

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1140

July 13 2026, Minutes

Call to Order. 1731

Invocation – *Pat Davis, Chapter Chaplain*

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of officers and Board. All present.

President – Rich Krejsa

Vice President – Joe Diaz

Secretary – Rick Tice

Treasurer – Gregg Conroy

Board Members – Morley Levine, John Mills, Bob Baze, Bill Robinson, Dan Mora

For the benefit of everyone in the room, if you have a question or statement, please raise your hand and wait until someone brings you a microphone before speaking.

Welcome of 1st attendees (Veterans) None

Secretary Report - Review and approval of prior meeting minutes

Treasurer Report Checking- \$5,049.37 501c- \$8,903.13 Money market- \$45,846.46

Unfinished Business

- TSVH visit – **Changing date to 2nd Tuesday of each month**
- Juneteenth - **Report**
- Vietnam Traveling Wall – **Report**
- Franklin on the Fourth - **Report \$476 received in donations**
- Veterans Concert – July 18 - **Update**

Speakers –

- **Jim Lundquist** – Brentwood Veterans Monument- received \$1,000 donation from the Chapter.
- **Barry Rice** – Future of VVA National and our Chapter- **motion to accept options 4 or 5 PASSED**
- **Steve Allbrooks**- Explained redistricting.

New Business

- Quilt of Valor – Pat McMahon presented quilt and certificate to Will Finney.
- Need someone to step up and help with finding / scheduling speakers.

Events / Community Engagement

July

- **Veterans Concert** – Saturday, July 18, 7-9PM – Memorial Building, 308 West 7th Street, Columbia
- **Bluegrass Along the Harpeth** – Friday – Saturday, July 24-25, Franklin Square sign up sheet still available
 - **Event** – Friday 7PM- 10PM, Saturday 8AM – 10PM
 - **Setup** – Friday, 6PM
 - **Teardown** – Saturday – TBD (**NOTE: If teardown before end of event, all equipment must be carried out**)

August

- **VVA National Leadership Conference** – August 11-15, Jacksonville, Fl. Currently 4 from our chapter will attend and report to chapter at September meeting
- **Williamson County Fair** – Friday, August 14 – Saturday August 15 sign up sheet available
 - **Event (Our participation)** – Friday 6PM – 10PM, Saturday 10AM-10PM
 - **Setup** – Friday 5PM
 - **Teardown** – Saturday 10PM

September

- **6th Annual Car Show** – **Saturday, September 19**, Elks Lodge #72. 485 Oak Meadow Drive, Franklin AACCA has requested that the chapter handle manning ALL aspects of event. Volunteers will be needed.
 - **Event** – 8AM – 2PM
 - **Setup** – 7AM
 - **Teardown** – 2PM

Future Speakers:

- **August 10 – Janell Fadler, Sr. Director of Programming – Franktown Open Hearts**
- **September 14 – TBD**
- **October 12 – Art Jacobs – Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association**

Chapter Committees - Reports

We need people to step up and help on these committees. If interested, contact the members listed below.

- **Veteran Help** – (Morley, Gregg, Joe) \$250 to VSO in Maury Co. to help a veteran whose home is infested with bed bugs. Other Maury Co. veteran organizations also assisted
- **Membership** (Bob Baze & John Mills) - **Membership count report 166 plus 1 in process**
- **Communications** (Gregg Conroy) **Former members Larry Hudelston and John Sylvia are deceased as of 2020.** Checking on memorial pavers.
- **Events / Fundraising** (Bill Robinson)
- **Programs / Speakers** (Rich Krejsa)
- **Awards** (Rich Krejsa)

Inside the Chapter:

- Quilts of Valor: Remember – if you would like a quilt, you have to come to our monthly meetings. **Sign-up sheet available**
- “Reflection” poster available – **FREE**
- Mugs (15 oz, logo on both sides) which you can have for a donation of \$10 or more.
- Chapter Challenge coins – One free to members, \$5 or more donation for each additional – **(See Gregg Conroy).**
- Vietnam Veteran Bumper Sticker – One free to members, \$5 or more donation for each additional – **(See Gregg Conroy).**
- Embroidered shirts & jackets with our Chapter info and the VVA logo. These can be ordered with or without your name for a donation based on the item. **(See Gregg Conroy)**

Meetings:

- Our next scheduled membership meeting is **Monday, August 10, 5:30PM** at the Williamson County Enrichment Center.
- The next scheduled Board meeting is **Wednesday, July 15, 1:30PM** at the Williamson County Enrichment Center. **Members are always welcome to attend and silently observe the board meetings. If you would like to speak at the meeting, let a Board member know in advance so that you can be placed on the agenda.**

Thank you to all that financially support our chapter.

Anything else for the good of the order? Meeting Adjourned-**1903**