



Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1140

October 13, 2025, Agenda

Call to Order.

Invocation – Pat Davis, Chapter Chaplin

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of officers and Board.

President – Rich Krejsa

Vice President – Joe Diaz

Secretary – Don Caldwell

Treasurer – Gregg Conroy

Board Members – Morley Levine, John Mills, Bob Baze, Bill Robinson, Rich Schonfeld

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)

Secretary Report - Review and approval of prior meeting minutes

Treasurer Report

Unfinished Business

- **Concert for Hope Benefit – Report**
- **Survivor Benefits Seminar (Columbia) – Report**
- **VetFest - Report**
- **Tennessee State Veterans Home Visit – Report (Doug Schnabel)**
- **American Legion Post 215 Restoration - Report**

New Business

- **Quilt of Valor – Pat McMahon**
- **Speaker – Greg Wade, TN Medal of Honor Winners**
- **Benefits for veterans serving less than 20 years - Discussion**

Events / Community Engagement

October

- **PumpkinFest** – Saturday, October 25, Downtown Franklin
 - Set-up - 8AM - **Sign-up Sheet Available**
 - Tear down – 6PM - **Sign-up Sheet Available**

November

- **Franklin Family Day** – Saturday, November 1 -
- **First Annual Golf Scramble Tournament** – Friday, November 7
 - Looking for sponsors – **Sponsorship levels sheet available**
 - Chapter has a free team – looking for 3 members to join Max Hixon – **Sign-up sheet available**
- **Vet2Vet – (Pre-Veterans Day Event) Saturday November 8** – The Factory, 101 N. James Campbell Blvd. -Columbia
 - Event – **10 - 4**
 - Setup - 9AM – **Sign-up sheet available**
 - Tear down – 4PM – **Sign-up sheet available**
- **Veterans Day Parade – Tuesday, November 11 – Franklin & Columbia**
 - Franklin Staging at Five Points – 10:00
 - Reception for veterans and families – Archives / Museum – 9AM
 - Columbia Staging at parking lot on W. 7th in front of Post Office – 10:00
- **Militaria Relics Show - November 28-29 (Friday – Saturday)**
 - Event – **Friday, 9 – 5, Saturday, 8 – 3**
 - Setup – Friday, 8:30 – **Sign-up sheet available**
 - Tear down – Saturday, 3PM – **Sign-up sheet available**

December

- **December Luncheon – Monday, December 8 – Doors open @ 10AM**
 - **Space is limited – Registration Available thru November 10 Meeting**

Future Speakers:

- November 10 – Trey Brannon - Honor Flight
- December 8 – Rudy Kalis - Yearly Luncheon. (Attendance is limited).
- January 12 – Tara Spada – Tennessee State Museum

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**
- Communications (Gregg Conroy)
- Events / Fundraising (Bill Robinson)
- Programs / Speakers (Don Caldwell)
- 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 and Bumper Stickers – One free to members, \$5 each for 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 set for Monday, November 10, 2025, **5:30** at the Williamson County Enrichment Center
- The next scheduled Board meeting is on Wednesday, October 15, **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?