

UNITED VETERANS COMMITTEE OF COLORADO (UVC)

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MINUTES

(JANUARY 11, 2010)

MEETINGS AT VFW POST 9644
2680 W Hampden Ave
Englewood, CO 80110-1906
303-789-9733

West of Sante Fe on highway 285. First traffic light, turn right (Brady Court) and follow curving road to top of hill. VFW Post on left OR Turn North on Federal, and then right on Hampden and VFW Post will be on your right.

NEW WEB ADDRESS:

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NEW Email:

secty@unitedveteranscommittee.com

1. **CALL TO ORDER 0900 hrs**
2. **INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE TO THE FLAG**
3. **MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR MIA-POW:**
4. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
 - First Time Attendees / Visitors Welcomed
 1. Pat Reynolds – CR Builders.
 2. Matt Saxon – NIOC Colorado.
 3. Jason Teeters – NIOC Colorado
 4. Victoria Madey NIOC Colorado
 5. Joel Coen – SEAKR Foundation
 6. Kate Hamilton – Prairie View HS
 7. Kelly Gonzalez – Prairie View HS
 8. Sgt Sanchez
 9. Rick Spoor – The Flexible and Tolerant Landlord
 - Guest Speaker – Kate Hamilton – Prairie View HS.
 - PVHS Vietnam Veterans Memorial Program to honor and welcome home servicemen and women who served during the Vietnam Era. Website is namvettribute.org.
5. **ROLL CALL**
6. **REPORTS**
 - Secretary – Minutes approved
 - Treasurer – Report
 - Money Market Account
 - Beginning Balance 12/1/2010 \$33,219.59
 - Ending Balance 12/31/2010 \$31,557.76
 - Share Draft Account
 - Beginning Balance 12/1/2010 \$ 46.63
 - Ending Balance 12/31/2010 \$ 47.85
 - Total Monetary Assets 12/31/2010 \$34,278.60
 - Accepted
7. **ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS (not in precise order)**
 - DAV – Chuck Dickerson, Post Dept Commander
 - Why isn't the POW/MIA flag flying over the state capitol?
 - American Legion – Frank McCurdy – Past Dept Commander.
 1. Midyear Conference Jan 28 – 30 in Colorado Springs.

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- 2. Washington Conference Mar 19 – 23.
 - VFW – Warren Tellgren – Past Dept Commander
 - 1. Associated Veterans Committee is in desperate need of more VSO's to support.
 - 2. Washington Conference 7 March.
 - 3. Dept Voice of Democracy Banquet Jan 29.
 - Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association – John Rossie - Director
 - 1. Ultimate Goal is State Resolution
 - 2. Request UVC support
 - 3. Then would like to request Reps from State Reps to meet Military Coalition.
 - NIOC Colorado – Matt Saxton – CPO USN.
 - 1. “A taste of heritage” Brown Bag experience at Buckley AFB.
- 8. UVC LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE – James Bobick, Nate Gorman,**
- Met with Senate President Shafer. He emphasized his continued support for veterans issues, UVC Goals were discussed.
 - Meeting scheduled with Speaker of the House for Jan 19. Representative McNulty has expressed his support for Veterans Issues.
 - Currently organizing UVC positions on veterans issues for current legislative session.
- 9. UVC BANQUET COMMITTEE - Report by Ken Melcher.**
- The UVC Awards Banquet will be held on 10 April, 2011 at the Renaissance Hotel 3801 Quebec Street. Reception 3:30 pm, Dinner 5:pm.
- 10. UVC MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**
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- 11. COLORADO BOARD OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – Ralph Bozella, Chairman**
- The Board will meet today at the VARO office
 - The 2010 Annual report is printed and available.
 - Other agenda items will be Homeless Veterans Report, Helmets to Hats as part of veterans building the Veterans Hospital.
 - The Board will join with DMVA, CAP to make a presentation to the Joint State, Military and Veterans Affairs of the State House and Senate Jan 19.
 - Thanks to Janice Jacobs for hosting the meeting today.
- 12. VETERANS NURSING HOME COMMISSION - Report by Jay Bobick**
- The Rifle State Veterans Nursing Home is not in jeopardy of closing. 2009 financial loss has been corrected and 2010 was a successful year.
 - State Veterans Nursing Home O&M requirements are of primary interest in 2011.
- 13. VETERANS NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATION – Brad Hanl - Administrator**
- Florence
 - Has been Eden certified for two years
 - Working Pay for Performance Application the facility has received the max increase for each year from the program
 - Planning a Wellness Awareness program for February
 - Walsenburg
 - Finalizing the Quality of Life Improvement Project.
 - Strong Census and Financial results.
 - New administrator Marty Schlink has begun her position.
 - Homelake
 - Now admitting new Doms, four new residents so far.
 - Dom waiting list is growing.
 - In the final stage of completing the out patient clinic.

