



## Colorado State Council

### Colorado State Council Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 10, 2018 Start Time: 1:00 PM  
Meeting Location: Philip S. Miller Library, 100 S. Wilcox St. Castle Rock, CO 80104

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Meeting called to order by President Lee White at 1255 hour.

**Invocation:** Joe Plant (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), Manuel Pedraza (First Vice President), Stan Paprocki (Second Vice President), David Ramey (Treasurer), Milt Omoto (Secretary)

**Absences:** Thomas Dowell (Delegate, 1075)

**Chapter Delegates, Representatives and Members:** David Lyons (Delegate, 1106)

**Guests:** Terry Ritenour (1071), Larry Peterson (1075), Dick Southern, Region 9 Director

**Meeting minutes** from the December 9, 2017 Colorado State Council meeting. Stan requested a correction under Chapter Activity Reports, Chapter 1071, third bullet: recorded as: \$530, should-be: \$280. Minutes approved with noted modification.

**Member Sickness and Distress:** Chapter 1071: Al Roettger in ICU on dialysis and has been in the hospital since November (he is at St. Luke Presbyterian, Denver); Dan Dietz continues at-home hospice care; Robert Primeaux suffers from severe migraine; Chapter 1075: Manuel Pedraza recovered from surgery to correct a blocked colon (colon mesh removed and valve corrected); Thomas Dowell is recovering from prostate surgery; Chapter 1106: none.

**Region 9 Report** by Dick Southern, Director Region 9

- a) The next Conference of State Council Presidents is April 12, 2018, Silver Spring, MD
- b) Next Leadership and Education Conference is scheduled for July 24-28, 2018 in Palm Springs
- c) The Utah State Council will hold a State Council meeting in April; there are two Chapters in Utah
- d) The California State Council will hold a State Council meeting in June; there are 30 VVA chapters in California
- e) Resolutions from the 18<sup>th</sup> National Convention can be found on the VVA National web site (under Organizational Documents and Policies)
- f) Attendees to the Leadership and Education Conference can select the seminars of interest; Chapter attendees should spread-out to obtain seminar coverage and share information
- g) Chapter attendees to the 2018 Leadership and Education Conference. From 1071: Stan Paprocki, Terry Ritenour, and Marty Chavas; From 1075: Larry Peterson, and Tom Dowell; From 1106: LeeWhite, Tom Werzyn, and Milt Omoto

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### Treasurer's Report: David Ramey

As of February 28, 2018:

Checking:	\$ 20,799.30
NFCU:	\$ 7,302.09
Account Balance:	\$ 28,101.39

NFCU: The 5-month CD @ 3% APR ended December 31, 2017; the new CD of 2.25% APR started January 5, 2018 and is effective for 15-months (expires April 5, 2019).

The State Council will submit a Colorado Chapter consolidated HGDP report to National. FY end total \$32,174.

David will develop the State Council's budget for the new FY.

### Elections

All Chapter elections are during April meetings. Election report form is on the National web site. Send one copy to David Ramey and one copy to the Membership Committee. This report is due by July 15, 2018.

### Annual Financial Report

Chapters should complete the form with name, EIN, IRS Form 990 acknowledgement and send to National. This is due by July 15, 2018. This enables Chapters to be under National's 501(c)(19) designation.

### HGDP

National will produce a report of HGDP expected revenue. Dick Southern stated that Debbie Williams will have this report available at the April President's Council meeting. Manuel Pedraza will obtain a copy when he attends the President's Council meeting.

**Reading of Communications:** none

### Chapter Activity Reports

a) Chapter 1071 (Stan Paprocki, President and Terry Ritenour, Vice President)

- Membership is at 188; the Chapter web site had 4,400 hits; the Chapter meets the third Saturday of each month; the last meeting drew 60 members and 15 guests
- Members visited an elementary school in Commerce City; the school needed their flag pole refurbished and the Chapter paid to have the work performed; the school's principal attended the Chapter's meeting in appreciation
- The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Brighton is a reality; the City Council allocated \$137,000 to fund the Memorial; dedication will occur on May 28<sup>th</sup>; Chapter members will attend
- Members will be making four high school visits in April and May; Phil Waters will lead the Speaker's Bureau
- The Honors Burial Program continues; Chapter members will work at Crown Hill Cemetery to log cremains (March 24<sup>th</sup>); there are over 400 cremains to review; the next burial ceremony will be planned for Fall 2018
- Chapter members will attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam War at Fort Logan on March 29<sup>th</sup>
- Members will attend the UVC banquet on Saturday, April 8, 2018.
- Several members will be attending the VVA Leadership and Education Conference in July
- The Kroger King Soopers Poppy Drive is scheduled for Memorial Day weekend (4 to 5 stores); the Chapter also received \$286 through the King Sooper Rewards Program; they also received an anonymous donation.

