

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1140

June 9, 2026, Minutes

Call to Order. 1730

Invocation – *Pat Davis, Chapter Chaplain*

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of officers and Board. All officers 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
(excused)

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) No new attendees.

Secretary Report - Review and approval of prior meeting minutes

Treasurer Report Checking \$4,822.67, 501 c3 \$ 16,203.13, money market 45,815.57.

Unfinished Business

- **Nolensville Lions Club Speaking Engagement – Report- Rich Krejsa spoke, well received.**
- **Memorial Day Event at Spring Hill Community Center – Report- Morley Levine gave keynote speech.**
- **Burial of 3 Unclaimed Veterans at Veterans Cemetery – Report- Rich Krejsa, Bob Baze and Gerry Seth attended.**
- **Flag Placement & Removal – Mt. Hope Cemetery – Report Scott Fisher has volunteered to be our coordinator on this going forward.**
- **Franklin Memorial Day Event – Report- good ceremony, names of 17 new pavers read.**
- **Veterans Concert – July 18 – Update- flyers available.**

- TSVH visit – **Report- 3 attended.**
- Senior Expo – **Report- Joe Diaz and Bill Robinson attended.**

Speaker – Brian Cook – Sons and Daughters in Touch **Gold Star children of Vietnam Vets...**
 Web site- **WWW.SDIT.ORG**

New Business

- Quilt of Valor – Pat McMahon -Will Finney not in attendance
- VA Updates – Ron Bottomley- New facilities in Columbia, Cookeville and Clarksville, coming in 2029, Nashville facility to be expand and also valet parking available in Nashville.
- Need someone to step up and help with finding / scheduling speakers.

Events / Community Engagement

June

- TSVH visit – Wednesday, June 10, 10AM, 345 Compton Road, Murfreesboro – **Signup Sheet available**
- TN State council Meeting – Monday, June 15, 11AM – Wilson County Fairgrounds
- Juneteenth – Friday, June 19 – Bicentennial Park, 3rd Ave. & N Margin St.
 - Setup – 10:00 - **Signup Sheet available**
 - Event – 11 – 5 - **Signup Sheet available**
 - Teardown – 5PM - **Signup Sheet available**
- Vietnam Traveling Wall – Thursday, June 25 – Monday June 29– 215 Marshall Stuart Drive, Dickson, TN

July

- Franklin on the Fourth – Saturday, July 4 – Downtown Main Street – Location TBD
 - Setup – 8:30 AM - **Signup Sheet available**
 - Event – 10 – 6 - **Signup Sheet available**
 - Teardown – 6PM - **Signup Sheet available**
- TSVH Visit – Wednesday, July 8, 10AM, 345 Compton Road, Murfreesboro - **Signup Sheet available**
- 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

- **Setup** – Friday, 6PM
- **Event** – Friday 7- 10, Saturday 8 – 10
- **Teardown** – Saturday – TBD (**NOTE: If teardown before end of event, all equipment must be carried out**)

Future Speakers:

- **July 13 – VVA Tennessee State Council President – VVA Future**
- **August 10 - Art Jacobs – Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association**
- **September 14 – TBD**

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)
- **Membership** (Bob Baze & John Mills) - **Membership count report- 168.**
- **Communications** (Gregg Conroy)
- **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, July 13, 5:30PM** at the Williamson County Enrichment Center.
- The next scheduled Board meeting is **Wednesday, June 17, 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? Saturday Sept. 19 Elks Club Car Show, Sept' 26- remembering WWII|Linden TN, October 23- Cheekwood Golf Tournament.

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