

BOD MEETING

11/12/22

President McManus gave a short overview on the event at The Wall on 11-11-22. The event at the Capitol on January 6, 2022 caused a problem with the event on Veterans Day. There were concerns with the amount of people at the mall could be a problem.

Sandy Wilson-Agent Orange Committee Chair reported that a study was done by the University of Michigan regarding women during pregnancy that had taken Tylenol showed a significant issue with Autism in children.

Town Hall meetings are to be continued and go back to our grass roots. It was suggested that a Service Officer be in attendance to explain the PACT Act.

There was some information that Navy aircraft carriers are not being considered for the Blue Water Navy Act.

President McManus reported that research was done with Desert Storm veterans that had Gulf War Illness. The research done in April proved that casual exposure to sarin gas suppresses genes. The exposure was not the same in all. (Reproduction was the only one that was.) The research was done by DVA and reported to the New England Journal of Medicine. The VA will challenge their own research.

Leslie DeLong-Constitution Chair. President McManus reported that Leslie had completed all the course work to become a registered parliamentarian Leslie stated that make sure that all the resolutions are read prior to the National Convention. They will be in the Veteran and sent to the State Councils.

Veterans Incarcerated – Leadership for the community that the veteran is in. Helps to have them return to civilian life.

Minority Affairs – Gomez. There are a significant amount of Korean War Veterans that are now HLM with VVA. He was advised at the Leadership Conference in Greenville, SC regarding the Native Americans. He is working to have Service Officers at the various Nations to assist veterans with their claims.

Household Goods. It was reported that the Chicago Household Goods program was lost. There is a new vendor that is attempting to restart the program there.

Govt. Affairs. We are working on getting the 118th Congress book for the January BID Meeting. Should be done in December. Toxic Exposure and the PACT Act are to be an issue. Govt. Affairs want to be advised of Town Hall Programs. Camp Lejeune the VA is not associated with the law firms advertised.

Communications-Mokie Porter. The event at The Wall was a success. Mokie is the editor for the Veteran and is holding quarterly meetings with the Staff. VVA has a new letterhead design that reflects VVA.

Membership-Kennedy. Currently there are 89,180 LM (VVA), 10,184 LM (AVVA) with 540 dual members. The new dates for Vietnam are 1 November 1955 to 1975. With the new dates there is a potential of 8000 members possible.