

VVA Chapter 1106
News and Announcements
Serving Veterans in South Metro Denver Area
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When and Where we Meet

Chapter 1106 meets the first Saturday of every month at the South Metro Fire and Rescue Building, at 9 a.m. at 9195 E Mineral Avenue, Centennial CO 80112.

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Barry Fiore, our Forgotten Heroes Campaign leader, will never be forgotten by his friends in the chapter. He is pictured, center, at his going-away party May 3. See Pages 3-7 for Barry's goodbye.

Notes from the President

Summer is here with its beautiful Colorado weather.

A big thank you to all who worked at the Memorial Day weekend Poppy Drive. We had three King Soopers locations and, overall, we did very well. We handed out small American flags and interacted with the community. Thank you.

We will be having a special Fourth of July membership meeting (July 4). To celebrate our country's Quincentennial, we'll have a special guest speaker, a retired college professor of history. We'll have the room decorated, and serve all-American hot dogs. And, a surprise for everyone. Please plan to attend this festive meeting.

As a reminder, our chapter's Summer picnic will be on Saturday, August 15 (second Saturday in August). Please plan to bring an item to share. Sign-up sheets will be at our July and August meetings. It's always enjoyable to have good food and good company. Our second annual golf tournament fund raiser is scheduled for September at Heather Gardens Golf Course. Please see Joseph Robinson to get involved. He and his team have

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Chapter members receive Quilts of Valor



From left at top, Chapter 1106 members Richard H. Kamerling, Elsie Moriarty and Craig Fagerness received Quilts of Valor at the May chapter meeting. Above, Paul Weber receives a quilt from Quilts of Valor members. Member Jan Weber said Catherine Roberts started the program after sending a quilt to her son when he was in the military and seeing him wrapped in it because it represented safety, security and home. Since then, the program has given more than 442,000 quilts to veterans nationwide. "We are forever grateful to each and every one of you," Weber said. "Everybody paid a price for my freedom." At left, Larry McQuinn receives his quilt June 6.

Fiore shares his bio, enjoys a friendly sendoff

Saying goodbye to a special friend who worked hard to honor fellow Veterans was not easy, but Barry Fiore was celebrated by Chapter 1106 as he shared his bio at the May 2 meeting and visited with chapter members at his sendoff at Cranelli's Italian Restaurant on Sunday, May 3. Fiore has moved to Peoria, Arizona to be near his children.

In sharing his bio, Barry told the chapter about five different times when he almost died.

Born in 1944 on Chicago's west side, he had one brother two years younger. The family lived above his grandfather's pizzeria. "I was a very active child, requiring stitches in seven areas of my body before the age of 6," he said. He was an altar boy in a Catholic school, where he enjoyed math, history and sports. In

1953 his family moved to Round Lake, 45 minutes north of Chicago. He loved playing outside and riding his bike. His passion was baseball, and he assembled books on every Chicago Cubs baseball game from 1953 to 1971. He worked in his grandfather's restaurant, becoming a cook at 12 years old. Because his mother was bi-polar and in and out of hospitals, he often had to care for his father and brother by cooking, sewing and doing laundry and other chores.

He graduated from Round Lake High School in 1962. That year he drove over a hill at 90 MPH and hit a truck, totaling his car. That was the first time he almost died. He excelled in baseball and was offered a minor league contract with the Detroit Tigers but turned it down because he would have had to spend 3 to 5 years in the minors before going to the major league. Instead, he worked for the Division of Highways and attended Northern Illinois University for a year each. He met his first wife at NIU. He was drafted by the Army in 1965 during the Vietnam Conflict. He was on orders to serve in Vietnam, but because he could type 55 words a minute, he served 13 months in Korea as a finance clerk, which he considers the second time he escaped possible death. There he played softball and tackle football on the EASCOM team and was a sportswriter on the military newspaper.

In 1967 he was assigned to Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey. He visited upstate New York, where he drank and "smoked weed" with Bob Dylan in a basement where Dylan was writing music. He was discharged that year and later earned a marketing degree from University of Illinois at Chicago. During this time, he visited the great Chicago Cubs infielder Ernie Banks's home, where he drank 7-Up and talked with his all-time hero for two hours. Also in 1969, Barry fell asleep while driving and drove off the tollway doing 70 MPH in the median, finally waking up in time to slow to a stop. That's the third time he said he could have died.

