



# Vietnam Veterans of America

## Chapter 1140 Board Meeting

### November 20, 2024

Call to Order	1324 hrs.
Roll Call of Officers and Board	All members of the board and all officers were present
Approval of minutes from last Board meeting	Minutes approved by voice vote
Treasurer Report at the end of July	1140 Account: \$17,627.57 501c3 Checking Account: \$17,841.64 Money Market Account: \$41,883.16
Attendance of General meeting August 12	49 members 1 guest
<b>Unfinished Business</b>	
• Website update	Webmaster hasn't done much to site.
• Challenge Coin	Greg updated. Design TBD. No action on this project to date
<b>New Business</b>	
• Communication within the Board	Rich is asking the Board to respond to inquiries he posts for decisions.
• Publishing a member "Directory"	Discussion on publishing a list of members, their email addresses and phone numbers. Following discussion, the Board determined to decline creation of a directory
• VVA National Convention August 5-9, New Orleans (\$125/night, approx. \$400 air fare)	Discussion on the feasibility of attending the national convention. Motion was made to table the topic until 2025.
• Concert For Hope January 9, 6-8 p.m.	Concert pianist at Franklin Community Church of Nazarene under VVA endorsement. Decision was made to endorse the concert publicly.



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quilts of Valor</li> </ul>	Signups from Monday meeting? None
<b>Events / Community Engagement</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>December</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Annual Chapter Luncheon Meeting – Monday, December 9, 10 a.m., at Wilis Johnson’s “barn” 125 signups with guests</li> <li>○ Dickens of a Christmas – Saturday, December 14 – Sunday, December 15 - <b>Application submitted</b></li> <li>○ TSC Chapter President’s Meeting, Monday, December 16, 11 a.m., Wilson County Fairgrounds</li> <li>○ Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home - Tuesday, December 17 @ 10AM</li> <li>○ Wreaths Across America, December 17, Veterans Cemetery placements, 11 a.m.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>January</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concert for Hope, Thursday, January 9, 6-8 p.m.</li> <li>• Tennessee State Council Meeting, January 25, Wilson County Fairground, 11 a.m.</li> <li>• Visit Tennessee State Veterans Home, Tuesday, January 21, 10 a.m.</li> </ul>
<b>Committee Reports</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Membership (John Mills &amp; Bob Baze)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Membership the same as reported last month</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Communications (Gregg)</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tennessee Military Collectors Association Show, November 29-30, Marriott Hotel. Set up VVA table at show?</li> <li>○ Mailchip account upgrade? Vote to upgrade account level to Paid Essentials Level, passed.</li> </ul>



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Events / Community Engagement (Max)</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Max proposed creation of a magnetic Vietnam Veterans sign for members. 100 copies of an Oval design, \$204.00, Rectangle design, \$139.40</li><li>○ Morley proposal to give a grant to the 307<sup>th</sup> Bombardment Group which recovers downed aircraft. Invite him to speak to an upcoming chapter meeting. Rich will investigate the finances of this organization. (From the unit's website: <b><u>307th Bombardment Group (Heavy) Association</u></b> The 307th Bombardment Group (HV) Association, Inc., The Long Rangers grew out of the initial meeting of 307th Bomb Group veterans who got together in the spirit of fellowship and camaraderie in Reno, Nevada, on September 11-12, 1972. Our goal and hope were for continued growth and expanded interest in the Nation's finest heroes. The members attending the initial meeting where: Carl Whitesell, Dan Cauffiel, George Jaffe, Ed Jurkens, M. P. Nelson, Arthur Downs, and C. Scott. Our organization has grown, and we have expanded to include the descendants of our 307th Bomb Group veterans. Our hope is to ensure that future generations never forget the sacrifices that these men made for us and our country. Every year we hold a reunion in a different part of the country and have a great time reminiscing and catching up with old and new friends.)</li></ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Programs / Speakers (Don)</b></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ December 9 – Ramon Presson, humorist and columnist</li><li>○ January meeting-- Beverly Williams, Vietnam Combat Nurse</li><li>○ February 10—Judge M. T. Taylor, Williamson County Veterans Treatment Court</li></ul>



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• <b>Awards (Rich)</b>	○ No report
<b>Next Membership Meeting</b>	Monday, December 9, 10 a.m., Christmas Luncheon
<b>Next Board Meeting</b>	Wednesday, December 18, 1:30 p.m.
<b>Meeting Adjourned at 1455 hrs.</b>	

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Anderson", written in a cursive style.

Board Secretary