



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

Chapter Meeting Minutes
Monday July 28, 2025

Attendees:

Arnold, Gerald	USN	Foggie, Dennis	USAF
Arce, Bernie	USMC	Frangadakis, Michael	USA
Blank, Roger	USAF	Garcia, Patrick	USMC
Carroll, Walter	USAF	Husing, Jim	USA
Cederholm, Gerald	USA	Kumler, Craig	USN
Clark, Roger	USA	Matulewicz, Kathy	
Clegg, Freddie	USA	Morasch, Peter	USA
Cranford, Jim	USA	Reichard, Bill	USA
Crawford, Tom	USA	Stauffer, Jack	USAF
Edgerton, C. Craige	USMC	Swiger, Dan	USAF
Eagon, Jerome	USA	Thompson, Stephen	USN
Fanucchi, Gene	USA	Veit, Richard	USA
Finch, Warren	USA	Wells, Jack	USMC
		Whittaker	USA
		Dong, Cang	ARVN
		Vangaasbede, Xuan Thanh	AVVA

I. The meeting was called to order by President Warren Finch at 12:20 PM (1220 hours) at Cupertino Country Inn. Sergeant-At-Arms Freddie Clegg presented the colors and led the Pledge of Allegiance and Rich 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
1-year Board Member -Dennis Whittaker
1-year Rotating Board Member - Richard Veit

III. Guests:

Freddie introduced C. Craig Edgerton, USMC Vietnam Veteran to the group and noted he will be a speaker at next meeting and has published a book for sale at next meeting. He is noted in attendance as he has applied for membership in VVA 201.

Robin Kumler
Hoang, Khanh
Lucia Carroll

IV. Reading of Minutes:

Minutes of the June meeting were forwarded electronically to the membership. One correction noted is that Dennis Foggie was in attendance at the meeting. Minutes approved by acclamation.

V. Correspondence:

Bank Statements
Veteran Magazine

VI. Finance Report:

The Finance Report for May and June were noted during the meeting. Motion to approve Finance Report as presented and subject to audit.

VII. Officer Reports:

Presiding Officer – President Finch discussed the fact that the continuation of VVA as a National organization will be discussed at length during the annual convention in August and 2028 is being floated as a possible date the organization will terminate and transition to a different organization to continue the Legacy of Vietnam Veterans and their families,
South Bay Veterans Chorus updates to be provided at next meeting

VIII. Chaplain Report

Chaplain asked for thoughts go out to:

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

IX. Board Of Directors Report:

Nothing to Report

X. California State Council (CSC) Report:

- Next meeting will be held in Visalia October 3 – 5 and Steve Thompson will attend and report back to the chapter

XI. United Veterans Council (UVC) Report:

Nothing to Report

XII. Committee Reports:

Membership Committee (Stephen Thompson): As of June 30, we have 144 Members

Agent Orange and POW/MIA Committee - Nothing to report

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

Community Services Committee – Mike Frangadakis encourages everyone to take some time and visit the Santa Clara VSO to assure they are receiving all benefits they are entitled and to request copies of their full Military records Including health records.

Also, Free dental care available twice a month at Palo Alto VA Medical Center, VSO and Gilroy VSO.

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:

- XV. AVVA Report** = Cang requested update on what VVA will be doing for POW/MIA day and President Finch noted the Chapter will review for action at the next BOD meeting,

I. Good of the Order -

Peter Morasch, along with other vets provided an In depth Interview with High School students at Saratoga High School and It Is available on You tube, Steve Thompson sent copy of link to membership

Dick Francis will be In town during August and will attend the next meeting,

II. Closing Ceremony

Closing prayer provided by Rich Veit and Colors retired by Sergeant at arms,
Freddie Clegg.

III. The next scheduled event for VVA Chapter 201 will be at the Cupertino Country Inn on Monday August 25, 2025 with non-hosted social at 11 and meeting to be held at 12 PM.



Stephen R Thompson
Secretary / Treasurer
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