

VVA - BOD MEETING

PENTAGON CITY

01/10/25

The BOD meeting was called to order by President McManus at 0900.

He thanked all that we have been working on the new procedure for the BOD meeting time frames. He wanted to have the meeting done by noon on Saturday to accommodate those that have flights.

He reported that after six (6) years we now have a Memorandum of Agreement to preserve the Ranch Hand Study specimens stored at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. The agreement to move the specimens to the Shield Program and transferred to the West LA VA. There were samples sent on a trial to see if they remained stable and it was successful. Freezers have been ordered and as soon as they are installed the rest of the samples will be transferred.

The future of VVA it is the intent to draft a plan to be presented at the National Convention in New Orleans, August 2025. AVVA is possibly going to become the VVA LEGACY SOCIETY. This is in full compliance with the Working Group 1&2 and is subject to review. Any modification to possible elimination is up to the delegates at the convention.

VP Burke- Transition to an organization that can keep VVA on the for front. No other organization has done more for veterans as VVA. The BOD will be running VVA for the future.

He advised that all State Councils should encourage their chapters to attend the convention in New Orleans in August.

Several States have been working to have legislation on the Claim Sharks that are taking monies from veterans claims. There are 17 states at this time making it illegal for Sharks to operate.

Secretary Meeks reported that the suspension list is getting shorter and hope to have it to zero.

Treasurer Reynolds-Transition is moving forward so all programs are covered. The Rebate Program is moving to a Revenue Sharing Plan to supplement the budget to cover the rebates.

The West Palm Beach VA center is being renamed the Thomas Corey VA Center in honor of past president Tom Corey.

AVVA-Sharon Hobbs reported the AVVA meeting will be 1/23 as an online meeting.

CSCP Chair Odom reported the SCP had a report from Legacy Task Force at the CSCP meeting on 1/9/25.-

Office Manager Waite reported that 49 staff positions are available. 41 have been filled and there are three still open. He will share the monthly report with the State Council Presidents and Chapters.

Household Goods Butcher will be retiring two small programs. NY/ St. Louis/Texas

Government Affairs-McCormick. We have had some success for 2024 in getting bills passed to veterans. Sending letters to congress and follow up with a phone call makes a difference. VVA does

not require a membership card to work with bills or issues in congress. Other VSO's will require a membership card before taking an issue on.

Mokie Porter reported the Ranch Hand Specimen Transfer of 92,000 to West LAVA. The Tom Corey dedication is set for March 22 with ceremony on March 19.

VVA Brochures will not be mailed after March 1 due to shipping costs. They are available on the VVA website and can be downloaded.

Membership Kennedy. There are 92,429 members as of December, 11.243 AVVA.

There are 29 chapters that are delinquent and membership is working to get compliance. Remember is not in compliance by February 28, 2025 you cannot register at the convention and you will not have a delegate seated.

Legacy Society-Devine. Moving forward and discussed the shrinking of the BOD. HE also discussed the History of VVA with having local community involvement. Wanted to have the State Councils and Chapters to report on monuments in the state and local levels. VVA is not going away.

BOD

01-11-25

Finance Chair-Barickman presented the 2026 proposed budget. CSCP Odom asked about the SCP not being funded for the convention.

The budget was voted on and it did not pass. Treasurer Reynolds advised without a budget there would not be an April BOD/CSCP meeting. The budget was revoted on and passed.

Meting Planner-Guidry reported that DJ Johnson is now the meeting planner at National and Wes will be the Event Planner. Rooms at New Orleans are \$65+tax Parking \$52 but got it to \$20 for VVA.

Secretary Meeks gave the revoked chapters. NC631 631, PA 945, MD 624, VT 723 as voluntary closer. LA 1058 and PR 390 National Revocation. Two HLN were confirmed. TN 942 and OH 199.

Committee Reports.

Adjourned at 1100 AM

CSCP MEETING WILL

PENTAGON CITY

01-09-25

The CSCP meeting was called to order by Chair Odom at 0900.

There were 10 State Council Presidents not in attendance.

Treasurer Reynolds gave a briefing on the revenue sharing program that will ensure that the State Councils and Chapters will continue to receive monies that were in the rebate program. This will be in the Budget for the next two years.

Dennis Howland reported that there will be a program at the Mall for the end of the Vietnam War Commission on 4/24/25. There will be transportation from the hotel to the wall. Also there is a reception at the United Pres Club after the program and transportation back to the hotel. On 4/24/25 we would like to have each state to place a wreath at the Wall. The plan will be in the next issue of The Veteran (March-April)

Hwy 20 across the United States is now the Medal of Honor Highway.

Encourage all State Councils and Chapters to contact their state representatives to have legislation to show support for the end of the Vietnam War. Also contact your National Representatives to have the same done on the National level.

Jack Devine-Legacy Chair reported that we will be using **TRANSFORMATION** rather than Dissolution for the future. There will be two programs to work on the Transformation, Veterans Voices of America (VVOA) and James McCormack on the Legislative.

