

Board Talk

The following items were discussed at the Board meeting on Feb. 26, 1996.

John Shirley read a letter from Chester Rick explaining his absence and asking that John chair the meeting.

Pete Duerr requested a vote of confidence from the chapter to continue as treasurer and as state council president. Chapter gave him a unanimous vote of confidence.

Deborah Fahnestock wants to present two photographs she had at her house to an organization that would display them. Motion that the pictures be taken into the care of Chapter 106 and that the pictures would be loaned by Chapter 106 to VFW Post 10188, VFW Post 5990, or the Vet Center as long as they will continue to display the pictures. Furthermore, the pictures are to be returned to Chapter 106 in the event Chapter 106 ever gets a Chapter home.

Veterans Affairs: Bob Taylor, Thursday, March 6 at 9 a.m. Pictures are being taken for the program for the Volunteer Recognition Ceremony at the VA Hospital. Chapter is still in need of a service officer. There will be VVA training on June 10-14 in Washington D.C. He again thanked the chapter for its support on Bingo Night. It was announced that the first Nam Jam meeting will be held on March 3 at 4 p.m. at the First Christian Church at Speedway and Euclid.

Dave Croteau volunteered to be Nam Jam Chairman this year and gave his philosophies for the year.

Jade Stokes gave a stand down update. Latest word is that it will be held May 10-12 at Kennedy Park.

Chaplains update by Gail Skinner: Shawn Swartzmiller's wife is going into the hospital. Also Jeanette Shulock is going into the hospital.

Veterans Affairs Committee update by Gail Skinner: March 23 & 24 is A&A Days at Davis-Monthan AFB. The Pima County Board of Supervisors, led by Dan Eckstrom, wants to name the new sports complex across the street from Kino Hospital, the Veteran's Memorial Park. Now that the spring training site will be there also VAC is urging that we all write our supervisors to name the whole complex after veterans.

Meeting was turned over to nominating committee who gave a briefing on the nominating process.

Gary Morgan requested that the budget be reconsidered to give more money to Esperanza en Escalante. A long discussion ensued; no action was taken.

It was brought up that the High Schools are in need of speakers to inform the students of the Viet Nam War.

Don Howard proposed that the Chapter develop a home page on the internet. The approximate cost is \$20 per month Don was asked to bring up a proposal at the next meeting so it could be voted on. Gary Morgan donated \$20 to get him started

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

Tucson Chapter 106

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Schedule of events

| | | | |
|-----|--------------|-----------|--|
| Wed | Mar 20 | 6:45 pm | Bingo VA Medical Center Building 4 Conference Center |
| Mon | Mar 25 | 7:30 pm | Monthly Meeting VFW @ 345 E. Roger Rd. |
| | Apr 5 thru 7 | | Firebase Hidden Valley, Arizona |
| Sat | Apr 13 | | VAVS Carnival VA Medical Center |
| Wed | Apr 17 | 6:45 p.m. | Bingo VA Medical Center Building 4 Conference Center |
| Sat | Apr 22 | 7:30 pm | Annual Election VFW@ 345 E. Roger Rd. |
| Sat | May 4 | | Regional 9 Meeting Carson City, California |
| | May 10-12 | | Standdown Kennedy Park |
| Wed | May 20 | 6:45 pm | Bingo VAMedical Center Building 4 Conference |
| Mon | May 25 | 7:30 pm | Monthly Meeting VFW@ 345 E. Roger Rd. |

