

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Florida State Council  
Minutes  
March 12, 2011**

**Meeting called to order:** 8:30

**Opening Ceremonies:** Opening Prayer, Moment of Silence, Pledge of Allegiance  
Completed

**Roll Call of Officers:** Completed

**Roll Call of Delegates:** Completed...Quorum established

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved with additions to New Business

**Approval of Minutes:** Approved without change

**Chapter Reports:** Completed

**Officer Reports:**

1<sup>st</sup> VP – Ben Humphries

2<sup>nd</sup> VP – Mike Bousher

Secretary - Craig Tonjes – no report

Treasurer – Tom Hall – Discussed proposed change to 3 meetings.

2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in June, 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November, and 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend in February

Motion 1: Vinnie Rega – To change FSC Meetings from 4 to 3 meetings per year  
– June 11, 12, 2011, the first weekend in November, 2011, and Feb 11, 12, 2012.

Rules suspended... Motion passed w/75%+ ...amends bylaws

Discussed IRS 990N filing requirements and solicitation reporting

Motion 2: [To change the bylaws] The change would be to Article V, Section 1,  
Regular Meetings. The change to the first sentence would [will] read as “Regular  
meeting of the State [Council] shall be held at least 3 times per year at such times  
and locations as the State Council shall designate.

Motion passed w/75%+...inserts language change to bylaws

Motion 3: To increase travel expenses [allowance] from \$0.36 to \$0.44 per mile

Motion passed

Discussed necessity to amend HGSP Contract based on meeting changes and fund  
distribution.

**State Legislation:** Charlie Price – Reported on current Veteran issues before the State Legislature as well as State issues such as lack of new nursing homes, and privatization of nursing home employees. Discussed creating State ID to establish veteran status verification for commercial discounts.

**VA Regional Office Service Officer:** Marc McCabe – Provided verbal resume (727) 319-7515 - [marc.mccabe@va.gov](mailto:marc.mccabe@va.gov)

**Region IV AVVA Director:** Suzanne Blohm-Weber – Advised to go to AVVA web-site [www.avva.org](http://www.avva.org) Presented Charter to Mount Dora AVVA Chapter

**AVVA State Liaison:** Beverly Thomas (AVVA State VP) reported for Rose Ledford – Announced elections in June...Presented AVVA Member of the Year to Helen Shaut

**Region IV Director:** Carol Schetrompf – Encouraged Convention participation. Noted VVA budget meetings soon. Noted that Chapters must have all reports (Financial, Election) in to National in order to seat delegate(s) at convention. Discussed status of Puerto Rico VA hospital

**Special Reports:**

Emergency Relief: Tom Hall – Funds remain available

Legislative: No Report

Coalition: Jim Ruffino – Presented report – Presented Certificate of Appreciation and plaque

**Committee Reports:**

Veterans Affairs: Connie Christensen - Reported

Health Care: Connie Christensen - Reported

Women Veterans: Connie Christensen - Reported

Minority Affairs: Alvin Roberts - Reported

Veterans Incarcerated: John Koprowski - Reported

FVVAF: John Koprowski - Reported

Veterans Benefits: Vic Diaz - Reported

Membership Affairs: Aris Atoa – Reported – At-Large currently at 878

Public Affairs: Mike Bousher - Reported

Education/Scholarship: Tom Hall - Reported

Recon: Tom Hall – Reported – Deadline for next issue is 05/15/2011 – Seeking new editor...citing health and family

Finance: Vinnie Rega –

**Motion 4: Out of committee. Approve Budget as submitted (see Treasurer's report) for 2011. Passed**

Government Affairs: Tom Corey appointed – Jerry Klein reported

Constitution: Craig Tonjes – Reported

Motion 5: Out of committee. To support Constitution Amendment (at Reno Convention) to reduce At-Large Directors to 4. **Passed**

Veterans Advocacy & Legal Affairs: Position Vacant

POW/MIA: Rose Ledford – Absent

PTSD & Agent Orange: Alan Thompson - Absent

Homeless Veterans: Suzanne Blohm-Weber - Absent

ITT – Tim Nightengale – Reported – Web site up and running (VVAFSC.org)

**President's Report:** Reported – Melbourne, Sarasota, Key West may have forming Chapters. Veterans Courts discussed – Palm Beach County has only current program in Florida.

