

Vietnam Veterans of America
Texas State Council Meeting
El Paso, Texas
April 6-7, 2018
ITINERARY AND AGENDA

Thursday, April 5, 2018.

- Hospitality Suite opens, 5:00 pm- 9:00 pm. Guest room # 1102.

Friday, April 6, 2018.

- Registration 3:00 pm to 8:00pm inHotel Lobby
- Hospitality Suite opens:4:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Guest room # 1102.
- VVAFT Board of Directors Meeting 4:00 pm. in Executive Boardroom.
- AVVA Meeting at 4:00 pm-5:00 pm in AV Theater.
- Silent Auction registration begins at 5:00 pm. AV Theater.

Saturday, April 7, 2018.

- Registration 8:00 am to 9:00 am – Hotel Lobby
- Silent & Live Auction Item Registration7:00 am to 9:00 amin AVTheater.
- Project A.M.I.G.O. Donation Items due in by 9:00 am. Recipient: Army Fisher House at Ft. Bliss.
- TSC General Membership Meeting –9:00 am to 5:00 pm inAV Theater.
- AVVA Meeting – 9:00 am.Roomarea set aside in Orchid room.
- Hospitality Suite opens for Social Hour: 6:00 pm-6:50 pm. Guest room # 1102.
- TSC Banquet 7:00 pm.
 - 6:00 pm. 7:00 pm. – Cocktails, Cash Bar.
 - 7:00 pm – Banquet (Dinner will be Plated) Rosewood/Oakwood.
 - Live auction.
 - Guest Speaker, Colonel Michael Hester, 1st Armored Division and Fort Bliss Chief of Staff.

Sunday, April 8, 2018.

- Travel Day, unless there is unfinished business outstanding from Saturday session.

Texas State Council General Session – Saturday April 7, 2018 AV Theatre.

Call to Order (9:00 a.m.) – Luther Newberry, TSC President

- **Presentation of Colors** –VVA Chapter 574 Color Guard.
- **National Anthem**- Miguel Rios (tenor).
- **Pledge of Allegiance.** TSC Vice President Kerwin Stone.
- **Invocation**–VVA Chapter 574 chaplain Bill Hart Jr.
- **POW/MIA Ceremony**– Humberto Nevarez, TSC Secretary.
- **Welcome** – VVA Chapter 574 President Humberto Nevarez
- **Welcome** –The Honorable Dee Margo, El Paso Mayor.
- **Recognition of Guests – TSC President Buster Newberry.**
 - VVA National President John Rowan.
 - VVA National Secretary Bill Meeks, Jr.
 - VVA National Board of Directors Richard DeLong.
 - VVA National Director Kerwin Stone.
 - VVA Region 7 Director Allen Manuel.
 - AVVA Region 7 Director Terri Rangel.
 - VVAFT Board of Directors
 - Others
- **Announcements: Luther “Buster” Newberry, TSC President**
- Officers and Chapter Roll Call /Quorum: Humberto Nevarez, TSC Secretary
- Swearing in of New Chapter Delegates (if any)
- Swearing in of New Committee Chairs (if any)
- Approval of Texas State Council Meeting Agenda.
- Acceptance of Baytown October 2017 Meeting Minutes.
- Treasurer’s Report – Jim Boyd.
- Texas AVVA President’s Report, by AVVA President Percilla Newberry. (Charter presentation of AVVA 574, Inc.)
- AVVA Project A.M.I.G.O. presentation to Army Fisher House by AVVA State Council Officers.

Chapter Reports:

Reporting will begin with the host Chapter 574, to be followed by remaining Chapters report out in sequence order. Chapters are encouraged to only give a brief (i.e., no more than **three minutes please**) highlight of Chapter activities since the October Baytown TX.TSC meeting. For a more detailed Chapter Report, provide a written copy to the officers and delegates.

- **Committee Reports:**

Committee Chairs are encouraged to give a brief (i.e., no more than **five minutes**) verbal report on the business the committees have been doing since the October Baytown TX TSC meeting. All Committees **MUST** provide a written report (*digital report is requested*) to the TSC Secretary so they can be included in the official minutes.