b) Chapter 1075 (Manuel Pedraza, President)

- The Chapter placed posters in local restaurants to promote VVA and provide Chapter information
- The Chapter has Colorado Vietnam Veterans of America patches for sale, \$15/each
- The Chapter will be conducting fund raisers at King Soopers; they also participate in their Rewards Program
- The Chapter also sponsors a scholarship program
- Manny will be attending the Conference of State Council Presidents, April 12, 2018, in Silver Spring, MD in place of Lee White; Lee to provide required information for registration; Manny to pick up HGDP expected revenue report for the 2018/19 FY from Debbie Williams at the Conference

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### c) Chapter 1106 (Lee White, President)

- The chapter's Speaker's Bureau will be visiting 3 - 4 high schools; they have a new brochure; the Scholarship Program will be awarding four \$2,000 scholarships
- The Chapter will conduct a Poppy Drive at five King Soopers on Memorial Day weekend
- The Chapter's April/May newsletter is posted on the Chapter's web site
- The Chapter will participate in the Highlands Ranch Fourth of July parade; the Chapter is planning a trip to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Fruita, weekend of August 17-19, 2018.
- Chapter members will participate in the Englewood High School Memorial Day Program
- Chapter membership is at 127; the last meeting drew 58 attendees; representatives from DAR were present; the Chapter is participating with Rolling Thunder on a casino bus trip on Saturday, April 14, 2018.
- The Chapter's emergency program assisted 22 veterans, providing over \$4,100 in the last 6-months; a total of \$7,600 was spent helping veterans during the last fiscal year;
- The Chapter and Second Chance issued four power chairs to veterans; a new lift in Joe's van enables him to deliver power wheelchairs.

### Old Business (Lee White)

1. Establishment of New Colorado Chapters. Lee White, Tom Werzyn, David Lyons and Milt Omoto attended the PAMVET breakfast in Loveland January 20<sup>th</sup> to generate interest in starting a VVA chapter in the area; a second meeting was held with representatives interested in starting the chapter; to date they have 20 interested veterans;
2. Chapters need to provide support to determine interest in new chapters in the Pueblo and Fort Collins areas; Manny will investigate setting up a table in front of a store in Pueblo to hand out material and determine interest.

### New Business

#### a) Nominations for Colorado State Council positions:

- President: Lee White
- Vice Presidents (for First and Second VP positions): Manuel Pedraza, Stan Paprocki, David Lyons
- Treasurer: David Ramey
- Secretary: Milt Omoto
- Chaplain: Joe Plant
- Voting Delegates (one per Chapter): t.b.d.
- The Nominating Committee members are: Terry Ritenour and Larry Peterson
- Election ballots will be required
- Elections will be held at the June State Council meeting.

b) VSO's in Colorado: there are two listed as approved by VVA; a recommendation was made to cancel endorsement of VSO's; veterans can submit claims directly to VVA National; Lee will notify Kelsey Yoon at National stating that we will cancel all VVA affiliated VSO's in Colorado. Bill Bleau, ex-VSO Colorado, will be notified of the cancellation.

c) VVA 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary coins: order minimum is 10; orders of 25 receive free shipping

d) Status of the working groups to determine the future of VVA: no status to date

e) Application for pre-approval of burial in a National Cemetery (VA Form 40-10007) will be posted on the State Council's web site.

### Good of the Order

- a) Stan Paprocki suggested t-shirts for State Council members; this was tabled until after elections
- b) Dick stated that he is proud of the Colorado State Council as it is active and engaged.

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**Next Colorado State Council Meeting: June 9, 2018 @ 1300, Castle Rock Library**

The meeting was adjourned by declaration with no objections at 1438 hour by President Lee White.

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

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