**Old Business:**

Convention: +/-30 Delegates preliminary count

**New Business:**

Task Force on future of VVA: Bob Barry, Regional Task Force on the future of VVA Reported – seeking suggestions to deal with closure of the Organization.

**Good of the Order:** Corporation renewals due by May 31st

**Motion to Adjourn:** So moved and passed @ 4:00

**Next Meeting:** June 11, 2011

**Submitted by:**

**Craig Tonjes, Secretary**

**Approved:**

1. Continue VVA as it is and close operations as we age and pass away. [The Grand Army of the Republic and the Veterans of World War I models.]
2. Expand the membership to include veterans from other eras. [The AMVETS model.]
3. Continue to function as a separate entity, but work in tandem/partnership with one or more related organizations. For example – Veterans of Modern Warfare, Sons & Daughters in Touch, AVVA, Vietnamese Americans, or the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organizations (VUFO).
4. Develop a plan for joint funding and operations if the tandem/partnership model seems feasible. This would include joint/shared staffing.
5. Reach beyond the veteran community to academia, business, labor, legal, medical, science, government, and other non-profit organizations for ideas and examples of how to evolve from one period to another.
6. Develop a transfer plan of records, assets, obligations, and staff under any option.

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Robert Barry <barry420@hotmail.com>

TASK FORCE

**V.V.A. Chapter 1003  
Keith F. Perrelli  
Hudson Fl.  
March Report F.S.C.**

Our chapter is moving and growing, We are getting ready with our elections and hopefully instituting more committees, Our goals for this year is to our community and our youth. We will be making donations as we have in the past. We are also following up again this year with our scholarship programs we will either increase the fund or hopefully give out two scholarships. In December we did our first Pearl Harbor ceremony for the Eagles the program was set up by our Chapter a good turn out for that day as well. We are continuing to do our breakfast which also is open to the public and then our meeting follows. We attended several memorials and fund raisers, with visits to nursing and rehab homes along with the shut-ins. Our service to our veterans are always appreciated, we are still helping with transportation. We are also assisting our Senior Gold Star parents with transportation and doctor visits. Here are some of things off our calendar. Also working with the Jr. R.O.T.C. Hudson H.S.

**Between Dec. and present:**

Breakfast open to the public  
Do-nuts and coffee at the VA out-patient clinic NPR Fl.  
Holiday Veterans Outreach set up VVA tables  
Car and Bike show  
Board of Directors for the Sand Soldiers of America  
Escort Motor Cycle ride from Hernando to Homosasa

**Donations:**

American Legion 335 for use of building  
Katelyn make a wish  
Cancer Society  
Floral arrangements for Funerals  
AVVA in our Chapter  
116 hrs VA volunteers (R. Cianonsa B. Becker B. Kaemph)  
Josh Gaventree  
Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans  
Presidential Program ROTC Tree and Vegetable Planting West Side Elementary School

**Upcoming events:**

Chasco Parade  
Cajun cook out ( craw fish Boil) April 30<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day (3 ceremony's )  
FSC June  
Membership drive  
Veterans Out Reach Pasco County  
Golf Tournament Oct. 6th

Respectively Submitted  
Secretary

*Vincent Rega*



**Vietnam Veterans of America**

**Chapter 787, Tampa, FL**

**VVA787.com**

**Mar 12, 2011**

**Chapter Delegate: Glayron Faries**

**Membership: 81 VVA 13 AVVA**

**Activities**

**We had Fundraisers in February and March.**

**We had to find a new meeting place because the Veterans Memorial Park is closed for construction.**

**We donated \$200 to a needy veteran.**

**We have continued a “no-business” meal in January and February. So far, we have had limited success in drawing in participants, but those who have attended had a good time. We will continue this for a few more months.**

**Upcoming events**

**On March 29, we will serve a meal for 40 people at the Fisher House and also provide some WalMart gift cards.**

**Fundraisers are scheduled for April and May.**

**Our 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show is scheduled in May.**

**March and April will be key months for our future as we solicit candidates for officers.**



# Vietnam Veterans of America Osceola County Chapter #755

1569 Neptune Road  
Kissimmee, FL 34744

## CHAPTER 755 Activities December 1, 2010 – February 28, 2011

Worked with the Osceola County council on Aging to “adopt” 4 senior citizens for Christmas dinner as part of their Senior Santa program.