He married Lynn Engelhardt on Valentine's Day in 1970. They eventually had two sons and two daughters. He accepted Jesus into his life on June 8, 1975, and was able to give up cigarettes after 17 years of being a pack-a-day smoker. He began working for Illinois Bell Telephone Co. in 1970, transferring to Mountain Bell Co. in Denver in 1977. During the '70s he took his family to Yellowstone, where he tried throwing snacks to a brown bear. The bear snacked on the hood of his car, then came to the open window on the side of the car. His young daughter had taken the car keys from the ignition and hid them. He tried to protect the children from the bear. "The



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Barry Fiore. Continued from page 3

bear thought I was very stupid and just walked away,” Barry said, referring to the fourth time he could have died.

Barry met Vince Lombardi during this time. He followed Lombardi’s advice: make that



second effort and you would be considered late for an appointment if you were not 5-10 minutes early. Barry won salesman of the year more than once at AT&T. In 1984, Barry opened an Italian eatery and sports bar, Pizza de Fiore. “It was as close to Cheers as you could ever imagine – everyone knew everyone’s name,” he said. Though Fiore’s kept him busy, he took time out

for trips to China, South America, Italy, France, Greece, Portugal, Germany, Africa, and the Scandinavian countries. In 2000, he and Lynn divorced and he married Laurel Willliams in 2001. He sold his restaurant in 2002 and was able to spend more time with his wife and large family of six children and nine grandchildren. He played and coached softball or baseball for 70 years and umpired for 10 years.

During retirement, his mission has been to honor Veterans through the Forgotten Heroes Campaign, which has awarded over 2,000 medals, ribbons and badges to 162 Veterans who never received all their awards or no longer had them. “I get pleasure in providing happiness and joy to vets who were forgotten, especially the 33 vets we had award ceremonies for here in VVA, serving country so that we can have FREEDOM – it is not free,” Barry said.

Barry had a pacemaker installed in 2000, and another in 2008 and a third in 2022, when that second one malfunctioned and he nearly died, which was his fifth time cheating death. In 2019, his wife Laurel fell and fractured six vertebrae in her back. That and other medical ailments caused her to live in severe pain for the next five years, passing away in 2024. Now he is living in Arizona near his children and grandchildren.

Leaving the chapter with words of wisdom, Barry said:

“Using common sense will get you what you want most of the time.

Keeping your glass mostly full - as I have – will help you to be optimistic about life and your dealings with everyone.

Never give up.

If you throw enough against the wall of life, enough will stick in a positive way.

Always show love to others. Make your life meaningful. Pass on your life experiences and legacy to family and friends.”

Farewell, Barry! We'll miss you



Barry's Going Away Party May 3

The family of Barry Fiorie had a going away party for Barry at Cranelli's Italian Restaurant. Many Chapter 1106 members were in attendance.

Members of the Forgotten Heroes Campaign presented Barry with a Certificate of Appreciation for his many years leading the Colorado Forgotten Heroes Campaign.



Fiore's book honors Forgotten Heroes

Barry Fiore published a book last year that contains the biographies of 130 Veterans from the five military services and the various wars and military operations since 1941. These are entries in the Forgotten Heroes Campaign book.

