

Vietnam Veterans of America

Darwin J. Thomas Memorial Chapter 201

CHAPTER MEETING MINUTES

Saturday, December 19, 2015

Harry's Hof Brau • 390 Saratoga Avenue, San Jose, California

In lieu of the December Chapter 201 social and business meeting, thirty-one members, prospective members, and guests gathered at Harry's Hof Brau Restaurant in San Jose at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, 19 December for a Holiday luncheon. Since this was an informal "social" gathering, no VVA or Chapter business was discussed. However there were a couple presentations and announcements.

- I. **President David Sanders** reported on recent fund raising efforts to support various Chapter activities. These include a successful fundraiser held at the Moffett Field Commissary and a significant donation to the Chapter by the American Legion's Mission City Charities and Santa Clara Post 564.
- II. **President David Sanders** reported that Chapter Chaplain Randy Richmond and AVVA Chapter 201 Vice President Cang Dong were noticeably absent from the luncheon since they were conducting a "Visitation" at the Palo Alto Veterans Administration Hospital handing out cards and holiday cheer to the patients.
- III. Chapter 201 member **James Barker** enlightened the gathering with his recent bicycle journey through Vietnam and Hanoi.
- IV. Chapter 201 member **Fran McVey**, in his position as the current President of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County (UVC), presented the Chapter, President David Sanders and Vice President Bob Kadlec with Certificates of Recognition for the support provided to the successful Veterans' Day events in Downtown San Jose and at Santana Row on behalf of the UVC.
- V. Prospective new Chapter 201 member, retired Army **Major General Robert Ostberg** presented Vietnam Veteran 50th Anniversary lapel pins to all Vietnam and Vietnam Era veterans who gathered for the Holiday Luncheon.
- VI. Chapter 201 member **Jack Wells** offered copies of his book titled "Class of 67: The Story of the 6th Marine Officer's Basic Class of 1967." The book is a memorial to those men who made the ultimate sacrifice for their men and country.

A rejuvenated Chapter 201 ended a successful year with the 2015 Holiday Luncheon and reminded all that the next gathering will be the monthly social and business meeting on the third Monday of the month on January 18, 2016 at Holder's Country Inn.

Respectfully Submitted,
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