Participated in the Ribbon Cutting ceremony to rename an Osceola County Park to a Veterans Park in honor of the 65th Infantry Regiment.

Participated in the “Topping Out” Ceremony for the new VA Hospital in Orlando, and signed the commemorative beam on behalf of the VVA Chapter and State Council.

Continued to work with the planning group to meet the County requirements to approve the purchase of a building for a permanent Military History Museum.

Continued to support the Veterans Museum in Kissimmee as volunteer guides, and serve on the Board of Directors.

# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, Inc.



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**Chapter 620  
P.O. Box 380251  
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March 12, 2011  
January-March, 2011**

**VVA Chapter 620 has made many civic and community aspirations/commitments, as we have proudly participated in several parades during this reporting period. As always, annually we played a major role in the Jr. Orange Bowl Parade on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011, followed by the Jose Marti Parade on January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 in the City of Hialeah, FL and finally again our chapter Color/Honor Guards and chapter members participated in the City of Miami Lakes. Chapter # 620 also presided over the Final Rights of three Vietnam Veterans with the presentation of our country's flag by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Alvin W. Roberts. In addition to assisting at the Miami VA during Sunday Worship services, we are also in the planning stages of the same at Nininger State Veterans Nursing Home.**

**For more information please see 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Alvin W. Roberts. We are now proud to say that our membership recruitment has moved to higher levels of achievement as some of our members who were not Life Members are now becoming full-time Life Members. As always, we continue to carry out the mission of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.**

**In addition to the above, our inspirational and motivational Speakers Bureau throughout the public schools (JROTC Cadets) as well as all students continues to be effective in more ways than one. Chapter Members Alvin W. Roberts and Thomas M. Yarosz who sits on the Committee of Community Action Agency (Allapattah Committee were extremely proud to present three scholarships to deserving High School and College students with a goal set for a total of 6 for this upcoming 2011 scholarship awards program. Our Veterans, Americanism, Community, Patriotic, and Youth Programs are too numerous to mention in detail; however, we take great pride in all that we achieve and do throughout Miami-Dade Community to help all veterans that are in need i.e. homeless veterans, employment as we continue to carry out the mission of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.**

**"Congratulations" are in order for Chapter Member Jose A. Vila, who was recognized by 1<sup>st</sup> VP Alvin W. Roberts for his outstanding commitment within the community and VVA.**

**"In Service to America"**

**Alvin W. Roberts, 1<sup>st</sup> VP / VVA #620**

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
CHAPTER 566, ST. LUCIE COUNTY, FL

CHAPTER REPORT DATE: MARCH 12, 2011

This is a report of the activities 566 has been involved with.  
They are as follows:

Chapter 566 members held the POW – MIA ceremonies on Sept 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park.

Chapter 566 held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 attended the meeting of the United Veterans of Port St. Lucie  
on Monday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 attended the meeting of the United Veterans of St. Lucie  
County on Friday, Oct. 8, 2010.

Chapter 566 held its monthly meeting on Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 attended the meeting of the United Veterans of Port St. Lucie  
on Monday, Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 attended the meeting of the United Veterans of St. Lucie  
County held on Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 members participated in Veterans Day Ceremonies on Nov.  
13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 held at Veterans Memorial Park.

Chapter 566 held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 members attended the meeting of the United Veterans of Port  
St. Lucie on Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 members attended the ceremonies held for Pearl Harbor Day  
On Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 attended the meeting of the United Veterans of St. Lucie  
County on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 held its monthly meeting on Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 attended the meeting of the United Veterans of Port St. Lucie on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

Chapter 566 attended the meeting of the United Veterans of St. Lucie County on Jan. 14, 2011.

