

VETERANS OF VIETNAM WAR

Middletown, Connecticut

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"People Who Care"

20th ANNIVERSARY YEAR,

Oct. 1985 to Oct. 2005

Meetings are held first Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. American Legion Hall in Middletown. (Bernie O'Rourke Drive, off RT 66.)

It's a New Year 2005. Get back involved with the Veterans of Vietnam War!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR **February MEETING**

This Months Meeting is on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2005 at 7:00 P.M. at the American Legion Hall with refreshments = Pizza Night with Beer=Half Price. Come to the meeting and renew friendships.

Members and potential members welcome.

Luke, Feel the FORCE and JOIN us in Middletown

Bring some 2005 beer!

Member Activity:

The Officers for the 20th anniversary year are:
Commander-Joseph Labbadia
Vice Comm.- Paul Fazzino*
Secretary - Rich Couture
Treasurer - Jack Mayoros

3 yr trustee Frank Martini
2 yr trustee Marty Reardon
1 yr trustee Dean Buden

Sgt at Arms Luke Mailhot
Chaplain Marty Reardon

*Pending accept/approve by P Fazzino

NEEDED SOON: **For the Good of the Chapter:**

2005 marks the 20th anniversary of the chapter. The committee is working hard but needs help in planning for the October 2005 celebration. Come to a meeting and share your ideas, help us to plan the celebration.

V V W WEBSITE INFO:

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Middletown Inc. have a computer WEBSITE:
www.vietnamvetstmiddletownct.org

We need your E-mail address: Send it to the Chapter at WEBMASTER @vietnamvetstmiddletownct.org

To do: **2005 Dues Reminder**

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

NEW MEMBERS Welcomed

If you know anyone who would like to join the chapter, bring them to a meeting or let us know and the Secretary will send 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.

2005! **9th Annual Golf Tournament , June 2nd**

Agenda Items:

20th ANNIVERSARY PARTY PLANNING, November 2005
D.C. trip to 'THE WALL'
Talks on the FUTURE of the V. V. W., Middletown

Salvation Army Bell Ringing was a SUCCESS even though we only manned the kettle from 9:00 to 2:30 p.m. Still waiting for a response from Captain Miller.

Vietnam Vets in Meriden are hosting a Valentine Dance scholarship fundraiser (POW-MIA) Saturday, Feb. 12, 2005, 7 p.m. to 12:01 a.m. \$25 pp, North Italian Club, GREAT MEAL, GREAT TIME. Call 203-235-0671 or 203-237-7132.

To do:

March 2005 meeting will be on Tuesday march 1, 2005. Regular business meeting. 7:00 p.m.

Members and potential members welcome!

"Celebration with the Veterans" Performances by Chris Solimene, Donna Schaffer, J-M Whitney, CT. idol winners Tom Russell and Jillian Sandler, plus many more entertainers from all over Connecticut. Tickets \$20.00-adults, \$15.00 for seniors and students. **SATURDAY FEBRUARY 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. SUNDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. Veterans' Home and Hospital @ 287 West Street, Rocky Hill, CT**

Proceeds to benefit the residents of the Connecticut State Veterans' Home and Rocky Hill Town Theatre. CONTACT Liz at 860-563-3471 or rockyhilltheatre@yahoo.com

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FROM THE NEW COMMANDER Joe Labbadia

A happy and healthy New Year to all of our members and their families. Can you believe that the chapter has been in operation for 20 years? As a charter member, I am very proud that the chapter has a continued presence in the community and has been able to bring some joy into the homes of needy veterans not only during the holiday season but also throughout the year. The participation is way down from where we were during our peak in the early 90's but we still have 47 regular, 38 life and 8 honorary members (93 total). As I remember, our all time high was about 110. **We really need your support.** We're planning our 20th Anniversary Party, we do the bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Christmas, host a Christmas party and will host the ninth annual Thomas W. Fritsch Golf Tournament. **We all have busy lives and we are not pressing you to come out to the events but we would appreciate it if you would pay your dues and continue membership with the group.**

This years' tournament is: **Thursday, June 2, 2005.** SAVE THAT DATE!

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