

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1140

Board Minutes – June 19, 2024

The meeting was Called to Order at 1:30 p.m., by Vice President Max Hixon in the meeting room at the Williamson County Enrichment Center.

Roll Call of Officers and Board:

President - Rich Krejsa (**Excused**)

Vice President – Max Hixon

Secretary – Don Caldwell

Treasurer - Gregg Conroy

Board members -Bob Baze, Morley Levine, John Mills, Bob Nichols, Rich Schonfeld (**Excused**)

Minutes of the May 15, 2024, Board Meeting approved.

Treasurer Report as of May 31, 2024:

Checking Account	VVA 501(c)(3)	VVA Money Market Account
\$18,923.72	\$1161.54	\$87,449.23

Attendance of General meeting June 10: 36 members, 3 visitors

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Unfinished Business:

- **Donation Proposals** – Motion to approve the proposed donations budget as presented. Board members were assigned to coordinate with receiving organizations.
- **Determine date(s) work for Survivor Benefit Seminars** – The Maury County seminar is set for August 2, 10-2 p.m. The Williamson County seminar is still to be set.
- **Determine tentative date(s) for Toxic Exposure Town Hall** – Williamson County proposed Saturday, 3 August, The Maury County Town Hall is still to be established.
- **Scholarship Program** – The next meeting of the Scholarship Committee is set for June 28 at 1:30 p.m., to finalize details of the program for JROTC students in the county high schools. Next step after that is to schedule meetings with high school guidance counselors.
- **Essay Contest for High School Students** – Morley Levine presented the proposal to establish an essay writing contest for high school students via history teachers in Williamson and Maury County. He recommended that prize awards be \$500 for first

prize, \$250 for second prize, \$100 for third prize. The proposal is still tabled, pending board approval of a complete plan.

New Business

- **Schedule an event for 9/11 Day?** The Board decided to not consider a 9/11 ceremony.
- **Create a chapter Challenge coin?** There was interest in creating a VVA challenge coin. Gregg Conroy will explore the unit costs of purchasing a quantity of Challenge coins.
- The Board approved a gift of approximately \$500 to purchase **picnic benches** for the Maury County VFW.
- Rental rates for the **Chapter Storage unit** are being raised to \$140 per month. Max will discuss an adjustment from the Storage Unit management.

Events / Community Engagement:

July

- **Franklin on the Fourth** – Thursday, July 4 – 10AM-6PM (Setup @ 8:30) (Probably in front of Mellow Mushroom)
- **Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home** - Tuesday, July 16 @ 10AM
- **Bluegrass Along the Harpeth** – Friday, July 26 - 7PM-10PM (Setup @ 5:30PM) – Saturday, July 27 – 10AM-10PM (Can close down earlier)

August

- **Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home** - Tuesday, August 20 @ 10AM
- **Williamson County Fair** – Saturday, August 10 – Application submitted.

September

- **Fourth Annual Veterans Cars Show** – 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Saturday, September 7
 - Members will distribute promotional flyer
 - Members will solicit donation items for silent auction
 - List donator and approximate value
 - Bring to July meeting. Items will be stored in the storage unit
- **Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home** - Tuesday, September 17 @ 10AM

October

- **VetFest** – Saturday, October 5 – Granny White Park, Brentwood.
- **Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home** - Tuesday, October 15 @ 10AM
- **PumpkinFest** – Saturday, October 26 - Application submitted.

November

- **Franklin Veterans Day Parade** – Monday, November 11 ****Confirmed****
- **Columbia Veterans Day Parade** – Monday, November 11
- **Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home** - Tuesday, November 19 @ 10AM

December

- **Annual Chapter Luncheon Meeting** – Monday, December 9 @ 10AM Willis Johnson “Barn” - ****Confirmed****
- **Dickens of a Christmas** – Saturday, December 14 – Sunday, December 15 - Application submitted.
- **Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home** - Tuesday, December 17 @ 10AM

Committee Reports:

- **Membership (John Mills & Bob Baze)**. Current membership is 149.
- **Communications (Gregg)** 10 people have signed up to be callers to membership. The initiative will start before the July meeting.
- **Events / Community Engagement (Max)** See above.
- **Programs / Speakers (Don)** We are working on 2025 speakers, to include Honor Flight
- **Awards (Rich)**
- **Quilts of Valor:** Sign-ups from Monday meeting?

Future Speakers:

- **July 8** – LTC Arlin Wilsher – Army ROTC at MTSU
- **August 12** – Capt. Aron Buckles – Naval ROTC at Vanderbilt
- **September 8** – Dr. John O’Brien – 101st Airborne Museum
- **October 14** – Tripp Osteen – Folds of Honor
- **November 11** – Greg Wade – Tennessee Medal of Honor Winners
- **December 9** - TBD

Next Membership Meeting: Monday, July 8 at 5:30 @ Williamson County Enrichment Center

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, July 17, at 1:30pm @ Williamson County Enrichment Center

The Board adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

