (limo service) from the Reno Airport (RNO). The agenda will be the standard pre-convention items that include resolutions, amendments, officer reports, and so on.

Dick provided an overview of his November travels to the Philippines to attend Chapter 887' meeting. He participated in the Chapter's Christmas party at the Porac Children's home. He then traveled to Guam for Chapter 668's meeting and Veterans' Day celebration.

Dick also provided an update on the devastating California wild fires. The Camp Fire (Butte County, California) fire devastated the entire town. VVA Chapter 582 is located there. Chapter president and numerous members (about 25) lost their homes. The chapter is in need of gift cards (Wal Mart, Safeway, Costco) to enable members to purchase food and supplies. They have enough donated clothing. The chapter's coordinator and contact for donations is Corena Dixon, 277 W. 17th Street, Chino, CA 95928; email: cjdickerson007@gmail.com. Chapter president is Butch Frederickson, (530) 877-1340; email: ccfuvnalum@comcast.net. A motion was made by David Ramey for the Council to send \$500 to Chapter 582. Motion was seconded and passes.

Treasurer's Report: David Ramey

As of November 30, 2018:

Household Goods program income received: \$3,726.00. HGCO disbursement to the three Chapters: \$2,796.00.

NFCU: \$ 7,419.34

The HGCO Chapter reports are due at the end of February 2019. Each Chapter was provided a copy of the report. David will compile Chapter reports into a State Council report for submittal to National in March.

Expenses Against the Council: David Ramey

Expenses Against Council (November) include the HGCO payments to Chapters and miscellaneous mileage expenses incurred by Council officers (please see the State Council Treasure's Report for November).

David Ramey read a donation letter for a December expense for a \$250 donation to the Veterans Community Living Center, Aurora, CO).

Reading of Communications. None.

Member Sickness and Distress: Thomas Dowell will be having by-pass surgery. Please keep him in prayer. Joe Plant reported a veteran in need of rent payment. Chapter 1106 will take care of this need. The Chapter will also provide Wal Mart gift cards to a social worker who works with veterans.

Chapter Activity Reports

- Chapter 1071 (Stan Paprocki, 1071 President)

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- The Chapter participated in this year's Arvada Harvest Festival (September 8th) with the Chapter serving as Grand Marshall in the parade.
- The Chapter supported Wings Over the Rockies Museum for a new UH-1 Huey helicopter display. The aircraft (named Sweet Sue) was donated to the museum by Colonel McPherson. The museum needs to raise \$40K for the display. Chapter 1071 holds some of their Board meetings there.
- In October the Chapter supported an inner-city health clinic with donations and volunteers. The most recent interment ceremony was for fourteen veteran cremains from the East Lawn Mortuary, held at Fort Logan
- In November, the Chapter held their Veterans Day weekend poppy drive at four King Sooper stores and raised about \$6,000. The Chapter made 5-6 High School visits around Veterans Day.
- Terry reported that Mountain Range School honored 40 veterans by students; veterans walked through school halls and were honored by students lining the halls; veterans spoke to students in classrooms). The event also included an assembly.
- The Chapter donated \$1,000 to North Carolina in support of Chapters affected by the hurricane.
- Stan reported attendance at the VFW Founders Banquet, December 2nd at the Brown Palace. Estimated 600 to 700 in attendance.
- The "Wall that Heals" mobile Wall will be at Faith Bible Chapel (6250 Wright St, Arvada, CO 80004) in June 2019. They are in need of volunteers. The display is a ¾ replica of the Wall in Washington, DC.
- Chapter 1075 (Paul Kennedy, Vice President)
 - Chapter fund raising at a Wal Mart in Colorado Springs yielded \$840.
 - Chapter members supported the Colorado Springs Stand down on October 16th; members handed out 200 sanitation kits; the Stand down is for homeless veterans; photos are on the Chapter's web site;
 - The Chapter participate in a November 3rd Veterans Day Parade in Colorado Springs; they entered a float; photos are on the Chapter's web site
 - The Chapter sent forms to 40 at-large members
 - The Chapter's December Christmas Lunch is scheduled for December 15th.
- Chapter 1106 (Lee White, President)
 - Lee attended the Conference of State Council Presidents Meeting in October at Silver Spring, MD. Minutes are generally posted on the VVA National's web site.
 - The Chapter conducted a Veterans Day weekend poppy drive at four King Soopers and raised \$5612. The Chapter will focus on three of the larger "super" King Soopers stores for the next poppy drive;
 - Chapter members attended high school events for Veterans Day celebrations; the Chapter's Color Guard participated in several of the events;
 - The Chapter's Christmas Luncheon will be held December 15th
 - Members attended and supported the Honors Bell event at the Alamo Draft House;
 - The Chapter sent a \$300 check to the veteran's senior living home at Fitzsimons
 - Wreaths Across America is December 15th
 - The Chapter purchased an Army flag for the Fitzsimons veterans home.

Unfinished Business

- Milt explained to the Council that according to Robert's Rules of Order, there is no such thing as "Old Business," only "Unfinished Business;" henceforth, this section will be titled as such;
- The small group of nine veterans that may be the start of a new Chapter in Loveland met for a second meeting; Lee is in communications with the leaders and will emphasize their need to get 25 members signed up in order to form a Chapter;
- Pike's Peak National Cemetery officially opened November 1, 2018; there have been 220 internments to date; the Pike's Peak Honor Guard is still in the process of being formed with members from the American Legion and VFW;
- Updates to the State Council's web site is needed as follows:
 - Lee White: add President Chapter 1106 and remove 1071 Secretary

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- Stan Paprocki: need picture and bio description
 - David Lyons: need bio description
 - Dave Ramey: OK
 - Milt Omoto: OK
 - Terry Ritenour: Need picture and bio description
 - Thomas Dowell: OK
 - Joe Plant: OK
- Pictures and bios should be sent to Web Master Robert Rotruck, bobrottruck73@gmail.com
 - All Chapters should continually consider succession of active Council members by other Chapter members

New Business

- The Erwin Lynn Dreiling Estate, through James Dreiling, Executor, presented a generous check to the Colorado State Council at an awards luncheon today; the check will be deposited, and a check in turn from the Council will be sent to James for investment; the funds will be disbursed to Chapters over the next five years for the expressed purpose to assist Colorado Vietnam Veterans and their family.
- Chapter 1106 will make James a life time AVVA member
- Lee stated that there is a need for Chapter leaders to improve cross-communications among Chapters to make each aware of events and significant information
- Milt will draft a form for Chapters requesting funds from the State Council for use in supporting veterans in need and to serve as a record of how Erwin Dreiling donated funds were used; these records will be summarized at FY end and a report submitted to James Dreiling;
- Thomas Dowell was planning to attend the next CSCP meeting on behalf of Lee; however, due to his scheduled surgery, he cannot; Leonard Smith of 1071 agreed to attend;
- Dick clarified the VA Volunteer Service (VAVS) program stating that members who volunteer at a VA facility (clinic, hospital, etc.) should record their volunteer hours and Chapters should report these hours to National; VVA National will in turn compile all volunteer hours and provide a report to the VA of member volunteered hours.

Good of the Order

- Dick Southern stated that he is proud of the Colorado State Council and its leadership to Colorado Chapters.

Next Colorado State Council Meeting: March 9, 2019 @ 1300-hours, Castle Rock Library

The meeting was adjourned by declaration with no objections at 1437 hour by President Lee White.

This Colorado State Council Meeting minutes submitted by: Milt Omoto, Council Secretary

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