Chapter 566 held its monthly meeting on Jan. 18, 2011.

Chapter 566 attended the meeting of the United Veterans of Port St. Lucie on Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Chapter 566 conducted the Four Chaplains Ceremony held on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 2011 at the First Congregational Church in Port St. Lucie.

Chapter members attended the meeting of the United Veterans of Port St. Lucie County on Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Chapter 566 held its monthly meeting on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Chapter 566 attended the meeting of the United Veterans of Port St. Lucie On Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Chapter 566 will have a Chapter Delegate at the Florida State Council Meeting being held in Orlando, Florida during March 10<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aris Atoa  
Chapter 566 Delegate

3/8/2011



**Vietnam Veterans of America  
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Total Membership: 64      Total AVVA Members: 5

Dec. 2010= The membership participated in the laying of wreaths Across America in Sarasota.

Our women's group held a Fundraiser called a Non Function Function bringing in over \$500.00.

The Chapter held our Annual Christmas at Olde World Restaurant in North Port...30 members in attendance.

The Chapter Members passed out Food Baskets and a Gift Card to needy Veterans Families at Christmas time.

Jan. 2011 = The Chapter participated in a Car Show on January 16<sup>th</sup> at Laishley Park to help out Honor Flight.

The Chapter now has a 10 inch Patch with Rockers for their Vests or Jackets,

A Garage Sale was held and generated over \$1,800.00

We now have a News Editor with a News Letter being published quarterly.

Many members received a FREE amplified telephone.

Feb. 2011 = We now have a Honor/Color Guard starting up.....

Several members have taken the task of working the Concession stand for the Boston Red Sox in Fort Myers.

We now have a Web Site: [vva1037@.org](http://vva1037@.org) Please feel free to visit it.

Mike Bousher, FSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President visited the Chapter and spoke about the importance and future of the V.V.A.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ray D. Smith - President 1037



**Vietnam Veterans of America**  
**Florida State Council**  
**Education Report**  
**March 12, 2011**

1. **Scholarships:** The Florida State Council awards 4 - \$500.00 scholarships per year. A copy of the Application Brochure was attached to your reports at the December 2010 meeting. The deadline for submission is May 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Any question regarding the scholarship should be directed to Tom Hall.
  
2. **Teacher's Retirement, Pay, and Tenure & Jobs:** The Governor in his attempt to reduce the budget he wants to change Teacher's retirement program to where they would pay a portion of their retirement. At the same time the state wants to change the pay scale for teachers and in most cases they would make less money than they are now. Also, they want to institution a far stricter evaluation program of teacher's performance and have the "ability to fire at will." If they cost reductions are passed the will be many teachers losing their jobs to cost cutting. I've talked with a lot of teachers in Hillsborough County are they are fire brim angry. The new evaluation program instituted this year in Hillsborough County is so flawed that exceptional teachers are now rated poor and could be in jeopardy of losing their jobs. I would recommend our Legislative Director voice the Florida State Council's displeasure over these proposed changes.

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Florida State Council  
Recon Report  
March 12, 2011**

- 1. Next Deadline:** The deadline for the next edition is May 15, 2011. Since we are publishing this on our FSC web site, it will be full color.
  
- 2. Advertisement:** The FSC is asking ALL Chapters to heavily solicit advertising. Advertisers can place an ad in any location of the publication. The front inside front cover and inside back cover are taken for 3 more issues. Advertising rates are listed on the back side. Art work should be camera ready in JPEG format. Submit example of the ad and artwork as attachments to an e-mail at [FSCRECON@aol.com](mailto:FSCRECON@aol.com).
  
- 3. Committee Chairs:** Each Committee Chair should submit a report the Special Edition. If you don't, I feel you are fulfilling the responsibilities as a Committee Chair to let the members of the state know what is going on in VVA in your area of expertise.
  
- 4. Format for Submitting to Recon:** Remember to send all photos in a JPEG format as an attachment to your e-mail. In the body of the e-mail type a caption for each photo as to what, where, when, who is in picture left to right and photographer. Photos without captions and information will not be published. Articles should be in Microsoft Word format.



