

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 1140
13 November 2024 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order – 1732 hours

Opening Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of officers and Board: All officers and board members present

Welcome of First Time Veteran Attendees: Art Jacobs, Army

Secretary Report from previous meeting was approved by voice vote

Treasurer Report :

Checking:	\$17,627.57
501(c)(3) Checking Account:	\$17,841.64
Money Market Account:	\$41,883.16

Unfinished Business

- Tennessee State Veterans Home Visit – No formal report
- Joint AMVETS 1776 & VVA 1140 Food Drive – Cancelled because no storage site was identified
- PumpkinFest – \$400 contributed, talked to a lot of people
- Franklin Family Day – Good day, good attendance, \$70 contributed, poor booth placement
- Flag Placement on Veteran Graves – Two members participated, said it was a great experience
- Veteran Day Parade – Franklin – 23rd annual event
- Veteran Day Parade – Columbia – This parade needs to have schools, bands and JROTC participating
- Flag Removal – Need more participants from the Chapter
- Speaker at Thompson Station Middle School – John DeRouen (member) spoke to the middle schoolers on Veterans Day
- City of Brentwood Veterans Day ceremony – Well attended community event

New Business

- Quilt Presentation – Pat McMahon – Presentation to James Blumig, USMC
- Tonight's Speaker – Ben Welch, Williamson County VSO

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Events / Community Engagement

December

- **VVA1140 Membership Luncheon, Monday, December 9 – @ Willis Johnson “Barn”, 1301 Moran Road, Franklin – Doors open @ 10AM, Lunch @ 11.**
- **Dickens of a Christmas - Saturday and Sunday, December 14-15 –Downtown Franklin – Sign-up sheet available**

Chapter Committee Reports

We need people to step up and help on these committees. If interested, contact the members listed below.

- **Membership Bob Baze & John Mills reported 149 members and 2 applications pending**
- **Communications (Gregg Conroy) - Need volunteers to call and remind members of meetings and events**
- **Events / Fundraising (Max Hixon)**
- **Programs / Speakers (Don Caldwell)**
- **Awards (Rich Krejsa)**

Future Speakers:

- **December 9 – Ramon Presson, Counselor and Comedian**
- **January 13 – Beverly Williams – Vietnam Combat Nurse**
- **February 10 – Judge M. T. Taylor, Williamson County Veterans Treatment Court**
- **March 10 – Dr. Kaylon Bruner-Tran, Vanderbilt professor, speaking on Agent Orange**
- **April 14 – Student entries in Essay Contest**

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.
- **Embroidered shirts** with our Chapter info and the VVA logo. The shirts can be ordered with or without your name for a donation of \$35 or more. **(See Gregg Conroy)**

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Meetings:

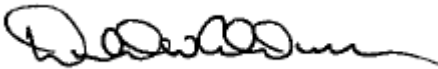
- Our next scheduled membership meeting (luncheon) is set for **Monday December 9, 2024**, at **Willis Johnson's, 1301 Moran Road, 10AM, with lunch at 11AM**
- The next scheduled Board meeting is on **Wednesday, November 20, 1:30** at the Williamson County Enrichment Center (upstairs). Members are always 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?

Adjourned 1903

Respectfully submitted:



Chapter Secretary