



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
DARWIN J. THOMAS
MEMORIAL CHAPTER 201
SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday March 24 , 2025

Attendees:

Arnold, Gerald	USN	Kumler, Craig	USN
Blank, Roger	USAF	Lem, Frank	USAF
Carroll, Walter	USAF	Lyon, Peter	USN
Cederholm, Gerald	USA	Morasch, Peter	USA
Clark, Roger	USA	O'Connor, Bob	USMC
Clegg, Freddie	USA	Roberts, Gary	USA
Cranford, Jim	USA	Reichard, Bill	USA
Crawford, Thomas	USA	Stauffer, Jack	USAF
Devlin, Robert	USAF	Thompson, Stephen	USN
Fanucchi, Gene	USA	Veit, Richard	USA
Finch, Warren	USA	Wells, Jack	USMC
Frangadakis, Mike	USA	Welsh, Mike	USMC
Garcia, Patrick	USMC	Whittaker, Dennis	USA
Havens, Don	USMC	Dong, Cang	ARVN
Husing, Jim	USA	Vangaasbede, Cuan Thanh	AVVA
Ivers, Barry	USA		

I. The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Warren Finch at 12:15 PM (1215 hours) at Cupertino Country Inn. Sergeant-At-At-Arms Freddie Clegg presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Chaplain Richard Veit provided the invocation.

II. **Roll Call of Chapter Officers**
 President - Warren Finch

Vice President - Gene Fanucchi
Secretary/Treasurer - Stephen Thompson
Sergeant at Arms -Freddie Clegg
3-year Board Member – Gerald Cederholm
2-year Board Member - Dennis Foggie -Excused
1-year Board Member -Dennis Whittaker
1-year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit -

III. Guests:

Robin Kimler
Gwen Lee
Kathy Matubilavicz
Hoang, Knanh

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the February meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. Motion to approve the minutes by Frank Lem and second by Dennis Foggie

V. Correspondence:

- a. **Bank Statements**
- b. **Thank you letter from Moving Wall**

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for February was presented. Motion Gerald Arnold and Seconded by Freddie Clegg

VII. Officer Reports:

President Report =

- a. Warren shared with the group that he is scheduled to start Chemotherapy this week and prognosis is encouraging.
- b. South Bay Veterans Chorus has a planned event for May and will send more information in the future

VIII. Chaplain Report

Chaplain asked for thoughts go out to:

David Sanders
Randy Richmond
Rich McCoy
Neil Lichtman
Rose Herrera
Bill Briggs

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Next board meeting to be held In May, date to be determined.

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

- Next meeting is April 17 - 19 in Visalia

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Nothing to Report

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson): As of February 28, we have 144 Members

Agent Orange and POW/MIA Committee - Steve Thompson noted that he sent Information regarding frontal temporal dementia which is fatal and copies of the web were distributed during meeting.

Constitution By-Laws Committee (Steve Thompson): nothing to report

Community Services Committee – Mike Frangadakis - nothing to report

Government Affairs Committee (Rose Herrera): nothing to report.

Finance and Fund-Raising Committee: Nothing to report

Veterans Benefits (Gerald Arnold): Reminded veterans to stay on top of their care with the VA

Emergency Assistance Program: Nothing to report

XIII. Unfinished Business:

None

XIV. New Business:

- a. Motion to accept the draft budget for FYE 2026 as submitted during the prior meeting. Motion made, seconded and approved.

XV. AVVA Report:

There will be a special meeting at the State Capitol In Sacramento on April 30, 2025 to commemorate the fall of Saigon and loss of the country of South Vietnam; Steve Thompson, Jerry Arnold and Warren Finch (If well) will carry US, State and Chapter colors. Any other members that would like to attend are encouraged to attend this Important ceremony.

XVI. Good of the Order

XVII. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Chaplain Rich Veit and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms.

XVIII. The next event scheduled for VVA Chapter 201 will be at Holders Country Inn in Cupertino on April 28, 2025.



Stephen R Thompson

Secretary/Treasurer
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