



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1140 Board Meeting

August 21, 2024

Call to Order	1330 hrs.
Roll Call of Officers and Board	All members of the board and all officers were present except Rich Krejsa (excused)
Approval of minutes from last Board meeting	Minutes approved by voice vote
Treasurer Report at the end of July	<p>1140 Account: \$13,215.73 501c3 Checking Account: \$35,641.64 Money Market Account: \$41,693.35</p> <p>Question raised about \$3,000 gift to Tunnels to Towers in 2024 budget. Tunnels to Towers is a New York City organization. Discussion resulted in a motion to divert this gift to Jennifer O'Neill's Hope and Healing at Hillenglade instead. Motion passed.</p>
Attendance of General meeting August 12	41 members 8 guests 49 total
Unfinished Business	
• Scholarship Program	Rich has appointments with two schools to discuss the JROTC scholarship program. Other committee members are making contacts with other schools.
• Challenge Coin	No action on this project to date
New Business	
• Quilts of Valor	There is one individual who signed up for a Quilt.
New Business	
Events / Community Engagement	
• August	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, August 20 @ 10AM ○ Survivor Benefits Seminar – Saturday, August 24, Enrichment Center- 10AM – 1PM (setup @ 9:30) ○ Toxic Exposure Town Hall – Saturday, September 21 (CORRECTION), Enrichment Center - 10AM - 2PM (setup @ 9:00) Don



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	<p>Smith will be the presenter</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, August 20 @ 10AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● September 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fourth Annual Veterans Cars Show – Saturday, September 7, Elks Lodge #72, 485 Oak Meadows Dr, Franklin – 8AM – 3PM (Setup @ 7:00). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 6 Independence HS JOTC cadets to help with the parking lot, 7-noon. ○ 15 volunteers have signed up to help with the show. We need sign-up sheets to handle silent auction bids. Sam’s Club asked about setting up a tent to sell memberships. After discussion, we will decline the offer from Sam’s. ○ Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, September 17 @ 10AM
<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, Set-up 9:30, Event 10-2 ○ VetFest – Saturday, October 5 – Granny White Park, Brentwood. 9AM-4PM (2-10 ft booths) **Confirmed** ○ Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, October 15 @ 10AM ○ PumpkinFest – Saturday, October 26 - Application submitted.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● November 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Franklin Family Day – Saturday, November 2 – Gary Sinise Lt. Dan Band will perform. VVA setup begins at 8:30 a.m. ○ Franklin Veterans Day Parade – Monday, November 11. VVA participation Confirmed ○ Columbia Veterans Day Parade – Monday, November 11 **Confirmed**



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, November 19 @ 10AM
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● December 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Annual Chapter Luncheon Meeting – Monday, December 9 @ 10AM Willis Johnson “Barn” - Confirmed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Catered Luncheon by Uncle Bud’s (160 ppl 11AM) Confirmed (Del. Charge Only) ○ Inviting this year’s Chapter speakers to be the Chapter’s guests ○ Dickens of a Christmas – Saturday, December 14 – Sunday, December 15 - Application submitted ○ Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, December 17 @ 10AM
New Business	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Membership (John Mills & Bob Baze) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Membership the same as reported last month
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Communications (Gregg) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The first round of contacts with members has resulted with positive responses and updated email addresses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Events / Community Engagement (Max) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Programs / Speakers (Don) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Changed 101st Airborne Museum executive director to November 11 (due to Army management conflict) and moved Greg Wade, Tennessee Medal of Honor winners to September 8 ○ Carrie Meehan of Compassus will speak briefly about opportunities for Chapter members to visit with residents of Compassus facility in Columbia.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Awards (Rich) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ No report
Future Speakers	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● September 8 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Greg Wade, Tennessee Medal of Honor Winners



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• October 14	○ Tripp Osteen, Folds of Honor
• November 11	○ Dr. John O'Brien, 101 st Airborne Museum
• December 9	○ Nick Beres, News Channel 5
Next Membership Meeting	Monday, September 9 at 5:30 p.m.
Next Board Meeting	Wednesday, September 18 at 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Adjourned at 1410 hrs.	

Respectfully submitted

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

Board Secretary