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Chapter 106 Celebrates New Year



Bill Rasmussen enjoying horseshoes.

On Saturday, January 10th, Chapter 106 members, families and friends gathered at Reid Park to celebrate the coming new year. The beautiful weather provided a great setting for volleyball, horseshoes, food and good conversation.

The Chapter provided the hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages; while members brought the salads, baked beans and cold plates. Director David Bentley lent his expertise in the cooking department.

New and old members alike joined in conversation on topics concerning Vietnam Era Veterans. Eleanor Reitz spoke on the upcoming POW/MIA march from Phoenix to Tucson from the 7th of March to the 14th of March. The issue of homeless Vietnam Vets was discussed, and it was great when Vets sleeping in the park joined us for an afternoon of food and conversation.

Special thanks to Picnic Chairperson Bernie Croteau! She did a great job in organizing the picnic. Bernie's response to the laurels of success was simply, "I enjoyed organizing the picnic because of the enthusiastic help I received from the many volunteers."

So Chapter, here are the volunteers who helped make this a special New Year Picnic:



David Bentley serving the burgers.

Darlene Smyth
Joyce and Albie Ginaro
Bill and Jan Rasmussen
Karen and John Shirley
Gene Voelzow
Dave Bentley

and last, but not least, a word on the picnic from our President, Dave Croteau. "Many thanks to all who donated food and participated in the day. It was agreed by all that the New Year/Thank You Picnic was a success and that more of the same should be forthcoming!"

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BOARD TALK

Re. Goals. Representatives from Brewster House were unable to attend due to being out of town. Gene Voelzow said he would have them at the next meeting.....Officers reports. Newsletter--John Shirley. He said his goal is to make the newsletter bigger and more comprehensive. He needs lots of input from all the members. Come on folks we **need** your war stories and PICTURES.....Treasurer--Mike Smyth. He received a check for \$682.00 from the Tucson Community Foundation fund on monies remaining from the helicopter account. This money will be used to donate equipment requested by the people at Search and Rescue to aid in their efforts throughout Pima County. We are going to try and get media coverage when we present the items to them, hopefully at a general meeting. Come on out and get your picture taken.....Board of Directors. VVA Sales--Shawn Swartzmiller. He still hasn't received all the answers to his inquiries. It was voted to stock up on VVA items in the mean time as A and A days are coming up and we need things to sell.....Agent Orange--Louie Leos. No good news to report. The government is still giving everyone the run around.....POW/MIA--Elanor Reitz. There will be a BBC program entitled "We Can Keep You Forever" aired on channel 4 on Jan 21st and again on the following Sunday Jan 25th. They are working on a POW/MIA walk to be held 7 to 14 March. It will start in Phoenix at Luke AFB and end in Tucson at Davis-Monthan AFB. **ALL** chapter members are asked to participate in some way or another. If you can't make it for the whole walk at least come out when you can and walk with them for an hour or two. Encourage all your friends to do so also. After all can't you use some exercise???!!!!.....Dave Croteau recommended that the board consider Albie Ginaro to fill the position of Public Affairs Representative. Albie gave the board his resume and spoke of his desire and qualifications to represent the Chapter. The board voted to read the resume and make a decision at the next meeting.....Dave Croteau also announced that Chuck Hovey was interested in becoming the Chapter Service Representative. Chuck also made a presentation to the board and was questioned by them. It was decided to form a committee to define the job of the Service Representative. Chuck Hovey, Mike Smyth, Steve Nelson and Elanor Reitz volunteered to be on the committee.....Old business. It was announced that Fiesta Lanes will be starting a new league at the end of the month. Anyone interested contact Dave Bentley. Any "ace" bowlers out there?.....New business. Albie Ginaro said he had a talk with John Wearing our first chapter president.....Chuck Hovey came up with some great fund raising ideas. How about you? Have any **legal** ways we can come up with some cash?.....Elanor Reitz reminded everyone about the POW/MIA march.....Dave Croteau spoke of the need for commitment. We need to participate and when we take on a task we should follow through with it. We should have pride in the chapter and what it stands for--service to our fellow Vietnam Vets. Our next chapter meeting promises to be a good one. **Come on out and see for yourself!**

Till next month.

Your Board

MEETING DATES

BOARD MEETING - Thursday, February 12th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time: 7:30 PM.

GENERAL MEETING - Monday, February 23rd at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time: 7:30 PM.

BOARD MEETING - Thursday, March 12th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time: 7:30 PM.

Just a REMINDER! Most members' dues are due this month. Please put it in your budget and stay up to date with the Chapter!

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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ATTENTION! THIS MAY CONCERN YOU

Chapter 106 is currently updating the mailing list to help reduce the cost of printing and mailing. We are proud to say at this point, we are 99% accurate. But the best made plans of Vets and Civilians seem to be still incomplete.

Realizing we all lead busy and active lives, with both spouses working to make ends meet and the budget to balance at the end of the month, some of us might have a tendency to forget one or two important dates. One of those dates is the monthly Chapter 106 meeting, held every fourth Thursday of each month.

So the Chapter can be of better service to you, being a member or one of the many Friends of Chapter 106, we are in need of your phone number. This will give us a chance to give you a short but helpful reminder a few days before the regular meeting date to let you know the program topic, speaker and the time of the meeting.

One of the many goals of Chapter 106 is to keep it's members and friends informed of the issues that concern Viet Nam Veterans. All of the programs are designed to be informative and entertaining to the needs, wants and desires of the membership. **DO NOT MISS THE PROGRAM THAT MAY BE ABLE TO ANSWER SOME OF YOUR QUESTIONS.**

Take the time right now to address an envelope, put a stamp on it and mail to:

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along with your name, address, PHONE NUMBER and a program idea that YOU would like to see at a future meeting.

PLEASE HELP US TO HELP YOU!

Newspapers and advertising go hand in hand. \$10.00 for a business card ad goes a long way! Printing of the newsletter runs \$100 plus the postage of approximately \$52.00 Contact John or Steve at 884-7544 for more details.



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