

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1140

14 October 2024 Chapter Minutes

Call to Order at 1734 hours

Opening Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

All officers and Board members were present

Welcome of First Time Veteran Attendees

Secretary Report - Review and approval of prior meeting minutes

Treasurer Report:	Checking Account:	\$18,844.14
	501C Checking:	\$17,841.64
	Money Market:	\$41,826.09

Unfinished Business

- **Tennessee State Veterans Home Visit** – Doug Schnabel reported that more needed to volunteer to visit at the Veterans Home
- **Williamson County Toxic Exposure Town Hall** – While there was a good presentation, there was low turnout*
- **Maury County Toxic Exposure Town Hall** – While there was a good presentation, there was low turnout*
- **VetFest** – Rich reported that the VetFest was a successful day to interact with the Community. The Chapter received \$532.00 in donations, but only 8 members of the Chapter attended the event
- **Joint AMVETS 1776 & VVA 1140 Food Drive** – The current report is that there is a problem finding a food storage and assembly site with a loading dock for a tractor-trailer. There is one more site to be visited to explore possible storage, assembly and load-out site.

*Discussion about how to get more people to attend these important information sharing sessions.

New Business

- **Wreaths Across America** – Daphne Caveness presented the opportunity to lay Christmas wreaths at veterans' cemeteries on December 14

- **Quilt Presentation** – Pat McMahon reported that the Chapter had received 99 Quilts of Valor to date. Pat presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Rich in honor of the Chapter's support of the Quilts of Valor Foundation
- **Tonight's Speaker** – Tripp Osteen, Folds of Honor

Events / Community Engagement

October

- Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, October 15 at 10 a.m.
- PumpkinFest, Downtown Franklin - Saturday, October 26 – Sign-up Sheet Available. Event is 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with booth setup at 8:30 a.m.

November

- Franklin Family Day, Saturday, November 2 – Harlinsdale Farm. LT Dan Band will be performing. Free admission
- Flag Placement on Veteran Graves, Friday, November 8 – State Veterans Cemetery (McCrary Lane) 08:30 – 10AM – Sign-up sheet available
- Veterans Day Parades - Monday, November 11, Franklin & Columbia
- Flag Removal – Wednesday, November 13 – State Veterans Cemetery – 08:30 – 10AM – Sign-up Sheet Available
- November Chapter meeting will be on Wednesday, November 13 because of Veterans Day holiday on Monday, November 11.

December

- Monday, December 9 – VVA1140 Membership Luncheon @ Willis Johnson “Barn” – Doors open @ 10AM, Lunch @ 11. Cutoff for signups November 13
- Saturday and Sunday, December 14-15 – Dickens of a Christmas - Downtown Franklin - ***Application submitted***

Chapter Committees - Reports

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

- **Membership** Bob Baze & John Mills reported that Chapter membership stood at 149
- **Communications** (Gregg Conroy) - Need volunteers to call and remind members of meetings and events.
- **Events / Fundraising** (Max Hixon)
- **Programs / Speakers** (Don Caldwell)
- **Awards** (Rich Krejsa)

- **Scholarship Committee – The Committee is waiting for scholarship applications from students**

Future Speakers:

- **November 13 – Dr. John O'Brien – 101st Museum**
- **December 9 – Ramon Presson, Counselor and Comedian**
- **January 13 – Beverly Williams – Vietnam Combat Nurse**

Inside the Chapter:

- **Quilts of Valor:** Remember – if you would like a quilt, you must 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.
- **Embroidered shirts** with our Chapter info and the VVA logo. The shirts can be ordered with or without your name for a donation of \$35 or more. (See Gregg Conroy)

Meetings:

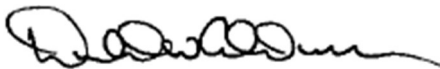
- Our next scheduled membership meeting is set for **Wednesday, November 13, 2024**, at **5:30** at the Williamson County Enrichment Center due to scheduling conflicts.
- The next scheduled Board meeting is on **Wednesday, November 20, 2024**, at **1:30** at the Williamson County Enrichment Center. Members are always welcome to attend and silently observe the board meetings.

Thank you to all that financially support our chapter.

Anything else for the good for the order?

The Chapter adjourned at 1840 hours.

Respectfully submitted:



Chapter Secretary