Forgotten Hero Charles Ulma Smith Sergeant (E-5), United States Army Dates of Service: 01SEP64 – 31AUG67 Place of Birth: Autauga County, AL Biography Charles was born in 1946. He grew up in Prattville, Alabama and graduated from high school in 1964. He enlisted in the Army in September – his 4 older brothers were already in the military – he was the 6th of 10 children in the family. He spent basic training and advanced individual training at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina – infantry training. Huge changes in weather were in store for him – 1 year in the arctic regions of Alaska at Ft. Wainwright (60 below at times) – 3 months in the warmth of Hawaii – 1 year in Vietnam – finally, 5 months at Ft. Hood, Texas. He wrote a book, “The Arctic Jungles of Vietnam” in 2018, which shares the struggles of a young black man serving in an unpopular War and then returning home to a country struggling with racism, and the antagonism of Americans resenting the return of soldiers serving in a War the world is still trying to understand. Upon graduating from high school, the message was “be very proud of education – this means you can become the very best cooks, ditch diggers, servers & laborers”. For a poorly educated 18-year-old black male, it was twice as challenging and dangerous – in the Army he was trained to kill another human being at the very early age of 18 – without remorse. He was very lucky he was not a “tunnel rat” – soldiers sent in to kill Viet Cong – many did not return. He was wounded by friendly fire but was lucky and was not crippled. As an infantry man in Vietnam, you are always wondering “will I be alive tomorrow, or the next minute or hour”. One of his favorite places to sleep was in a cemetery on top of a grave – it was dry & soft. After active duty he was a firefighter, worked for United Airlines, and then worked for 30 years with Greyhound Bus lines as a driver (drove a total of 1,886,345 miles in 13 years) and instructor. Many of his health issues were from time in the military – ringing (tinnitus) in his ears for over 50 years, PTSD, and affects from Agent Orange – fatigue, numbness and tingling in limbs, and balance problems. All told, his experiences in the military had contributed to making him the man he is today. He sacrificed a great deal for his country.	Forgotten Hero Juan “John” Anthony Vargas Sergeant (E-5), United States Army Dates of Service: 22DEC65 – 23OCT67 Place of Birth: San Juan, Puerto Rico Biography John was born in 1945.. His family relocated to Manhattan, New York City, when he was 3 years old. He was drafted 3 days before Christmas 1965, and spent basic training and AIT in Ft. Lewis, Washington. He was then sent to Vietnam with the 4th Infantry Division, trekking through the jungles in search of the Viet Cong. He experienced intense heat, monsoon rains, bugs, and while stuck in rice paddies, witnessed his fellow brothers being wounded and killed. That convinced him to request a transfer. He joined the 25th Division “Centaur” as a door gunner. Here he felt like he was really doing his share. But it was like going “From the frying pan to the fire”. While being wounded in his right shoulder, he continued firing his M60 and marking an enemy stronghold with smoke grenades. John is only one of a very few from the Army to be awarded Air Force Medals – Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medals – for heroism while in aerial flight – amongst his 20 awards. He also received a Purple Heart Medal for his many injuries. After active duty, he worked for IBM for 15 years, for Electronics Security Company for 5 years, and then worked in sales for 4 years at the Radisson Hotel. After moving to Colorado in 2000, he worked as Director of Placement for a college in the Springs, a graduate of 3 Citizen Police Academies, a constant at the Pikes Peak Workforce Center, and as a volunteer with CSPD working with the protection of seniors, before retiring in 2010. He has been very active in retirement with the following: Vietnam Veterans of America, ambassador to the Honor Bell, the Sheriff’s department, Quilts of Valor, community work with Cherry Creek Schools, and originator of his 30-year-old passion called “Sharing the Foxhole and Citizen Heroes” – just to highlight a few during his “quiet” retirement. 147
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Vargas presents Puckett with FHC shadow box

On Friday, May 22, 2026, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1106 board member John Vargas is pictured with chapter member Colonel (Ret.) Thomas Puckett. John surprised and presented Tom with a Forgotten Heroes Campaign custom shadow box at breakfast at Le Peep in Highlands Ranch. Le Peep and staff are great supporters of VVA Chapter 1106 and all Veterans.

Barry Fiorie's Last Forgotten Heroes Presentation

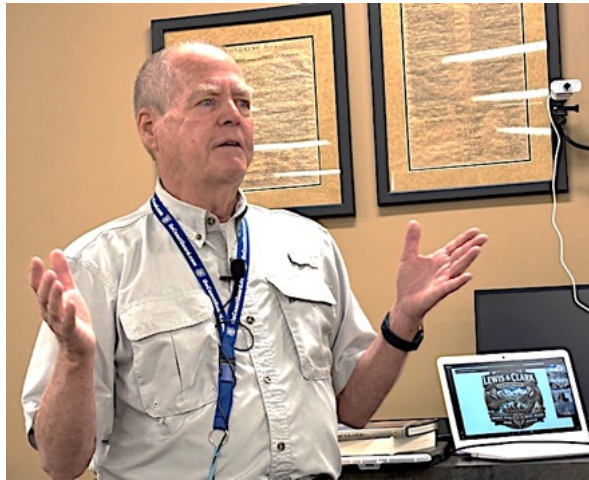


Barry conducted his last Colorado Forgotten Heroes presentation on May 9. Five veterans were honored with shadow boxes. Among them was Chapter 1106 member Tom Puckett. Tom retired from the US Army as a full-bird Colonel. As always, Brigadier General David Warner presented the shadow boxes. Mark Russel, a 96-year-old US Army Korean War Veteran, opened with the National Anthem. Jan Weber and her team were also there to present Quilts of Valor to the veterans that were honored. Among the awards presented to Barry was the presentation of the DoD Award for Veterans Service Medal. Chapter President Dave also presented Barry with an award for his service.