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- Fitsimons
 - Has submitted the Eden Certification Application
 - Working P4P Application
 - Census and Financials are strong.
 - Good VA survey, no report yet.
- Rifle
 - Is doing well despite the newspaper accounts.
 - Paul is doing a good job and has the facility in the black.

14. FITZSIMONS NURSING HOME ADVISORY BOARD – Ken Melcher

- Next meeting is 28 January.

15. CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS.

- **Congressman Perlmutter** - Bill Holen – Congressional Staff
 - No Report.
- **Congressman Gardner** –
 - No Report.
- **Representative Jared Polis** –
 - No Report.
- **Congressman Lamborn** –
 - No Report.
- **Representative Coffman – Myron Spanier - Staff**
 - Working on continued improvements in veterans affairs.
 - Will work to get Rep Gardner and Rep Tipton Veteran staff involved with the UVC ASAP.
 - So far 13 of our nominations have been accepted to the service academies.
- **Representative DeGette – Andrea Autobee - Aide**
 - Veterans in the first CD should call for assistance 303-844-4988.
- **Senator Bennet – Bennie Miller**
 - Thanks for the outpouring of support for the veteran that needed help repairing his furnace. Project Sanctuary, Welcome Home and a contractor helped make that happen.
 - Encourage Vets and their Service Organizations as SECVA Gates looks to reduce DOD budget by 100 Billion over the next 10 years. Become informed so your voice can be heard in the discussion.
- **Governor Hickenlooper** –
 - No Report.

16. VISN 19, VARO, VA CEMETERIES, VA ECHCS, VA DALC, VA HEALTH CENTER

- VA Regional Office – Janice Jacobs, Director
 1. Currently 109 days is the average vs the goal of 130 days.
 2. Veterans can e-mail their questions about their claims or complaints or other comments to VA through IRIS system (Inquiry Routing and Info System).
- Fort Logan National Cemetery – Joe Turnbach, Director
 1. 298 internments during November, 154 were cremations.
 2. Most resources this time of year are devoted to snow removal and interment operations. We could use your help on the Memorial Day and Veterans Day planning.
- ECHCS – Jordan Schupbach, Public Affairs Officer
- Cheyenne VA Hospital – Andrew Ruben, Public Affairs Officer

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1. Cheyenne VAMC staff will attend UVC meetings on a quarterly basis. Cheyenne VAMC has implemented Patient Aligned Care Teams (PACT) at the Fort Collins CBOC and in Greeley and Cheyenne VA primary care clinics. The transition to this new model of care is going well. The Cheyenne VAMC Homeless Veteran staff currently has 70 HUD/VASH vouchers available in Larimer county as well as 14 emergency beds for Homeless and is working in collaboration with Loveland Housing Authority to establish transitional beds for Homeless Veterans.
- VISN 19 – Anita Urdiales – Health Systems Specialist
 1. VA Rocky Mountain Network 19 extends a Happy New Year to all as we look forward to our continued work together. The top three FY11 priorities based on SECVA’s priorities are: 1) Reducing the Backlog. VHA’s part in this is to closely monitor efficiency of C&P exams and DES exams; 2) Ending Homelessness – VISN 19 has a very active Network Homeless Program Coordinator who is working closely with UVC and CBVA; 3) Access – last year we expanded our footprint by opening 8 new PCTOCs with 2 more opening this next quarter. In FY11, we are focusing on other aspects of access such as expanding Telehealth and looking at efficiencies such as physician productivity and hospital efficiencies. Please remember to check www.VISN19.va.gov for Network Director Updates.

17. VA Denver Acquisitions and Logistics

18. VA Health Administration Center – Glenn Johnson

19. DMVA – Mickey Hunt, Deputy Director

20. OLD BUSINESS - None

21. NEW BUSINESS –

- A Legislative proposal concerning reduction of taxes paid by service connected disabled veterans was presented by Wayne Thompson for consideration by the Legislative Committee.

22. UVC PRESIDENT COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Military and Veterans Appreciation day January 24.
- Anyone interested in serving as Secretary or Treasurer see Glen Kataoka.
- Banquet 10 April, will try to get forms out within 2 weeks.

23. ADJOURN

Next meeting is February 11, 2011.

Submitted by Steve Rylant, UVC Secretary

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