



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1140 Board Meeting

September 18, 2024

Call to Order	1330 hrs.
Roll Call of Officers and Board	All members of the board and all officers were present except John Mills, Bob Baize, Bob Nichols
Approval of minutes from last Board meeting	Minutes approved by voice vote
Treasurer Report to date	1140 Account: \$18,666.80 501c3 Checking Account: \$20,841.64 Money Market Account: \$41,763.33
Attendance of General meeting August 12	52 members and guests
Unfinished Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scholarship Program 	3 of the 8 schools have been visited: Centennial, Independence, Ravenwood. Still to visit: Fairview and Franklin
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Challenge Coin 	Greg has been in contact with a coin manufacturer. No design proposed yet.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essay Contest 	Morley has made initial contacts with Williamson and Maury County high school seniors to announce the VVA Essay Contest. Scholarship contest allows students to interview a Vietnam Era Veteran and write a 1,000-1,500-word biography of the veteran and what the student learned from the Veteran. Prize is \$1,000 scholarship for higher education or technical-school expenses.
New Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quilts of Valor 	There is one individual currently signed up for a Quilt.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toxic Exposure Town Hall (Williamson) 	Saturday, September 21, Enrichment Center, Franklin. Don Smith, presenter



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tosic Exposure Town Hall (Maury) 	Saturday, October 5, Commission Room, 6 Courthouse Square, Columbia. Don Smith, presenter
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> VetFest 	Saturday, October 5, Granny White Park, Brentwood. VVA will have two booths.
New Business	
Events / Community Engagement	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> October 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maury County Toxic Exposure Town Hall – Saturday, October 5, Tom Primm Commission Room, 6 Courthouse Square, Columbia VetFest – Saturday, October 5 – Granny White Park, Brentwood. Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, October 15 @ 10AM PumpkinFest – Saturday, October 26
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franklin Family Day – Saturday, November 2 – Harlinsdale Farm Park, featuring Gary Sinise’s Lt. Dan Band. Franklin Veterans Day Parade – Monday, November 11 Columbia Veterans Day Parade – Monday, November 11 Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, November 19 at 10AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Chapter Luncheon Meeting – Monday, December 9 at 10AM Willis Johnson “Barn” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Catered Luncheon by Uncle Bud’s (maximum 160 ppl) Confirmed The Chapter is Inviting this year’s Chapter speakers to be the Chapter’s guests.



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Amber Armistead has been invited to sing the National Anthem and pray the blessing for the meal. ○ So far, 48 members and guests have signed up for the lunch. ○ Dickens of a Christmas – Saturday, December 14 – Sunday, December 15 ○ Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, December 17 at 10AM
New Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership (John Mills & Bob Baze) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current membership in September is 149. Recognized passing of VVA member Donald Louis Huebschman, on August 31, 2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications (Gregg) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calling campaign is resulting with positive responses and updated email addresses ○ Discussion about updating the Chapter website. Greg will speak with the webmaster about updating content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events / Community Engagement (Max) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See event calendar
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programs / Speakers (Don) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See Future Speakers (below)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards (Rich) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See awards discussion in Old Business (above)
Future Speakers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tripp Osteen, Folds of Honor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • November 11 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. John O'Brien, 101st Airborne Museum
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ramon Presson, humorist and columnist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Speakers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There was interest in inviting Judge Taylor from the Williamson County Veterans Court. When



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	we get him scheduled, we will invite judicial leaders from Maury County (which does not have a Veterans Court) to attend his presentation
Additional Topics	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• "Holiday for Heroes"• Soccer tickets• Vets Night at Studio 10• StorageUnits.Com• Vet-to-Vet Visit• Vietnam Vet Magnet• 2025 Vietnam War Anniversary	<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Max presented an inquiry about a toiletries collection for veterans for the Red Cross or the USO. After discussion, a decision was made to table the inquiry for further information.○ Rich presented an invitation from the Sinise Foundation with 46 tickets to a Nashville Soccer game on October 2 to be shared with other veteran organizations and first responders.○ Rich presented an invitation from the Sinise Foundation to attend Vets Night at Studio 10 in the Franklin Factory on December 19, including a meal and a show.○ Rich announced an invitation from "Storage Units Dot Com" for military members to receive preferable service on using storage units○ Morley announced a Vet-to-Vet booth at the Factory in Columbia on November 9 at 11 a.m.-3 p.m.○ Max raised the possibility of the chapter producing a "Vietnam War-I Served" magnet sticker. He committed to checking the price○ The Vietnam War Anniversary Event is scheduled for March 29, 2025, at Five Points in Franklin.○ Rich has spoken with Bobby George about the possibility of inviting Gary Sinise to speak at the Anniversary event. Bobby said his team was beginning to work on Gary's 2025 schedule in the next couple of weeks.