Guest Presentation

Bennett to photograph Lewis and Clark sites



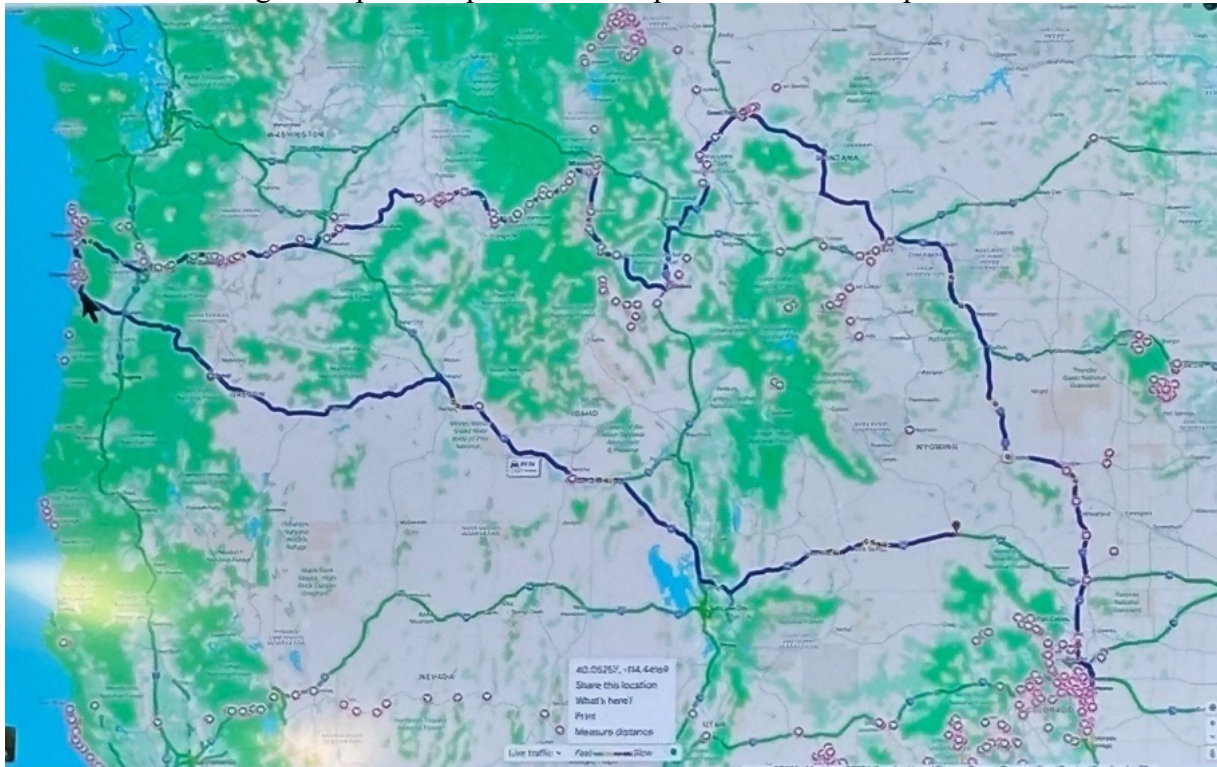
June guest speaker Keith Bennett gave an interesting presentation called “Retracing Lewis & Clark: A 2026 Journey Across History, Hardship, and the American West.” Keith (no stranger to us, formerly of the Colorado Corvette Club) described his upcoming Lewis & Clark trip. Keith stated, “This is not just a road trip; it is a chance to stand where they stood, see what they saw, and use photography to compare then and now.”