## Advertising Rates

<u>Size</u>	<u>Black &amp; White</u>	<u>Color</u>
Business Card	\$25.00	\$40.00
¼ Page	\$60.00	\$100.00
1/3 Page	\$80.00	\$120.00
½ Page	\$100.00	\$140.00
Full Page	\$130.00	\$170.00
Inside Front Cover Color		\$300.00
Inside Back Cover Color		\$275.00
½ Page Back Cover Color		\$200.00

All artwork should be camera ready and in a JPEG format.

Submit an example of the advertisement and  
Artwork as attachments to an e-mail to:

[FSCRECON@aol.com](mailto:FSCRECON@aol.com)

Or call Tom Hall at 813-655-7129

Deadline for submission is May 15, 2011

## **REGION 4 DIRECTOR'S NOTES**

**I would like to thank the Florida State Council for all the support they have given me, for these past four years. I have valued that support and your friendship.**

**As you all know, this is a convention year and it is most important that you get as many of your delegates to the convention. This is when you will elect your National Officers, vote on any constitution changes, and resolutions. Not to mention that there will be some time to enjoy all that Reno has to offer.**

**The National Finance Committee will be meeting next week to go over the VVA Budget. The VVA fiscal year goes from 1 March to 28 February. I will be going to Silver Spring on 17 March for the meeting on 18 and 19 March.**

**The end of March will be the Region 3 Conference in Greenville, South Carolina. I recommend that any of you who want to attend, and weren't able to attend the Leadership Conference, go to the Region 3 Conference. There is lots of good information that is put out at that Conference. If you would like the South Carolina website to find out about the conference, see me at lunch or after the state council meeting and I will give you their website.**

**Don't forget to get your Election Reports and Financial Reports into National as soon as possible. Your delegates will not be seated at the convention if those reports are not in. I recommend you send a hard copy of the reports with a return receipt. That way you know they got your report. Also, make sure you give each of your delegates a copy of the Election Report and Financial Report, from your chapter, to carry with them to the convention. Region 4 will have a caucus at the convention. You will be able to put a face**

**with a name, so if you want to have a longer conversation with a particular candidate, you can stop them when they are out and about at the convention. This worked very well two years ago at Louisville that we will do it again in Reno.**

**Again, thank you for all your support.**

**Carol E. Schetrompf  
Region 4 Director**

## **President's Report March 2011**

2011 is a VVA election year. The National Convention will be held in Reno Nevada from August 17,2011 to August 21,2011. The growth in the membership in Florida, 21 chapters as of February 28,2011, will lead to a potential delegation to the convention of 50 delegates. I am encouraging the individual chapters to identify individuals who want to attend the convention representing their chapters.

The State Council meeting in March 2011 will host some VVA leaders of Region 4 so that we can plan for the upcoming National Convention. I want to welcome Wayne Reynolds Alabama State Council President, Bob Barry Vice President Georgia State Council, and Rex Moody Mississippi State Council President to our State Council meeting.

Our State Council is still looking to expand into areas of the state that either had chapters that folded or into new areas of the state. I am still optimistic that we can create a chapter in the Melbourne and in the Sarasota areas and I have a new contact who is looking to move to Key West and will help to start a new chapter.

The Florida legislature will open its 2011 session on March 8,2011. I want to acknowledge the contributions of Charley Price VA's State Legislative Director and Bob Flanagan for the fine work they have done in representing VVA and articulating the position VVA's has taken on the important Veteran related issues to be discussed during the two month legislative session. I especially want to thank Bob Flanagan who has undertaken to task to represent VVA in the State Capital in Tallahassee. Bob will represent VVA at the opening session on March 8,2011 and at the Florida Veterans Council meetings in Tallahassee.

It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of Marc McCabe as a special assistant to the State Council on Veterans Benefits issues. Mr. McCabe has been working on behalf of the Florida State Council VVA as our new Veterans Service

Officer at the VA Regional Office in St. Petersburg Florida. Marc is an accredited Service Officer with 10 years of experience working for the American Legion in Chicago. I welcome Marc back to Florida and I look forward to working with him in the future.

