

VETERANS OF VIETNAM WAR

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"People Who Care"**

Meetings are held on the first
Tuesday of each month at
7:00 p.m. @ the Legion Hall

MARK YOUR CALENDAR July MEETING

This Months "SPECIAL"
Meeting is on Tuesday,
July 6, 2004 at 7:00 P.M. at
the American Legion Hall in
Middletown. (Bernie
O'Rourke Drive).
This is a special Monthly
Meeting to get together with
Goodies for the Troops
overseas... See the
accompanying articles.

Members and potential
members welcome.

DONE!

**Friday May 28, 2004 at 4:00
p.m. Please plan on
helping.**

CONNECTICUT VETERANS CEMETERY,

BOW LANE, MIDDLETOWN

The Vietnam Veterans will be
placing flags on the head -
stones at the Veteran's
Cemetery for Memorial Day.

Please plan on helping.

DONE!

**FLAG Removal in 2004
Ask about it on Friday night**

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!

DONE

**2004 Memorial Day Parade
by the United Veterans**

**Council of Middletown.
MONDAY, MAY 31, 2004.**

DONE!

**8th Annual (2004) Golf
Tournament 06/03/2004
GREAT SUCCESS! Good
job everyone!**

**Note: Long ago when men
cursed and beat the ground
with sticks..... it was called
witchcraft....., today, it's
called GOLF**

THIS MONTH'S

SPECIAL

MEETING :

**For the Good of the
Chapter:**

**The Veterans of the
Vietnam War, Middletown
Inc. are collecting various
items to make up care
packages for soldiers
overseas.**

GIVE US A NAME

We are asking members to
come forward with a name or
two of a local service person
National Guard or Regular
Army, Navy or Air Force
serving in the Middle East
theatre right now.

BRING US SOME GOODS

We are soliciting our
members to come up with
some items for care
packages to be sent to them

in Iraq or Afghanistan.

EVERYONE CAN HELP!

Below is a list of suggested
items to buy and bring to the
next meeting. If you can't
make a meeting, you can
drop it off to any member of
the Vets of the Vietnam War,
Middletown and they will
bring it to the American
Legion Hall next week.
Member Leon Brown is
coordinating the effort along
with the executive committee.
Come to a meeting & share.

LIST OF GOODIES:

1. Crackers/cheese
2. Instant Oatmeal
3. Slim Jims
4. Beef Jerky
5. Power Bars
6. Candy (any kind that
doesn't melt)
7. Kool-Aid
8. Rice Krispies Treats
9. Cookies
10. Dry Cereal (individual
boxes)
11. Instant coffee(Singles)
12. Gum
13. Chex mix/Trail mix
14. chips (small bags)
15. Powdered drinks
16. Juice Boxes
17. Breath mints
18. Sunflower seeds
19. Condiments in packages
(salt/pepper/sugar)
20. Toothbrushes &
toothpaste

21. Dental; Floss
 22. Mouthwash
 23. Baby Wipes
 24. Q-Tips
 25. Toilet Paper
 26. Chapstick
 27. Nail Clippers
 28. Disposable Cameras
 29. Foot Powder/Odor Eaters
 30. Eye drops
 31. Writing materials; Paper, Pens, Envelopes
 32. Playing Cards
 33. Disposable Razors
 34. After-shave lotion
 35. Deodorant
 36. Shampoo
 37. SunBlock
 38. Facial Cleaning Pads
 39. Sewing Kits
 40. Brushes/combs
 41. Bandannas
 42. Plain Black Sunglasses
 43. Zip Lock Bags
 44. Magazines
 45. Liquid Hand Cleaner
 46. Batteries AA & AAA
 47. Canned fruit in Plstc cont.
 48. microwaveable foods
 49. Ramen noodles
 50. PopTarts, breakfast foods
 51. Powered Drink mix
 52. Fruit snacks
 53. Insect repellent (Liquid)
 54. Crossword & Word Search books
 55. Paperback books
 56. ATT International Calling Cards, otherwise, it's \$11.00 a minute
 57. CD players
 58. dvd's and cd's (used is fine)
 59. Writing paper & envelopes
 60. Pens
- Anything else that you may think of or remember from

when you were stationed away from home.

What did you want then?
DO SOMETHING GOOD FOR YOURSELF. GIVE!

For the Good of the Chapter:

2005 marks the 20th anniversary of the chapter. Party anyone? Come to a meeting and share your ideas.

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Middletown Inc. have a new WEBSITE:

www.vietnamvetsmiddletownct.org Please take a few

minutes of your time to "ADD IT TO YOUR FAVORITES", become familiar with its content and related links. Julie Natrass, wife of Life Member Bob Natrass, is our webmaster.

We want your E-mail: The chapter would like all members who have a computer and consequently an email address to forward their address to the committee through the WEBMASTER@vietnamvet@middletownct.org

WE NEED MORE EMAIL ADDRESSES

So far, we have only 21 Email addresses out of 112 members.

Are we in the computer age or what!!!!!!

Scholarship 2004

Scholarship winners are

Kate Castelli, daughter of member Dan Castelli and Alyssa Brown grand daughter Of member, Leon Brown. We will have more about our winners in the next newsletter.

To do:
Dues Reminder

Dues are payable at the beginning of the year. \$12.00 per year or \$100.00 for life membership.

We are always looking for NEW MEMBERS

If you know anyone who would like to join the chapter let me know and the Commander will forward an application. Membership is open to any Vietnam-era vet. \$15.00 initially, includes first year's dues and then just \$12.00 per year.

To do:
TAKE THE SUMMER OFF! NO MEETINGS AFTER NEXT WEEK UNTIL SEPTEMBER

September 2004 meeting will be on Tuesday 09/07/2004. Regular business meeting. 7:00 p.m. Welcome Back PIZZA and 1/2 price BEER Night! Members and potential members welcome!

NOTE: Sorry for the late Newsletter. Bad (Busy) days at work. Come to a meeting!!!!

An EMAIL from my friend Woody LeChausse:

Woody, Here's a worthy event. The Memorial Day Weekend event yielded about 1200 packages which have already be received and distributed.

Volunteers needed to assemble and mail packages to our soldiers!

Saturday, July 10, 2004

9:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

FITCH HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

101 Groton Long Point Road (Route 215), Groton

“No matter what our opinion on the war, one thing is certain, no American soldier should ever feel forgotten.” - Susan Saidel

Please donate items to be packaged and sent to our soldiers:

- Letters of support and encouragement
- Personal care items (unscented where possible): lip balm, medicated foot powder, powder, baby wipes, bug spray, black T-shirts, black socks
- Non-perishable food items: microwaveable foods, plastic fruit cups, beef jerky, coffee singles, powder drink mix, pop tarts
- Zip-loc bags
- CD's (used are fine)/CD players, word search/crossword puzzle books, fun items (cards, games, etc.)
- Stationery, AT&T international phone cards

Monetary donations for postage are also welcome.

(make checks payable to “U. S. Post Office”)

DROP OFF LOCATIONS (by July 8): Groton Town Hall, Town Hall Annex, Social Services, Groton Public Library, Parks and Recreation.

For information or to sign up a soldier to receive a care package, visit the Connecticut Supports Our Soldiers web site at www.ctsos.org, or contact Nicki Bresnyan in the Groton Town Manager's Office at Nbresnyan@town.groton.ct.us or (860) 441-6631.

Thought:

My View on Life!

This is my philosophy...and I'm stickin to it!

**Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body;
BUT rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming,**

'WOW, WHAT A RIDE!'

NEXT years Golf Tournament is: **Thursday, June 2, 2005.** SAVE THIS DATE!

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