On the 15-day trip, Keith will follow the Corps of Discovery expedition (1804-1806) as a photographer embracing the theme “Show what you feel, not what you see.” By comparison, the

8,000-mile round trip by Lewis and Clark’s took 862 days, from May 1804 to September 1806. They had no detailed maps or weather reports and no one to tell them what lay ahead. They went from Missouri to near Portland, Oregon, and back without the conveniences of modern travel.

Bennett told chapter members, “...there are unbelievable similarities between the Lewis and Clark expedition and what we know as military service...how close the traits and attributes you have mirror what Lewis and Clark had.” Keith likened the success of the Corps of Discovery to our military experience and challenges and the military emphasis on mission, discipline, meeting challenging tasks, teamwork, and the importance of leadership.

We wish Keith a good trip and hope for another presentation to us upon his return.



MEMBER BIO

Stowe served with I-Corps in Vietnam

Wain Stowe (US Army) was a Ranger and member of the Army Corps of Engineers. Wain served in Vietnam in 1965-66 with I-Corps as an engineer advisor.

Wain, an Air Force "brat," was born in Oklahoma, and grew up in California, graduating from The University of Santa Clara. After Airborne and Ranger schools, he was assigned to Germany, where he met and married a wine maker's daughter. (How good is that?)

He spent three tours in Germany leading Engineering Combat and Construction units (interrupted by his Vietnam tour) and, after graduate studies, went to Thailand, the Baltimore Engineering District, the Army Operations Center, and the Pentagon in the Chief Engineer Office.

During his 65-66 Vietnam tour at DaNang, he provided logistical support to U.S. Advisors and advised engineer units, both US and Vietnamese, on construction projects.

Retiring in 1982, he joined the Energy Department of Pfizer Pharm and later moved to the foothills near Boulder CO, where he flew for 25 years, volunteering his plane and himself to Angel Flight. Following his wife's death 6 years ago, after 57 years of marriage, he moved to Windcrest. One of his hobbies is truffle making.



Guest Presentation

Vets get help with dementia and palliative care, hospice



Roger Rhodes of Homewatch CareGivers told members at the May meeting about a new VA program called the Guide Program, which offers dementia help. Homewatch was previously part of the Medicare pilot program, which offers free services of a dementia care nurse-for-life.

Roger brought with him Homewatch employee Victoria Dishong, a military spouse, educator and RN who gave us a tutorial on hospice and palliative care. Hospice care is given to patients with life-limiting illnesses who are expected to live

six months or less. The goal is to help patients to be comfortable and experience some joy every day. "Death doesn't have to feel scary," she said. Caregivers help provide dignity, comfort and peace at the end of life.

Palliative care can be given in the home with visits every four to six weeks at any stage of a serious disease. Palliative care is usually paid for by insurance and hospice by Medicare. The goal of palliative care is symptoms relief. Comfort measures include help with showering, maintaining beds, and providing equipment such as wheelchairs. Care is provided by a team of medical professionals who create an extra layer of support to improve the quality of life for both the patient and their family.

For more information on these services, contact Homewatch at (720) 344-4700.

Veterans Legislative Report by Pat Hammon

Veterans Advisory Board



The Veterans Advisory Board, which advises the Colorado State Adjutant General and the Colorado State Governor on Veterans Affairs, met June 5. They discussed their grant program and advised on investment issues, including homelessness, mental health services, transportation, food insecurity and women Veterans' issues.

Also included is the issue of isolation, especially in rural areas, and access to community care providers. If you have issues, let Pat know, and she can bring these issues to them at the next meeting.

Commission on Veterans Community Living Centers

The Commission on Veterans Community Living Centers (VCLCs) has been busy. Their marketing department has been out visiting the communities and informing veterans on what is available. The census at the living centers is up. See Pat if you have any questions about our five state VCLCs.

Note: Pat was the keynote speaker at the Monte Vista Veterans Nursing home on Memorial Day. The (VCLCs) will hold their next meeting in Rifle. It is an extremely well community-supported VCLC with lots of community involvement every week, and you are encouraged to visit if you are near Rifle.

United Veterans Coalition

The United Veterans Coalition worked hard with the legislature through the difficult year of funding challenges. We were relieved that the funding for the Veterans Service Organizations remained stable.

- There is ongoing discussion about possibly taking the word "disabled" off the Disabled Veteran license plates.