The Veterans Treatment Court in Palm Beach County is entering its 4<sup>th</sup> month. With the number of cases increasing in court Judge Ted Booras is looking to add a third week to the calendar. VVA State Council President Jerry Klein and Stand Down House Executive Director Roy Foster are responsible for implementing the Mentor Program for the court, reaching out to attract veterans to help guide veterans through the difficulties encountered in dealing with the judicial process. The Palm Beach County Veterans Treatment Court is being used as a model program for the State of Florida.

The future of Vietnam Veterans of America is a topic for all of our members to consider as we enter our fourth decade of VVA's existence. President John Rowan appointed a taskforce to look into the future of VVA. This issue will be discussed at the State Council meeting and at the National Board meeting in Silver Spring Maryland in April 2011. I encourage our members to participate in the process.

Jerry Klein President  
Florida State Council  
Vietnam Veterans of America



# ***Vietnam Veterans of America***

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**Date**            **March 12, 2011**

**To:**             **VVA Florida State Council**

**From:**        **Tom Hall, FSC Treasurer**

**Subject:**      **Quarterly Report**

Attached is the financial report for the 4th Quarter, 2010-2011. This report covers the period of December 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011. All deposits and expenses for this period are represented.

<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$ 9,988.69</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>\$13,106.51</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$15,289.44</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 7,805.76</b>
<b>Hurricane Relief Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ -2,539.79</b>
<b>Available Balance General Acct.</b>	<b>\$ 5,265.97</b>

<b><u>Investment Accounts</u></b>	<b>Starting Balance 11/30/10</b>	<b>Balance 2/28/11</b>
<b>Money Market Account</b>	<b>\$ 3,850.52</b>	<b>\$ 4,041.87</b>
<b>Star Account</b>	<b>\$11,246.30</b>	<b>\$11,935.82</b>
<b>Life Strategy Income Acct</b>	<b>\$ 8,561.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,765.68</b>
<b>Wesley Income Funds</b>	<b>\$ 6,353.07</b>	<b>\$ 6,614.41</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$30,010.89</b>	<b>\$31,357.18</b>
<b>Net Gain (loss)</b>	<b>For 3 months</b>	<b>\$ 1,346.29</b>
<b>Restricted Investment Funds (CD Funds - 28% of total)</b>		<b>\$ 8,780.02</b>
<b>Unrestricted Investment Funds (72%)</b>		<b>\$22,577.16</b>

**Total State Council Assets:**

<b>General Checking Account (Unrestricted)</b>	<b>\$ 5,265.79</b>
<b>Hurricane Relief Fund (Restricted)</b>	<b>\$ 2,539.79</b>
<b>Investment Accounts (Restricted)</b>	<b>\$ 8,780.02</b>
<b>Investment Accounts (Unrestricted)</b>	<b>\$22,577.16</b>
<b>Total Assets:</b>	<b>\$39,162.76</b>

**Respectfully Submitted,**

*Thomas H. Hall*

**Tom Hall  
FSC, Treasurer**

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA  
FLORIDA STATE COUNCIL  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
MARCH 12, 2011**

