

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 1140

September 14, 2026 Agenda

Call to Order.

Invocation – *Pat Davis, Chapter Chaplain*

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of officers and Board.

President – Rich Krejsa

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 1st attendees (Veterans)

Secretary Report - Review and approval of prior meeting minutes

Quilt of Valor – Pat McMahon

Activities Since Last Meeting

- VVA National Leadership Conference - **Report**
- Williamson County Fair - **Report**
- Veteran Treatment Court Graduation – **Report**

Unfinished Business

- September 19 Car show
 - Items needed for Car Show Silent Auction
 - Staffing (JROTC, Registration, Silent Auction, etc.)
 - Distribute Flyers

Speaker – Joe Loesch – Voice Actor, Vietnam Vet, Author, **“Vietnam Erased”**

New Business

- **Personal Interview(s) for Navy Memorial Stories of Service Program – [Signup Sheet Available](#)**
 - **Chapter Meeting / Luncheon – Monday, December 14 – Willis Johnson Car Barn, 1301 Moran Rd., Franklin – [Signup Sheet \(Limited to 150 people\) Member Plus 1](#)**
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Events / Community Engagement

September

- **9/11 Remembrance Day Events – Friday September 11**
 - **Franklin and Williamson County – 7:45AM – Public Square**
 - **Independence High School**
 - 8AM – Ceremony - Gymnasium
 - 7PM - Salute to Veterans and First Responders – Football Field
 - **SAR -10AM – Franklin archives & Museum**
- **6th Annual Car Show – Saturday, September 19, Elks Lodge #72. 485 Oak Meadow Drive, Franklin – [Signup Sheet available](#)**
 - **Event – 8AM – 2PM**
 - **Setup – 7AM**
 - **Teardown – 2PM**
- **Remembering World War II – Saturday, September 16 – 121 Main St., Linden, TN.**
 - Open 9AM-9:30PM – www.rememberingwwii.com
 - Opening Ceremony 10AM

October

- **9th Annual VetFest and Heroes Stroll – Saturday, October 3, Granny White Park, 610 Granny White Pike, Brentwood – [Signup Sheet Available](#)**
 - **Event – 9:30 (Heroes Stroll) – VetFest - 11-4**
 - **Setup – 8AM**
 - **Teardown – 4PM**
- **Veterans Breakfast – Tuesday, October 6, 10:15AM, The Fountains of Franklin. 300 Celebration Cir. Franklin – [Attendance Sheet Signup](#)**

- **2nd Annual Veterans Golf Tournament – Friday, October 23**, Cheekwood Golf Club, 285 Spencer Creek Road, Franklin – **Signup Sheet Available (Need 4)**
 - **Event – 8AM – 4PM**
 - **Setup – 7AM**
 - **Teardown – 4PM**
 - **PumpkinFest – Saturday – Sunday, October 24 & 25 – Application Sent In**
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Future Speakers:

- **October 12 – Art Jacobs – Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association**
 - **November 9 – Linda Staffen – CEO / Founder – Core Insurance, Vietnamese Refugee**
 - **December 14 – Sheila Preston Fitzgerald, Author, “Footnotes Adventures with Jesus Veterans Edition”, “One Foot in Heaven”**
 - **January 11 – Francine Ruth – Owner, Home Matters Caregiving**
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Treasurer Report

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**
- **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 **Monday, October 12, 5:30PM** at the Williamson County Enrichment Center.
- The next scheduled Board meeting is **Wednesday, September 16, 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?