Also addressed were the Veterans Treatment Courts, which received an additional \$300,000 funding this year. That may have resulted from our increased lobbying to help those Veterans who may have run into trouble with the law.

The bill dealing with medications made from mushrooms did pass. WARNING: This can be very dangerous and such medications must be used with strict oversight, physician approval and proper medical prescription. Improper use can be lethal.



Vietnam Women's Memorial

Pat Hammon read a memorial to Diane Carlson Evans, nationally known VVA member, Army nurse in Vietnam and driving force behind the Vietnam Women's Memorial. Hammon helped to design the memorial, which stands on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. The 7' tall statue has four figures, three women and a wounded soldier. It honors the 11,000 military women who served in Vietnam and the 265,000 women who served around the world during the Vietnam Era. Carlson Evans worked from 1984 to 1993 to raise money for the memorial, leading a group of thousands of volunteers in 50 states. "Diane Carlson was an amazing woman," Hammon said.

Notes

July 4 special meeting

The July 4 meeting will be a special event to celebrate the nation's 250th birthday! There will be decorations, hot dogs, and a great program. The special guest speaker will be Stephany Walsh, an adjunct professor at Community College of Aurora and a retiree from Aurora Public Schools. She will speak about the U.S. Constitution - it's history and it's future.

Chapter newsletter on our website

Our chapter newsletter is emailed to each member, but if for some reason you do not receive it, you can find it on our website at www.vvachapter1106.org

Chapter income available from King Soopers and Pickup Please

To donate used household items to benefit Veterans, go to www.pickupplease.org
The chapter receives quarterly checks from this organization.

The chapter also receives income from King Soopers. Remember to sign up for the King Soopers Community Rewards program. We receive donations based on our members' shopping with them once you sign up. A digital account is needed to participate in the Community Rewards program. If you already have a digital account, simply link your Shopper's Card to your account so transactions apply toward organizations you choose.

Chapter members get priority for assistance

Chapter 1106 members have priority for any needs they might have from the Veterans Emergency Assistance fund chaired by Joe Plant. If you need anything, call Joe at 303-328-5600. If you know of anyone who might need our help, let Joe know. Three Veterans received rent assistance in May. Besides helping with rent, the chapter has helped Veterans with appliances such as walkers, wheelchairs, transport chairs and power chairs. We have also worked with "Purple Heart Homes" and Home Depot to repair and remodel homes for Veterans.

Member Walt Lucci said he has been blessed with a wheelchair and scooter from the fund. "Don't be afraid to approach Joe with what you need," he said.

Summer picnic August 15

The annual chapter family picnic will be Saturday, August 15. Volunteers are needed. If you can help, see John Vargas.

Authors to speak at August meeting

Speaker's Bureau Chairman Tom Werzyn says the authors of the book *Tears of a Warrior: A Family's Story of Combat and Living with PTSD*, Janet and Tony Seahorn, will speak at the August meeting. Also, Tom has contact information for the National Archives, where members can get copies of their DD214s and other important information.

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Perfect attendance

Chapter member Mike Kumnick was recognized at the June meeting for having perfect attendance at meetings since he joined, except for one time when he was in the hospital.

Membership is up!

Membership Chairman Jack Hunter reported at the June meeting that the chapter has 277 members and 43 associate members, for a total of 320. National membership is over 94,000. Jack asked that members take information cards to give to prospective members and suggested you put your contact information on the back so that those interested in joining can contact you. He has had 3,000 cards made. They are available on the information table at meetings.



Thanks, Post 1260, for Memorial Day ceremony

Post 1260 celebrated the nation's 250th Anniversary on May 25. Thanks to Commander Joe Langren and American Legion Post 1260 for the 250th Anniversary Memorial Day ceremony held at Civic Park in Highlands Ranch.

Close to 200 guests attended this event.

Trip to Angel Fire anyone?

Chapter Events Coordinator Joe Robinson says there is planning in the works for a possible overnight trip to the Angel Fire Memorial and Museum in New Mexico. He says car-pooling would be preferred over the cost of bus transportation. Stay tuned for more information.

The memorial and museum contain a great deal of information and artifacts from the Vietnam War. It was the project of a family who lost a son in Vietnam. The chapter had a trip there a few years ago.