1. **Hotel Feedback on 3 FSC Meetings:** After talking to the hotel management about the State Council going to 3 meeting per year, the management agreed to 3 meetings a year without financial penalty which could of cost us about \$2,500.00 for breaking the present contracts. Following are the dates discussed with the hotel management and tentatively agreed to because of room availability. **Meeting dates would be June 10, 11, 12, 2011; the first or third weekend in November 2011; February 10, 11, 12, 2012; June 8, 9, 10, 2012; the first or third week in November 2012 and February 8, 9, 10, 2013. It is my recommendation be adopted these meeting date so new contracts can be executed with the hotel. I don't want to go back and forth to where they finally say no and we end up with a penalty.**
2. **VVA Annual Financial Reports:** Due to a change by the IRS, VVA Chapters and State Councils whose revenues are less than \$50,000.00 do not have to file a Form 990. Any Chapter or State Council whose revenues were more than \$50,000.00 must file a Form 900 with the IRS. This change takes effect immediately. The new VVA Annual Report form will be available on at [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org), forms, and Annual reports. If you print them off now only the old forms. You can use the less than \$25,000.00 and just change the amount to read less than \$50,000.00
3. **Solicitation Report:** Great news to all. Effective immediately our organization does not have to file an annual Solicitation Report with the Florida Dept. of Agriculture and Consumer Services and any chapters within VVA do not have to register with the above agency. I will have a letter shortly from the agency above for file. Will make copies for the chapters to keep on file.
4. **Solicitation Requirement:** Just when you thought we got off easy and not having to file with the Florida Dept. of Agriculture & Consumer Service there is a long-standing requirement that all chapters and the State Council must comply with. On any literature, brochures, letters or any printed materials solicitation a donation or grants the following statement must appear on the material: **"100% of all donations and grants received by Chapter \_\_\_ of Vietnam Veterans of America will stay in \_\_\_\_\_ County. We are in compliance with Florida Statue ch. 496 (2). A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICE BY CALLING 1-800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE."**
5. **Annual Report Checklist:** I've attached a checklist to give to your chapter Treasurer for completing your Chapter's VVA Annual Financial Report. Have them use this checklist when completing the report because this will ensure that all the supporting documents are attached. In talking with Joe Sternburg, VVA Financial Officer, all Chapters Annual Financial Reports will be

looked at closely this year for all documentation. **Get your report in early to National, attention Membership Department EARLY. This is a convention year. You must be in compliance by July 15, 2011.**

6. **Proposed Budget 3/1/11 to 2/28/12:** Attached is the proposed budget for this fiscal year. I recommend adoption of this budget even though a deficit budget for 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.
7. **Increase Mileage Rate:** With the continued raising gas prices with many cities over \$3.50 per gallon and climbing it is my recommendation to increase the State Council's present mileage rate of \$.36 per mile to \$.44 per mile. Rate would take effect at the next State Council meeting for Committee Chairs and effective March 14, 2011 for State Council Officers.
8. **Regional Service Representative Program:** Now that we have this program in place after many years which will benefit our chapter members and At-large members in Florida, We are asking each chapter **consider** the following. The State Council would like for the Chapter to consider making a donation of any amount on a quarterly basis to help offset the Regional Service Representative expense. This is your VVA Service Representative in the VA Regional Office in St. Petersburg. We would like to see the Chapters to take ownership in the important program. **Checks would be mailed to the FSC Treasurer made payable to the VVA, Florida State Council, memo, Service Representative Program.**
9. **Convention Registration:** Those who are selected to go to the Convention representing the Florida State Council, please see me to complete your Delegate Registration Form.
10. **Convention Banquet:** As in the past, VVA National is offering reserved table seating at the Convention Banquet. **Price per seat at a table is \$48.00 with ten seats available at each table.** If you plan on going to the banquet, please send your check payable to: VVA, Florida State Council, and memo: how many seat Convention Banquet. **This is on a first come, first serve basis. The deadline for your submission is June 30, 2011.** If we don't receive enough for ten seats at a table, those people will have their money returned and have to buy your banquet ticket through National for open seating.
11. **HGSP Contracts and Annual Reports:** I want to thank everyone for their timeless of getting your contracts signed and HGSP Annual Reports completed and returned to me. It made my job easier this year. There was a challenge by a chapter of not wanting to do these reports twice a year. This is requirement in the HGSP Contract between VVA National and the FSC, and the FSC and the Chapters. We must comply or we are violation of the contract and therefor loss HGSP funds. All 21 Chapters will be receiving HGSP funds this year. A first in a long time.

12. **FSC By-Laws Change:** I recommend a change to the Florida State Council By-Law to reflect the change of going to 3 meeting. **The change would be to Article V, Section 1- Regular Meeting. The change to the first sentence would read as: “Regular meeting of the State Council shall be held at least 3 times per year at such times and locations as the State Council shall designate.”** Chapters are asked to go back to your chapter and vote on proposed by-laws change for the State Council. This change will be brought forth as a motion at the June 2011 meeting for adoption.

