

HABITAT BRIEFS VVA AT NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

Residents of Williamson and Maury Counties are improving the quality of life by building homes through the Williamson-Maury Habitat for Humanity. Kim Randall, chief executive officer, will speak to the monthly meeting of the Vietnam Veterans of America chapter on June 12 at the Williamson County Enrichment Center.

Randall says that Habitat has been building in our community for more than 30 years. “We serve low-income families by building new homes and we provide necessary repairs for homeowners in need,” she said. “Putting God’s love into action through safe, affordable housing is our mission,” she added.

Habitat for Humanity works with low-income families by selling completed homes to those with steady income and decent credit who don’t qualify for traditional mortgages, Randall said. “We do not receive money from the government, United Way, or Habitat International,” she added. “We don’t give homes away. We raise funds locally to build and repair homes in our community and then sell them with an affordable mortgage. Future homeowners must complete a homebuyer education program and up to 280 hours of sweat-equity building on their home and the homes of other future homeowners,” Randall stated.

Randall and Emily Gabhart will introduce the Williamson-Maury Counties Habitat for Humanity at the next Vietnam Veterans of America chapter meeting on Monday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m.

DID YOU KNOW. . .

Veterans Administration decides disability ratings with a three-part analysis:

The evidence you give (like a doctor’s report or medical test results, and

The results of your VA claim exam (also called a compensation and pension exam, if the VA determines you need this exam, and

Information the VA may get from other sources, such as federal agencies

Calculating your combined disability rating involves more than adding up your individual ratings. If you have multiple disability ratings, access the online tables at: <https://www.va.gov/disability/about-disability-ratings/> to calculate your combined VA disability rating.

HAS SPACE-A TRAVEL COME BACK?

The Air Force lifted all pandemic-related restrictions on Space-A in April, 2022. As a retired soldier, you and your spouse are authorized to travel both within the United States and overseas as space allows using the surplus seats available on flights operated by the US Air Force Air Mobility Command (AMC). Retired military are category VI and spouses must travel with their sponsor. While Space-A is a good deal, it’s important to remember to be prepared to purchase commercial transportation if needed. The busy Space-A season is the end of May through July 4, and is probably not the best time to get seats on Space-A.