Notes from the President

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been busy meeting and planning this event.

The officers and board of the chapter will continue to ensure that our chapter brings value to each member. We are committed to serving you. We are always open to your suggestions and ideas to help make this chapter even better.

To everyone, thank you for being part of this great organization. It's you, the members, who make this organization great. Please continue to stay in touch with each other.

Dave Lyons, President

Memorial Day 2026

The Honor Bell was at Fort Logan National Cemetery this Memorial Day to pay tribute to our fallen military men and women. "We Remember. We Honor. We Carry Their Legacy."

Photo courtesy of Joe Dempsey



Chapter meets for lunch at Golden Corral

Each month on the Thursday following the chapter meeting, members meet for lunch at the Golden Corral at River Point at Sheridan. The photo above is from the luncheon at 11 a.m. on Thursday, June 11. Lee White started the lunch dates, and we have continued them for the past four months. Total cost is about \$15.00. The address is:

The Golden Corral at River Point at Sheridan
3677 S Santa Fe Dr
Sheridan CO 80110

Wear your name tag.

When you arrive, walk to the left to the room in the back. All members and guests are invited. They will find room for as many as show up.



Special treat at June meeting

Above, Chapter 1106 Color Guard served breakfast sandwiches to members at the June 6 meeting. At left, John Vargas hands a check to Janice, co-owner of Greenwood Village Café, for our delicious breakfast sandwiches

SUICIDE RISK & PREVENTION

BY JA VARGAS

FACTORS THAT MAY DECREASE RISK FOR VETERANS

- *ADDITIONAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS AND SERVICES
- *A PHYSICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY SAFE SUPPORT GROUP
- AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE ONE CAN TALK ABOUT HIS/HER WARTIME EXPERIENCES WITHOUT FEAR OF STIGMA, HUMILIATION, OR ABUSE.
- *POSITIVE, CARING RELATIONSHIPS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
- *POSITIVE, TRUSTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH A MENTAL-HEALTH PROFESSIONAL.
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- **IF YOU HAVE EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SUICIDE OR KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO HAS CALL THIS TOLL-FREE NUMBER 24HRS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK: 1-800-274-TALK (8255).**

3 tiles awarded at Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument



From left, Jim Bishop, Bob Brown and Dave McConahan admire their tiles. Center, John Vargas opened the ceremony. At right, Chapter 1106 Color Guard presented the colors.

Chapter 1106 members presented three Veterans with tiles that were mounted at the Highlands Ranch Veterans Monument on June 20. Tiles were presented to chapter members Garry “Chappy” Turks and Bob Brown. Garry could not make the event, but Joe Plant read his bio. Jane Brown read Bob’s bio. He was totally surprised to receive a tile. In addition, a third tile was presented to a member of John Vargas’s VA PTSD group, Dave McConahan. The tiles were purchased with donations from members and friends. In addition, a chapter appreciation certificate was presented to Lisa Casper, Public Relations Liaison – Special Events for Douglas County Libraries, for their continued support of Veterans and the Veteran community.



Lisa Casper, Highlands Ranch Library



Chapter members and friends pose at the Veterans Monument

Chapter 1106 Calendar of Events

June 2026		
June 6 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
June 27 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
July 2026		
July 4 (Saturday)	Special Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
July 25 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
August 2026		
August 1 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
August 15 (Saturday)	Chapter Family Summer Picnic	Falcon Park, Highlands Ranch
August 29 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
September 2026		
September 5 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
September 15 (Tuesday)	Second Annual Chapter Golf Tournament	Heather Garden Golf Course
September 26 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
October 2026		
October 3 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
October 10 (Saturday)	Colorado State Council Meeting	Castle Pines Library
October 31 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
November 2026		
November 7 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
November 11 (Wed.)	Veterans Day	Events at Various Locations
November 8 (Saturday)	Veterans Day weekend Poppy Drive (tentative)	TBD
November 28 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line
December 2026		
December 5 (Saturday)	Monthly Chapter Meeting	South Metro Fire and Rescue HQ
December 12 (Saturday)	Chapter Holiday Luncheon and Festivities	Maggiano's Italian Restaurant
December 26 (Saturday)	Chapter Board of Directors Meeting	On-Line

Happy 250th, America!!!