- Financial Review: Jim Boyd, (VVA TSC Treasurer / VVA Chapter 137, Dallas)
- Constitution/State By-Laws: Bill Meeks, Jr., Chair (VVA Chapter 343 Houston / VVA National Secretary)
- ETABO (Employment, Training, & Business Opportunities): Al Navarro, Chair (VVA Chapter 343 Houston)
- State Legislative and Government Affairs Coordinator: John Miterko (VVA Chapter 915 Austin)
- Membership : Jim W. Boyd, Chair (VVA TSC Treasurer / Chapter 137 Dallas)
- Minority Affairs: Paul Washington, Chair (VVA Chapter 343 Houston)
- Election Committee: Greg Beck, Chair (VVA Chapter 278 Texarkana)
- POW/MIA: Greg Beck, Chair (VVA Chapter 278 Texarkana)
- State Homeless Veterans Coordinator: Greg Beck (VVA Chapter 278 Texarkana)
- PTSD: Joe Boatman (VVA Chapter 915 Austin)
- Public Affairs, Awards: S. J. (Buddy) Farina, Chair (VVA Chapter 685 Galveston)
 - Special Advisor: Sandra Womack (AVVA Chapter 292 Beaumont)
- Scholarship: Jim Boyd Chair (VVATSC Treasurer / VVA Chapter 137 Dallas)
 - Special Advisor: Percilla Newberry (AVVA Chapter 404 Borger)
- State Agent Orange Coordinator: (to be elected) (VVA Chapter _____)
- TSC Chapter Start-up Coordinator: Stephen Brady, (VVA Chapter 343 Houston)
- Veterans Benefits: John Cook (VVA Chapter 137 Dallas)
- Veterans Incarcerated: Rich Poliska (VVA Chapter 734 Conroe)

- Women Veterans: Cheryl VanSycle (VVA Chapter 366 San Antonio)

Break- 10 minutes.

Call to Order:

Unfinished Business.

- Chapters 932, Tyler and Chapter 910, Corpus Christi. Report.
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Old Business

- TSC Elections. Greg Beck, Election Committee Chair.

New Business

- Leadership Conference at Palm Springs CA. Sunday July 22, 2018.
- Remarks by VVA National Secretary Bill Meeks.
- Remarks by VVA Region 7 Director Allen Manuel.
- Agent Orange Town Halls – Luther “Buster” Newberry.
- TSC meeting October 2018, Chapter 685 Galveston.

Motion to Adjourn

Session Adjourned at ____ pm.

- Silent Auction: **Attendees have 15 MINUTES to make final bid on items. Item payment and pick-up immediately after close of bids.**
- Award announcement and presentations will be at the Banquet tonight.
- ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS ***MUST SUBMIT WRITTEN REPORTS (digital requested) TO TSC SECRETARY***
- ALL NEW CHAPTER DELEGATES MUST HAVE A COPY OF THEIR CHAPTER ELECTION REPORT OR LETTER OF AUTHORIZATION DESIGNATING THEM AS PRIMARY OR ALTERNATE DELEGATES TO THE TEXAS STATE COUNCIL AND BRING A COPY OF THEIR DD-214 TO SHOW THE TEXAS STATE COUNCIL SECRETARY BEFORE THEY WILL BE SEATED. ANY CHAPTER DELEGATE NOT NAMED ON THE CHAPTER’S ELECTION REPORT SHOULD BRING A LETTER SIGNED BY THE CHAPTER’S PRESIDENT AND A COPY OF THE DELEGATES DD-214.

This agenda was approved during the Texas State Council Executive Committee on February 17, 2018, and has been subsequently amended to reflect omitted and/or requested items.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THE FOLLOWING CHAPTERS WERE ABSENT AT THE TSC MEETING IN Baytown, Texas on October, 2017.

Chapter 297 Amarillo, 870 Schulenburg, 910 Corpus Christi, 923 San Marcos, 929 Beeville, 932 Tyler, 991 Palestine, 1009 Corsicana, 1012 Waco, 1029 Yorktown, 1122 Collin County and 1127 Columbus. Total 12.

Respectfully submitted,

Humberto Nevarez,
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Approved: _____.