



## Veterans of the Vietnam War

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### "PEOPLE WHO CARE"

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NEWSLETTER

April 2006

**Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall in Middletown.** (Bernie O'Rourke Drive, off RT. 66.) **Get involved and come to the meeting.**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### April meeting

This Month's meeting is on **Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall. This is the regular Monthly Meeting. Come to the meeting and renew friendships. Members and potential members welcome.

#### **Agenda Items:**

Golf Tournament, Scholarship Information, Investment options, & Memorial Day plans.

### GOLF TOURNAMENT

The first organizational meeting this year of the Golf Committee was held on Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Jack's house. Anyone interested in helping is

welcome to join the Golf Committee. Call 860-347-8843 for information.

### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament, June 8, 2006

The **Thomas Fritsch** Golf Tournament will be held on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup> 2006 at the Portland Golf Course. We're looking for a good turnout again this year. We will be looking for **TEE Sponsors**, Volunteers, prizes, raffle items; (Bottles of Cheer, Gift Certificates, Dinner for 2, etc.)

**Tee sponsors, prizes and donations are everyone's responsibility.**

**This IS a group effort!!**

Volunteers are needed for the "**Hole in One**" holes and manning the prizes/raffle items.

### Scholarship 2006

Scholarship applications for 2006 can be obtained from Past Commander, Jack Mayoros. Call him at

(860) 347-8843.

Applications must be returned postmarked by May 15<sup>th</sup> to the Chapter.

### DUES

It's still not too late to send in your Dues for 2006.

**For a limited time and a limited time only**, \$12.00 will take care of your obligations for this year.

**But wait**, if you act now and send in \$100.00, you will be able to have LIFE membership and never have to worry about yearly dues again.

**Where can you find a better offer than that.**

**Make checks out to:**

VVW Middletown

**Mail to:**

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## FOR SALE



Large capacity PORTABLE B-B-Q grill

Large capacity portable BBQ grill for sale. Only used a few times. Asking price is \$43.67 or B/O. Contact Jack Mayoros at P.O. Box 2113, Middletown, CT. 06457-2113 or come to the next meeting.

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### AMERICAN VETERANS TRAVELING TRIBUTE

April 27, 2006

It is with great pride and anticipation that First Town Downtown has arranged to bring to the Windsor Town Green a traveling replica of the Viet Nam Memorial Wall that resides in Washington D.C. This 4/5 reproduction will be on display from Thursday, April 27 through Sunday, April 30, 2006.

The American Veterans Traveling Tribute is an unforgettable exhibit that pays tribute to the men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

The Vietnam War is of major importance to the Tribute and the 4/5 scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and its visual centerpiece, standing 8 feet high at the apex and spanning 370 feet.

The purpose of the "Traveling Tribute" is not to glorify wars fought, but to pay homage to those who served their country. To those who gave the ultimate sacrifice, their life, the Tribute insures their memory shall never fade. To the former POW's of all wars, who endured unimaginable hardship and pain in the name of democracy, the

Traveling Tribute Cont.

Tribute honors their Service to our country. To our Prisoners of War & Missing in Action, who were left behind, the Tribute is dedicated to their memory. To all Veterans who made it back, the Tribute simply says...Welcome Home.

The mission of the "Traveling Tribute" is to traverse America, being displayed in as many communities as annual scheduling permits. One

of the Tribute's primary functions is to allow people visiting the site to share a common bond of experience. As Memory begins to fade on the sacrifices made by those who gave when America asked, a vital component of the Tribute is its educational value for our youth.

A main goal of the Tribute's constant visibility is that it shall serve as a continual reminder of America's veterans' dedication to freedom and that those who served shall not be forgotten.

For more information about the Traveling Wall Foundation, please go to the following web site: <http://www.avtt.org>

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**FROM THE  
COMMANDER:**

**SUCCESS:**

**At age 4 success is . . Not peeing in your pants.**  
**At age 12 success is . Having friends.**  
**At age 16 success is . . . Having a drivers license.**  
**At age 35 success is . Having money.**  
**At age 50 success is . . . Having money.**  
**At age 70 success is . . . Having a drivers license.**  
**At age 75 success is . Having friends.**  
**At age 80 success is . Not peeing in your pants.**

**MEMBERS ILL OR  
DISTRESSED**

Lou Warzecha – Knee Replacement  
Robert Hickey – Knee Replacement  
Paul Fazzino – at Home  
Ron DeLisle - Knee Replacement

All in the Chapter wish you a quick and speedy recovery.

**MEMORIAL DAY**

Parade is Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Vietnam Vets and friends meet on the Vet's green, Washington St. at 9 am for a brief ceremony and wreath presentation at the Vietnam monument.

Our group puts out the flags on Friday, this

year, May 26th starting at around 3PM and staying until they are all done. Last year it was around six by the time we finished. We are looking for help from anyone who would like to come out.

We are looking into getting some help from a local Boy Scout troop that is looking for a community activity to participate in.

**TO DO:**

TEE Sponsors needed for the Golf Tournament. Cost is \$100.00 each.

Members should contact those businesses that they deal with on a daily basis for Raffle items. Car Washes, Oil

**TO DO: cont.**

Changes, Haircuts, Liquor Stores, Lawn Care, etc.

If you want to volunteer to help out, please contact “the Commander”, Joe Labbadia at 860-344-3242. Please leave your name, phone number, and a message if he is not there. He might be at the doughnut shop.....

**NEXT MEETING:**

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**E-mail Addresses**

We need your E-mail address to help us contact you for any special announcements that may come up between meetings.

Help us reduce the costs of paper supplies, printing, mailing labels, and stamps by sending you the newsletter through the computer.

**UPDATE:**

The Greater Middletown Military Museum plans are progressing. The site has been

selected, Veterans Park in Middletown and plans are being finalized for approval by the City of Middletown for construction.

Check out their web site:  
[www.middletownctmilitarymuseum.org](http://www.middletownctmilitarymuseum.org)

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