

# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER #423

## MEETING MINUTES

DATE:02-12-23

TIME START: 14:00

TIME END: 15:47

ATTENDANCE: 22

☒ G. DELOS SANTOS JR.-PRES.

☐ T. NASKY-VP

☒ C. YOUNG-TREAS

☒ G.LACOMBE-SEC

### REPORTS:

#### President-Delos Santos

- Roster will be presented at each meeting for updates. Place a check mark when you sign in to verify accuracy or make updates. Add birthdate if you would like a B-Card.
- Announced that 33 people were in attendance at today's meeting which is the largest to date.

#### Secretary-LaCombe

- December meeting minutes were read and accepted as written.

#### Treasurer/Membership-Young

- Account Balance \$18,827.65
  - New Year Meal expenditure was \$6,154.44 (60 Meals were provided).
    - Donations of \$210 rcvd with a match of \$220.00 From T. Nasky = \$437. Total.
      - J. Henderson question if appropriate for a donation jar at event given this occasion was as a "thank you" for members.
    - Church provided clean-up after the event as a gesture of appreciation to veterans.
    - Suggested (J Henderson) a cert of appreciation and gift certificate be presented Chief Dane, 2-assistants and 2-clean up volunteers-**Young taken for Action.**
  - C. Young also reported receipt of \$216.17 check from the VVA which has been deposited in the chapter account
  - Comments / Suggestions for future events should be presented to either Young or Delos Santos
    - Young suggested for future event we should have a committee set-up to plan and execute the event.
      - John Henderson noted our annual BBQ has outgrown our current facility.
      - Terry Quick noted that Remlinger Farms could be an excellent option for consideration which he could co-ordinate August Time Frame. **T. Quick taken for Action.**

- C. Young- Membership has grown from 61 members 3 ½ years ago to our current membership of 101. 3 additional members in the mix which will bring the total to 104 members. National provides \$9.00 / member.
- C. Young noted he has donation forms for anyone making a donation and wanting to record for tax purposes but needs to be signed by a board member.
- C. Young noted the involvement of our membership for our poppy sales far exceeded other organization which struggled to support on location. We were able to support 4 locations this past year but will probably scale back in the future.
- G. Delos Santos- Edwin Gonzalos (sp) Tahoma Cemetery was scheduled but was unable to attend this meeting, Will reschedule- **G. Delos Santos Taken for Action.**
- G. Delos Santos-Special Thanks to members for there efforts to support the VVA.
  - Chris Young and wife Deb
  - Jerry LaCombe and wife Jann
  - Richard Bianchin and wife Tracy
  - John Henderson and wife Kathleen
  - Jerry Mathison and wife Patricia
  - Tammi Stokey
- G. Delos Santos reported that he has been receiving notices of “care packages” from a store in Everett which he has been delivering to Sebastian House for Vets.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- G. Delos Santos- Memorial Day working on guest speaker, advise Greg of any suggestions.
- Additional State Delegate (3<sup>rd</sup>) needed asked for anyone of interest to volunteer. S. Pennington discussed requirements of position. Two members volunteered for consideration. **Action Item-G. Delos Santos appoint 3<sup>rd</sup> Delegate from volunteers.**
  - Jerry Mathison
  - Earl Shafer
- G. Delos Santos-handed out chapter pins to members who were present and had not previously received a pin. (Those who had purchased pins received reimbursement checks).
- C. Young- Special Thanks to John Henderson and Kathleen for reaching out to special need members with cards and flowers which is a very time consuming effort.
- Virginia Nastiuk-Advised becoming aware of an “antenna wire” that could be sown into a garment and used to track someone, such as a child or old people subject to be lost.
- J. LaCombe-reported on possible reduction of property taxes for Veterans. Contact your local property tax accessor for eligibility requirements.
- T. Quick-Upcoming Moses Lake Air Show Fathers Day week end June 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>

- Moses Lake Best Western on the Lake-Upgrade
- Need list of people who plan on attending to get room blocked out-individual responsible for payment.
- Special govt discount.
- Will be allowed to sell poppies at event.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- Francisco-advise contact details for Bergmann and Moore LLC (Camp Llejeune)
- C. Young-Letter of Appreciation and gift cards for Chief Dane and 4 assistants-New Years Dinner.
- T. Quick-Provide Details for Remlinger Farms for August BBQ
- G. Delos Santos-Reschedule Edwin Gonzalos (sp) Tahoma Cemetery
- G. Delos Santos-Finalize Memorial Day Speaker-suggested speakers welcomed
- G. Delos Santos-Select 3<sup>rd</sup> State Delegate to represent Chapter