



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1140 Board Meeting

October 16, 2024

Call to Order	1330 hrs.
Roll Call of Officers and Board	All members of the board and all officers were present except Don Caldwell (excused)
Approval of minutes from last Board meeting	Minutes approved by voice vote
Treasurer Report to date	1140 Checking Account: \$18,844.14 501c3 Checking Account: \$17,841.64 Money Market Account: \$41,826.09
Attendance of General meeting October 14	47 members and guests
Unfinished Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JROTC Scholarship Program 	All Williamson County schools have been contacted and are receptive to the scholarship offer. Maury County schools have not been contacted yet
<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"> AL/VVA Food Drive 	The committee is still looking for a location with 5,000-6,000 sq. ft. of assembly and storage space with a loading dock where collected food can be staged and held during the first three weeks in December. The location needs to be in the general vicinity of Davidson County for ease of use and access.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Website 	Greg has been in touch with the webmaster and it is expected that actions will be taken to improve the Chapter's website navigation, update to photos and chapter minutes in the next 10 days or so.
New Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board communication 	Rich expressed his frustration with receiving no responses from board members when he sends out emails soliciting feedback or responses. He has to assume that no response is a "No" vote when he poses such questions.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster relief donations 	<p>Rich has received an email from Tennessee State Council (TSC) President Don Smith addressing their plan to collect materials and supplies and take them to East Tennessee in November/December to “recon” needs in the area veterans. The TSC group will deliver them to other VVA chapters in the area who will be able to distribute to those in need. After discussion, the Board voted to send the TSC a \$3,000 donation and is prepared to send more once TSC completes their “recon”.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quilts of Valor** 	<p>There are no pending signups. **Attached is a copy of the Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Chapter by Pat McMahon and Pam DeLong on behalf of the Quilts of Valor Foundation.</p>
New Business	
Events / Community Engagement	
<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. Flag placement at Veterans Cemetery, Friday, November 8, 8:30-10AM. Six members have signed up to participate. Flag removal, Wednesday, November 13, 8:30-10AM, two members have signed up to participate. Franklin and Columbia Veterans Day Parades – Monday, November 11. Seven members have signed up for Franklin and six for Columbia, but expect that more will show up on the parade day. Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, November 19 at 10AM



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<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. ○ Amber Armistead has been invited to sing the National Anthem and pray the blessing for the meal. ○ So far, 80 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
Committee Reports	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership (John Mills & Bob Baze) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current membership in October is 149 plus one in the process of joining.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communications (Gregg) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Calling campaign is working, resulting with positive responses and updated email addresses
<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 (Note: Dr. O’Brien has had to decline participating on November 13. We are working toward a replacement speaker.)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 9 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ramon Presson, author, humorist and columnist
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 13 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Beverly Williams, Vietnam combat nurse



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<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 we get him scheduled, we will invite judicial leaders from Maury County (which does not have a Veterans Court) to attend his presentation
Additional Discussion	
Quilt of Valor presentation	Morley advised that he is arranging for a Quilt of Valor presentation at Morning Pointe Assisted Living in Spring Hill, date to be set. He asked for the Board's authorization to do so under the auspices of the chapter. Board approved and expressed their appreciation.
Next Membership Meeting	Wednesday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m.
Next Board Meeting	Wednesday, November 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. D. D.", written in a cursive style.

Board Secretary



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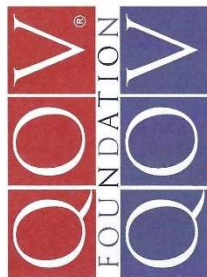
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