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Budget

| Description | | 95-96 * | New or Change | Monthly | Yearly |
|-------------|---|---------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| 9 | VA Medical Center - Canteen Books | Yes | | 50 | 600 |
| 9 | VA Medical Center - Bingo | | Yes | 115 | 1,380 |
| 9 | VA Medical Center - Comforting Items | | Yes | 25 | 300 |
| 9 | The Veterans Scholarship | | Yes | | 1,000 |
| 9 | Esperanza En Escalante | Yes | | 350 | 4,200 |
| 9 | Esperanza En Escalante | | Yes | | 1,800 |
| 9 | Other Allocations | | Yes | | 1,227 |
| 11 | Meetings & Costs | | Yes | | 64 |
| 11 | Firebase - Arizona Firebase | Yes | | | 115 |
| 11 | Chapter Parties | | Yes | | 572 |
| 12 | Membership - State & National - Number of Members | No | No | | 2,328 |
| 13 | Nam Jam (Prior to Nam Jam) | | Yes | | 7,000 |
| 13 | Product Sales - Nam Jam (Prior to Nam Jam) | | Yes | | 2,000 |
| 20 | Telephone, Pager & Long Distance | Yes | | 82 | 984 |
| 17 | Printing & Postage - Nam Jam | Yes | | | 58 |
| 13 | Nam Jam (After Nam Jam) | | Yes | | 7,000 |
| 13 | Product Sales - Nam Jam (After Nam Jam) | | Yes | | 2,000 |
| 13 | Other Fund Raising Events | Yes | | | 451 |
| 17 | Printing & Postage | Yes | | 95 | 1,140 |
| 17 | Printing & Postage - Monsoon Tribune | Yes | | 121 | 1,452 |
| 14 | Bank Charges | Yes | | | 76 |
| 16 | Office Supplies | Yes | | | 720 |
| 18 | CPA (Corporation Commission & Taxes) | Yes | | | 125 |
| 21 | Region IX Meetings | | Yes | | 500 |
| 21 | National Leadership Conference & Convention | | Yes | | 3,000 |
| 21 | Lunch for State Council (When Meeting is in Tucson) | | Yes | | 150 |
| 22 | Other Expenses | Yes | | | 1,000 |
| | | | | TOTAL | 41,242 |

* 95-96 Based on Budget and Expenses from last year

PRESIDENT:

Chester Rick II
David Croteau

VICE-PRESIDENT:

Walt Maxam

Secretary:

Mike Brasher

Treasurer:

Pete Duerr

BOARD of DIRECTORS:

Mike Brewer
Louie Leos
Gary Morgan
Chris Flandera(Not Confirmed)

Dan Olivares
Robert Taylor
Albert Snell
Gail H. Skinner

As you can tell from the list of names posted above, the general election of officers and board members or Chapter 106 is again approaching. I wish to have some input from the membership about whom you wish to work in the positions of leadership in the Chapter. The thirteen people named above running for offices plus another half dozen or so are the active membership of this organization who have been the day to day working core for most of the past few years. This makes for a heavy burden of responsibility upon everyone's shoulders. The great majority of you as members send us your annual dues and your DD-214s and then we know that you are out there somewhere and that you seem to think that what we are doing is all right. In reality, in addition to your dues and your paperwork, we need your presence, your ideas, your criticism and your bodies to help with projects, fund raising and just your general support. Somewhere amongst those of you who are out there are great ideas to help this chapter reach out and make a positive mark in our community.

There are so many problems that need to be solved; gangs and homeless veterans just to name two. During the time that we served, we worked together and survived together and then we came home. We've put THAT TIME behind us and gone on with our lives. No one wants to go back to those days again. But now our society, our city, our neighborhoods all have their share of problems. Our children have a far tougher world to grow up in than we did. By joining together once again, we can make a difference. We can become a dynamic force to help change some of the chaos back into order. It can only happen though if you are willing to get involved and participate.

The Annual Meeting and General Election of officers will be held on 22 April, 1996. The next meeting is on 25 March at 7:30 pm at VFW 10188, 345 E. Roger Rd. This is an opportunity for you to come and meet the people who are running for office. I hope to see a lot of you there.

Gail H. Skinner,
Nominating Committee Chairman

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Membership Application

Individual Membership is open to all Vietnam-era veterans who served on active duty for other-than-training purposes between Jan. 1, 1959 and May 7, 1975. **Associate Membership** is open to all veterans, family members, friends, and the general public.

Membership (select one):

- Individual Vietnam-Era Veteran with copy of DD Form 214
- Associate Membership
- Renewal of Membership Member Number

Name _____ Sex: Male Female

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Membership Type (select one):

- Annual: Vietnam-Era Veteran or Associate
- 1 year @ \$20 3 year @ \$50

Life Member: Vietnam-Era Veteran or Associate

- age 49 and under @ \$250 ages 50-55 @ \$225
- ages 56-60 @ \$200 ages 61-65 @ \$175
- age 66 and over \$150

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