

Vietnam Veterans of America

Darwin J. Thomas Memorial Chapter 201

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

April 12, 2015

Sunnyvale Moose Lodge
905 Kifer Road, Sunnyvale, CA 94086

Members present:

David Ackerman (USMC) { Guest}
Gerald Arnold (USA) { Guest}
Charles Barber (USN)
Michael Berliner (USA)
Gene Fanucchi (USA)
Dennis Foggie (USAF)
Barbara Johnston (USA)
Robert Johnston (USA)
Robert Kadlec (USAF)
Donald MacDougall (USA)
James Maderios (USA)
Randy Richmond (USA)
David Sanders (USAF)
Richard Segovia (USA) {CSC Guest}
Randy Susler (USA) { Guest}
John Turner (USA) { Guest}
Reuben Willhite (USMC)

I. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Johnston at 1210 hours at the Sunnyvale Moose Lodge. CSC Central District Director Richard Segovia led the Pledge of Allegiance. President Johnston called for a moment of silence in respect for our MIAs, POWs, KIA and our Brothers and Sisters with health issues or are in dire straights.

II. Roll Call of Chapter Officers:

President - Robert Johnston
Vice President - Donald MacDougall (Tardy)
Secretary/Treasurer - Barbara Johnston
1-year Board Member - Randy Richmond
2-year Board Member - Vacant
3-year Board Member - Walter Dillard (Absent)

III. Membership Status:

Secretary Barbara Johnston reported that the current Chapter membership stands at 64 plus 5 new applicants for a total of 69 members.

After a lengthy discussion of quorum determination and status, CSC Central District Director Richard Segovia addressed the need for flexibility in running meetings. Richard Segovia

- CSC Delegate Nominations (one - 2-tear term): Robert Johnston
David Sanders

••• **NOTE: Meeting was suspended at 1315 hours for vote count** •••

{Side discussion addressed the terminology issue of a Constitution versus Bylaws for a Chapter. CSC Central District Director Richard Segovia stated that the VVA Constitution is a National document that addresses National, State and Chapter general procedures. National writes a Constitution while a Chapter writes Bylaws to implement the provisions of the National Constitution and the State Bylaws.}

{A leadership conference is held every two years by the State to provide training for any VVA member.}

{The Region 8/9 Conference will be held in Reno, NV on 26 to 28 June 2015.}

••• **NOTE: Meeting reconvened at 1337 hours for vote count** •••

- CSC Delegate Election (one - 2-tear term): David Sanders {Elected as Delegate}
Robert Johnston {Alternate}

- United Veterans Council Delegate: Robert Kadlec -- Elected Unanimously
- National Convention Delegate: Robert Johnston & Barbara Johnston -- Elected Unanimously

- CSC Central District Director Richard Segovia administered the oath of office to all officers and delegates.

B. Chapter meeting dates

- President Elect David Sanders moved that meeting dates be changed to 1900 hours on the third Monday of each month. Passed Unanimously.

C. Memorial Day

- All members requested to participate, along with AVVA Members, at the Oak Hill Field of Honor Service at 1330 hours on 25 May 2015.

D. VA Claims

- The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Traveling Van will be at American Legion Post-419 on 21 April 2015 for those who wish to submit claims applications to the VA.

E. Traveling Wall

- The Traveling Wall at Golden Gate National Cemetery will be closed and taken down this evening (12 April 2015).

VIII. Good of the Order

- Mike Berliner advised that the VA has announced a new expedited/streamlined process for filing claims.

- Next scheduled VVA Chapter 201 meeting will be held on 18 May 2015.

XI. Closing Ceremony

- Randy Richmond provided the closing benediction.
- Meeting was adjourned at 1403 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Johnston

Barbara Johnston, Secretary
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