

# **Vietnam Veterans of America**

## **Chapter 1140**

### **May 11, 2026, Minutes**

**Call to Order. 1731**

**Invocation** – *Pat Davis, Chapter Chaplain*

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call of officers and Board. Rich Krejsa was excused, All other Officers and Directors present.**

President – Rich Krejsa was excused.

Vice President – Joe Diaz

Secretary – Rick Tice

Treasurer – Gregg Conroy

Board Members – Morley Levine, John Mills, Bob Baze, 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 1<sup>st</sup> attendees (Veterans) One new attendee- Will Penny E5**

**Secretary Report - Review and approval of prior meeting minutes were approved.**

**Treasurer Report Checking account- \$3,795.72, 501C3- \$18,153.13, money market- \$45,776.68**

#### **Unfinished Business**

- **Spring Hill High School JROTC Award – Gregg Conroy presented certificate and medal.**
- **Centennial High School JROTC Ball – Dan Mora presented scholarship award and medal.**
- **Independence High School JROTC Ball – Bill Robinson was the guest speaker.**
- **Franklin Main Street Festival – Good conversations, \$1,100 in donations.**
- **Luncheon trip to Hope & Healing at Hillenglade – great day and conversation, 45 people attended.**
- **Columbia Central JROTC Award – Gregg Conroy presented certificate and medal.**
- **Independence High School JROTC Award – presented certificate and medal.**
- **Ravenwood High School JROTC Awards – Joe Diaz presented certificate and medal.**

- Veterans Concert – July 18 – **Update- still need donations**
- TSVH visit – **March & April Report**

Speaker – April Childress – Middle TN Veterans Coalition spoke of traveling Wall which will be in Dixon, TN at the Dickson VFW (Post 4641) June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, Dinner on the 26<sup>th</sup>, Pancake breakfast on the 27<sup>th</sup>.

#### New Business

- Need someone to step up and help with finding / scheduling speakers.
- **Date Change for June Meeting only! Tuesday, June 9.**

#### Events / Community Engagement

##### May

- TSVH visit – Wednesday, May 13, 10AM, 345 Compton Road, Murfreesboro, **Sign-up Sheet Available**
- Franklin Rodeo – Thursday, Friday, Saturday May 14-16, Ag Expo – **Sign-up Available – On Standby**
- Memorial Day Ceremony & Open House – Friday May 22, 9:30AM – Spring Hill Community Senior Center, 563 Maury Hill St, Spring Hill – **Morley Levine, Keynote Speaker**
- Flag Placement, Mt. Hope Cemetery- Saturday, May 23 – 9AM, set up. 8 am– **Sign-up Sheet Available**
- Memorial Day – Monday, May 25 – Five PointS, Franklin – 9AM - **Sign-up Sheet Available**
- Flag Removal, Mt. Hope Cemetery – Tuesday, May 27 – 9AM - **Sign-up Sheet Available**

##### June

- Chapter Membership Monthly Meeting – **Tuesday, June 9 - NOTE DATE CHANGE THIS MONTH ONLY!**
- TSVH visit – Wednesday, June 10, 10AM, 345 Compton Road, Murfreesboro

#### Future Speakers:

- **Tuesday, June 9** – Brian Cook – Sons and Daughters in Touch
- **July 13** – Art Jacobs – Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association
- **August 10** - 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= 169**
- 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 **Tuesday, June 9, 5:30PM** at the Williamson County Enrichment Center.
- The next scheduled Board meeting is **Wednesday, May 20, 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? Boots of Honor Memorial-over 7,500 combat boots, Franklin Bi-Centennial Park (Hwy. 96) May16-20. Meeting adjourned – 1837.