



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA TEXAS STATE COUNCIL GENERAL MEETING

Embassy Suites by Hilton and Denton Convention Center
3100 Town Center Trail, Denton, TX 76201

Saturday, October 23, 2021

AGENDADRAFT 1



Texas State Council General Session – Saturday October 23, 2021

CALL TO ORDER(9:00 a.m.) – S.J. Buddy Farina, TSC President, VVA Chapter 685

- **Presentation of Colors –**
- **Pledge of Allegiance –** Wm. Douglas Van Syckle, TSC Vice President, VVA Chapter 366
- **National Anthem –**
- **Invocation –**
- **POW/MIA Ceremony –**
- **Welcome and Introduction of Special Guests –** TSC President Farina,
- **Recognition of VVA and AVVA Guests –** TSC President Farina
 - VVA National President John Rowen, if possible
 - VVA National Secretary Bill Meeks, Jr.
 - VVA National Director Kerwin Stone
 - VVA National Constitution Committee Chair Leslie DeLong
 - AVVA National Treasurer Kathy Andras
 - VVA Region 7 Director Dennis Andras
 - AVVA Region 7 Director Terri Rangel
 - AVVA Texas State Council President Percilla Newberry
 - VVAFT Board of Directors: Greg Beck; Luther ‘Buster’ Newberry; Robert Rangel; Jim Boyd; Kerwin Stone; Humberto Nevarez; Bill Meeks, Jr.; Cheryl Van Syckle.
 - Others
- Recognition of 5000th VVA Texas Member (if there is one)
- Guest Presentation: Texas Veteran Hall of Fame, Presenter: Gary Steele (VVA Chapter 922) 15 minutes

- **Announcements:** S.J. Buddy Farina, TSC President, VVA Chapter 685
- **Roll Call:**Officers and Chapter Roll Call /Quorum: Cheryl Van Syckle, TSC Secretary, VVA Chapter 366
- **Swearing in of New Chapter Delegates** (if any): S.J. Buddy Farina, TSC President, VVA Chapter 685
- **Swearing in of New Committee Chairs** (if any): S.J. Buddy Farina, TSC President, VVA Chapter 685
- Approval of Texas State Council Meeting Agenda
- Acceptance of April2021 TSC Beaumont Meeting Minutes, attached
- Treasurer’s Report – Harold Leung, TSC Treasurer, VVA Chapter 915
- Texas AVVA President’s Report – Percilla Newberry
- AVVA Project A.M.I.G.O. presentation to Lifegate Church Pantry- Percilla Newberry. AVVA President (11:00 a.m.)

CHAPTER REPORTS:

Reporting will begin with the host Chapter, to be followed by remaining Chapters’ reports in sequence order. Chapters are encouraged to only give a brief (i.e., no more than THREE MINUTES) verbal report highlighting Chapter activities since the April 2021 TSC meeting in Beaumont, TX. Each Chapter will provide a written report to the TSC Secretary so

they can be included in the official minutes. Each Chapter will also provide a copy of their report to the officers and delegates (50 copies).

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 April 2021 TSC meeting in Beaumont, TX. All Committees MUST provide a written report to the TSC Secretary so they can be included in the official minutes. Each Committee will provide a written copy of their report to the officers and delegates (50 copies).

- Constitution/State By-Laws: Bill Meeks, Jr., Chair (VVA Chapter 343 Houston / VVA National Secretary)
- ETABO (Employment, Training, & Business Opportunities): vacant
- 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)
- Finance: Ernest Mathews, Chair (VVA Chapter 685 Galveston)
- Finance Special Advisor: Jim W. Boyd (Chapter 137 Dallas)
- Government Affairs: John Miterko, Chair (VVA Chapter 915 Austin)
- State Legislative Coordinator: John Miterko, Chair (VVA Chapter 915 Austin)
- Membership Affairs: Jim W. Boyd, Chair (VVA TSC Treasurer / Chapter 137 Ft. Worth)
- Minority Affairs: Paul Washington, Chair (VVA Chapter 343 Houston)
- PTSD: Joe Boatman (VVA Chapter 915 Austin)
- Public Affairs: S. J. (Buddy) Farina, Chair (VVA Chapter 685 Galveston)
Special Advisor: Sandra Womack (AVVA Chapter 292 Beaumont)
- Scholarship: Jim Boyd, Chair (TSC Financial Advisor/Chapter 137 Dallas)
Special Advisor: Percilla Newberry (AVVA Chapter 404 Borger)
- State Agent Orange Co-Chairs: Luther 'Buster' Newberry (VVA Chapter 404 Borger) and Paul Huff (VVA Chapter 1122McKinney)
- State Chapter Start-up (vacant)
- Veterans Benefits: John Cook (VVA Chapter 137 Dallas)
- Veterans Incarcerated: Ray Hardy (VVA Chapter 292 Beaumont)
- Website: Cheryl Van Syckle (TSC Secretary/Chapter 366 San Antonio)
- Women Veterans Co-Chairs: Cheryl Van Syckle (TSC Secretary/Chapter 366 San Antonio) and Marlene Foust (VVA Chapter 932 Tyler)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Discuss current status of Election and Financial Reports

NEW BUSINESS

- 2021 VVA National Convention Greensboro, North Carolina— Bill Meeks. Jr.
- National Candidates time to speak
- TSC April 2022 Meeting (ELECTION MEETING): Chapter 922 Baytown will host the meeting. – Rosendo Lopez
- TSC October 2022– TBA
- TSC April 2023 Meeting – TBA
- TSC October 2023 Meeting - TBA
- Other

ADJOURNMENT: Session Adjourned at _____

- Silent Auction: **Attendees have 15 MINUTES to make final bid on items. Item payment and pick-up immediately after close of bids.**

NOTE:

- **EACH CHAPTER *MUST SUBMIT WRITTEN REPORTS TO TSC SECRETARY***
- **ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRS *MUST SUBMIT WRITTEN REPORTS TO TSC SECRETARY.***
- **CHAPTER DELEGATES** must be listed on the chapter's current Election Form and/or TSC FORM 101 TSC Delegate Registration to be seated at the TSC General Meeting. ANY CHAPTER DELEGATE **NOT** NAMED ON THE CHAPTER'S CURRENT ELECTION FORM AND/OR CURRENT TSC FORM 101, **MUST** BRING A LETTER LISTING THE DELEGATE (STATE DELEGATE'S NAME, MEMBER#, ADDRESS, PHONE# AND EMAIL ADDRESS) SIGNED BY THE CHAPTER'S PRESIDENT DESIGNATING THEM AS A DELEGATE TO THE TEXAS STATE COUNCIL WITH FULL VOTING RIGHTS IN ORDER TO BE SEATED AT THE GENERAL MEETING. NO EXCEPTIONS.

This agenda was approved by the Texas State Council Executive Committee 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 Beaumont, TX ON April 17, 2021.

0297 Amarillo	0856 Harlingen	0932 Tyler
0457 San Angelo	0870 Schulenburg	1069 El Campo
0844 El Paso	0898 Victoria	1122 McKinney
0854 Hallettsville	0910 Corpus Christi	