There will be a packet developed for the State Councils and Chapters or to decide on how to continue or close down. Each State Council/Chapter needs to contact the Secretary of State to follow the procedures for each.

National Archives will be maintaining our records at the Library of Congress. This is uncharted territory for VVA.

A representative has contacted Devine regarding the possibility of a coin being done by the U.S. Mint. This would be a costly program. It was decided not to move on this.

Devine also reported that there will be information at the National Convention in New Orleans, August 2025 to reduce the At-Large Directors by the 2027 convention. This is to restructure VVA to downsize.

In 1978 to 1983 VVA was Vietnam Veterans Against the War

With the possibility of VVA shut down in 2027. Household Goods will be transferred to VVOA and the Legacy Society.

Membership Totals by Classification

JANUARY '25 DUAL MEMBERSHIPS: 877
JANUARY '24 DUAL MEMBERSHIPS: 670

AIND: Associate Individual
ALP: Associate Life
ALT: Associate Life Time Payment
AIMI: Associate Incarcerated Veteran
APH: Associate Permanently Hospitalized Veteran



Membership Totals by Region

NEW CHAPTERS FORMED IN JANUARY 2025

STATE

YEARLY & MONTHLY GROWTH PERCENTAGES

	VVA				AVVA		
	January '24	January '25	% +/-		January '24	January '25	% +/-
Yearly Growth	91,092	92,505	+1.55		10,642	11,265	+5.88
	December 24	January '25			December '24	January '25	
Monthly Growth	92,429	92,505	+0.08		11,243	11,265	+0.20



	ST	Chapter #	Total Members		ST	Chapter #	Total Members
1.	FL	1036	1010	14.	FL	1048	460
2.	TN	0203	965	15.	MO	0317	442
3.	MD	0172	960	16.	VA	0227	420
4.	PA	0862	933	17.	NY	0049	414
5.	MI	0154	808	18.	TX	0137	408
6.	NY	0077	708	19.	WA	0165	408
7.	AL	1067	633	20.	NJ	0012	384
8.	NY	0020	615	21.	WV	0628	372
9.	CA	0391	613	22.	IL	0299	369
10.	MD	0451	526	23.	CA	0047	364
11.	NY	0011	511	24.	IN	0295	358
12.	SD	1054	473	25.	TN	1078	356
13.	ND	0941	465				

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**MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
MONTHLY REPORT
JANUARY 2025**

MEMBERSHIP TOTALS AND VARIANCES BY STATE

ST	VVA	±	AWVA	±	ST	VVA	±	AWVA	±
AK	210	-5	39	0	MT	717	+3	113	0
AL	2,022	-4	151	+7	NC	2,456	0	218	-1
AR	416	+1	35	0	ND	841	+4	138	-1
AZ	1,532	+4	140	0	NE	459	0	26	0
CA	5,666	+11	897	+7	NH	476	0	42	0
CN	6	0	0	0	NJ	3,466	0	484	-1
CO	994	+6	115	+2	NM	667	+2	22	0
CT	685	0	37	0	NV	1,324	+2	192	+3
DC	94	0	8	0	NY	6,319	-2	757	+12
DE	745	+4	34	0	OH	3,737	-8	285	0
FL	6,019	+9	902	+3	OK	1,116	0	94	0
GA	1,739	+3	282	-1	OR	1,506	+3	173	0
GU	132	0	41	-1	OS	75	+1	8	0
HI	294	+1	33	0	PA	4,659	+12	649	-2
IA	1,250	+2	67	0	PI	94	0	7	0
ID	445	+1	22	0	PR	315	+1	11	0
IL	2,145	+1	179	0	RI	396	+1	40	+1
IN	1,459	+1	84	0	SC	1,158	+1	106	-1
KS	663	0	56	0	SD	846	-1	79	0
KY	911	0	131	0	TN	4,485	+9	681	+1
LA	1,459	+1	383	0	TX	5,144	+2	619	-2
MA	1,653	+4	82	0	UT	360	+1	76	+1
MD	3,184	+1	273	-1	VA	2,528	+3	323	0
ME	359	0	26	0	VI	20	0	0	0
MI	4,909	-4	882	-3	VT	575	+2	51	0
MN	1,464	0	65	-1	WA	1,597	+3	177	0
MO	1,905	0	226	-2	WI	2,655	+2	349	+1
MS	470	-3	44	0	WV	1,598	0	309	-4
					WY	86	-1	2	0

JANUARY 2025 TOP STATES IN MEMBERSHIP GROWTH

	# 1	# 2	# 3	#4
VVA:	PA+12	CA+11	FL+9	CO+6
			IN+9	
VVA: 45 State Councils + 543 Chapters = 588 Organizations				
AVVA:	NY+12	AL+7	NV+3	CO+2
		CA+7	FL+3	