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Florida State Council  
Budget  
Fiscal Year 3/1/2011-02/28/2012**

<b>Line Item/Category - Income</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Donations/Grants	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 500.00
Foundation Grants	\$ 0.00	\$10,000.00
Household Good Funds	\$80,000.00	\$65,000.00
Product Sales	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 500.00
Membership	\$ 9,000.00	\$13,000.00
Awards Banquet	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,216.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$92,200.00</b>	<b>\$90,216.00</b>

**Line Item/Category - Expenses**

Advertising		\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00
Awards		\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
Awards Banquet		\$ 0.00	\$ 2,172.00
Donations		\$ 0.00	\$ 4,500.00
Fees		\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00
FSC Meeting Expenses		\$ 7,000.00	\$10,000.00
Grants	Education/Scholarships	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,125.00
	Household Goods/Chapters	\$60,000.00	\$37,000.00
	Miscellaneous	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Postage		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Regional Service Officer Program		\$ 0.00	\$12,000.00
Storage		\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Supplies	Office	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,500.00
	Product	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Telephone		\$ 500.00	\$ 750.00
Travel		\$10,000.00	\$16,068.00
Training		\$ 0.00	\$ 1,300.00
Web Site		\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00
Convention:	Airfare x 8 people	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,176.00
	Rooms x 8 for 6 days	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,078.00
	Per Diem X 8 for 6 days	\$ 0.00	\$ 2,040.00
	Registration	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$94,380.00</b>	<b>\$107,459.00</b>

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**\$10,200.00**

**\$17,243.00**

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### FORM FOR PRESENTING MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

MOTION # 4 DATE 3/12/11 APPLICABLE COMMITTEE FINANCE

MOTION MADE BY: CHAIR SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: APPROVE BUDGET AS SUBMITTED

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION PASSED:  MOTION DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_ MOTION TABLED: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

RECORD OF VOTE, IF REQUIRED:

VOTING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTING AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

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MOTION # 3 DATE 3/12/11 APPLICABLE COMMITTEE FINANCE CHAIR

MOTION MADE BY: VINCENT REGA SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: TO INCREASE TRAVEL EXPENSE'S FROM 36 UNITS TO 44 UNITS A PIE

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION PASSED:  MOTION DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_ MOTION TABLED: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

RECORD OF VOTE, IF REQUIRED:

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VOTING AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

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### FORM FOR PRESENTING MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

MOTION # 2 DATE 3-12-11 APPLICABLE COMMITTEE \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION MADE BY: TOM HALL SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: The change would be to Article V, Section 1 - Regular Meetings  
The change to the first sentence would read as: Regular Meetings of the  
State shall be held at least 3 times per year, at such times & locations  
as the State Council shall designate

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION PASSED:  MOTION DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_ MOTION TABLED: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

RECORD OF VOTE, IF REQUIRED:

VOTING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTING AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

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MOTION # 1 DATE 3/12/11 APPLICABLE COMMITTEE \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION MADE BY: VINCENT REGA SECONDED BY: Alvin W. Roberts

MOTION: To Change F.S.C. Meetings from 4 to 3 meetings  
Per year - June 10, 11, 12 2011 The first week-end in NOV  
and NOV and Feb. 12, 13 - 2012

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION PASSED:  MOTION DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_ MOTION TABLED: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

RECORD OF VOTE, IF REQUIRED:

VOTING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTING AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINING: \_\_\_\_\_

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### FORM FOR PRESENTING MOTIONS FOR APPROVAL

MOTION # 5 DATE 3/12/11 APPLICABLE COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION

MOTION MADE BY: CHAIR SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION: To Support CONSTITUTION AMENDMENT To Reduce At Large Directors To 4.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION PASSED:  MOTION DEFEATED: \_\_\_\_\_ MOTION TABLED: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTION WITHDRAWN BY MAKER: \_\_\_\_\_

RECORD OF VOTE, IF REQUIRED:

VOTING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTING AGAINST: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSTAINING: \_\_\_\_\_