

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1140

August 10 2026, Minutes

Call to Order. 1730

Invocation – *Pat Davis, Chapter Chaplain*

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of officers and Board.

President – Rich Krejsa (**Excused**)

Vice President – Joe Diaz

Secretary – Rick Tice

Treasurer – Gregg Conroy

Board Members – Morley Levine, John Mills, Bob Baze- **absent**, 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) Richard King-Army, Mike Siegert- Army

Secretary Report - Review and approval of prior meeting minutes

Treasurer Report Checking: \$ 5,471.08 501c3: \$ 3,403.13 Money Market: \$ 45,877.62

Unfinished Business

- Veterans Concert – July 18 – **Report (Morley) Just under 50 attended, Donations \$3,357.00.**
- Bluegrass Along the Harpeth – **Report Donations \$200.**

Speaker – Janell Fadler, Sr. Director of Programming – Franktown Open Hearts- Organization for under resourced children.. donations welcome (615) 268-1861.

New Business

- Clarification of VVA Future – Options – **Consensus was to accept something other than consolidation or merging.**
- September 19...6th Annual Car show
 - Items needed for Car Show Silent Auction
 - Distribute Flyers

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Events / Community Engagement

August

- VVA National Leadership Conference – August 11-15, Jacksonville, Fl. 4 participants
- Williamson County Fair – Friday, August 14 – Saturday August 15 – Ag Expo – **Signup Sheet available**
 - Event (Our participation) – Friday 6PM – 10PM, Saturday 10AM-10PM
 - Setup – Friday 5PM
 - Teardown – Saturday 10PM

September

- Mercy Franklin Classic 5k and 10k races – Labor Day, Monday, September 7 – Franklin Square – **Signup Sheet available**
 - Event – 6:30AM – 1PM
 - Setup – **5:30AM**
 - Teardown – 1PM
- 6th Annual Car Show – Saturday, September 19, Elks Lodge #72. 485 Oak Meadow Drive, Franklin – **Signup Sheet available**
 - Event – 8AM – 2PM
 - Setup – 7AM
 - Teardown – 2PM

October

- 2nd Annual Veterans Golf Tournament – Friday, October 23, Cheekwood Golf Club, 285 Spencer Creek Road, Franklin
 - Event – 8AM – 4PM
 - Setup – 7AM
 - Teardown – 4PM

Future Speakers:

- September 14– TBA
- October 12 – Art Jacobs – Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association

- **November 9 – Linda Staffen – CEO / Founder – Core Insurance, Vietnamese Refugee**
- **December 14 – TBA**

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: 167**
- **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, September 14, 5:30PM** at the Williamson County Enrichment Center.
- The next scheduled Board meeting is **Wednesday, August 19, 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 chapter?

VET FEST Sat. October 3rd Granny White Park, Brentwood, 9:30 Heroes Stroll, Event 11:00- 4:00
Meeting adjourned : 1848

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