



VVA BOD MEETING

1/13/22 – 1/15/22

The VVA National Board of Directors meeting in Silver Spring, MD was from 1/13/22 to 1/15/22.

Wednesday was a training day for the BOD and State Presidents. President Jack McManus presented a plan to restructure the Tier Meetings and possibly combine some of the Tier to open time frames. He also stated that we need to get back to our grass roots where we had fire in our bellies to assist veterans.

The possibility of more electronic meetings may be in the future since it is now in the VVA constitution. State Council Presidents need to be more involved in VVA issues. They are not a social club, but here to work on the VVA issues.

- 1) Director involvement - we are less involved that we were 30/40 years ago. More participation in VVA issues at the State and Chapter levels. We have become complacent.
- 2) Policy/Procedure Update. It was last done in 2020.
- 3) We need to pick our fights on Veteran issues.
- 4) More Town Halls other than the Agent Orange. DIC, Benefits, etc. A better job in communicating.

VP Tom Burke presented an update on the National Office Staff and assignments.

- 1) If you see a problem Speak UP
- 2) Information sent from National is not being read or forwarded.

Secretary Bill Meeks presented information on the Consent Calendar for the BOD meeting on 1/14/22. He also addressed how the agenda is developed. It needs to be approved by the President prior to being published.

Directors can make a motion to add something to the agenda if the item was not approved for publication.

- 1) The Policy Guide Book is on the website.

1/14/2022

Special Election – BOD. The Special Elections was conducted and Ned Foote, NY was elected to fill the position vacated by Kerwin Stone.

Jack McManus reported the structure of the BOD/Cineommittee Meetings.

There was a orderly transition to the National President. John Rowan will work with National.

The Veteran Memorial Foundation wants to partner with VVA. 3/29 is Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day. Agent Orange Day is 8/10.

Board Action to change the October BOD meeting date. VVA was asked to participate for the 40th anniversary of The Wall in DC. We will host an event at Arlington on 11/13.

The October BOD/CSCP has been moved to 11/7/2022 – 11/13/2022. Travel Day will be 11/7/2022 and 11/14/2022. CSCP 11/8, BOD/CSCP 11/9 -11/10. 40th Anniversary 11/11 – 11/13.

A fiber optic system was installed at the National Office to speed up computer systems.

Tom Burke – Staff Changes

Cathline Gilbert – Communications

Logan Legates – Government Affairs

Pat Harris – General Council

Greg Numbhard – Veteran Benefits

Membership - Being interviewed

Bill Meeks. Working Group 1 is now on the web site.

Dr. Schwartz. Ranch Hand Study. There are 90,000 specimans at Wright-Patterson AFB. The Air Force, VA. NIH (?) are working to consolidate efforts to move them.

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Dr. Shelton reported that all attendees produced a vaccine card and temperatures were taken.

A mental health and toxic exposure persons are to filled soon.

Gulf War vets on burn pits and toxic exposure are being looked at.

Mokie Porter. A new member will be added. Currently out with COVID.

The new calendar is out for the BOD/CSCP.

Committee reports were presented.