

## News from Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1140 - 202201

Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1140, located out of Franklin, serving Williamson, Maury and neighboring counties, started off 2022 showing they are serious about caring for their communities, especially Veterans, regardless of when they served. In January several of the chapter members, pictured below with the Korean War veteran they served, installed an aluminum ramp at his home to replace a rapidly aging wooden ramp built several years ago. The ramp materials were provided by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1089 in Murfreesboro, which specializes in collecting and providing mobility related equipment, ranging from canes to wheelchairs to powered scooters to ramps, just to name a few types.



Standing on the newly installed ramp (left to right): Chapter 1140 members Gregg Conroy, Morley Levine, Korean War Veteran Reece Robertson and member Bob Baze.

The involved chapter members drove from Spring Hill where they gathered to Smyrna in order to pick up the ramp parts and then to the Bethel community where Mr. Robertson lives. On arrival it took them several hours to assemble and install the ramp. Conroy stated, "Since none of us had done this before and we had only broad, general instructions, it took us a while to figure out how it all went together and then do it. If or when we do another ramp it will go much quicker!"

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1140 was chartered in Franklin, TN on August 12, 2019. The Chapter serves the communities in Williamson, Maury and neighboring counties with a focus on veterans of all eras: "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." Information on chapter meetings and other activities can be found on its web site at <https://www.vva1140.org>. Chapter 1140 is a tax exempt 501(c)19 while our associated entity, Vietnam Veterans of Middle Tennessee, is a 501(c)3. Donations to either are tax deductible.