



Veterans of the Vietnam War

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NEWSLETTER

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New Year, New Officers



**Commander Joe Labbadia
With Middletown's Mayor
Sebastian N. Giuliano**

The new Officers for 2006 have been elected. Joe Labbadia has been elected as Commander. Joe is one of the original Charter Members that started the Viet Nam Veterans of Middletown over 20 years ago.

Joe was the Chapter's first Commander when it started back in October 1985, and this will be his fourth term since then. This will be Joe's second consecutive year as Commander which he accepted without hesitation. He is a dedicated member who is always striving to better our Chapter in any way he can.

Congratulations Joe

2006 OFFICERS

Commander	Joe Labbadia		
Vice-Commander	Michael Rogalsky	Secretary	Frank Martini
Treasurer	Jack Mayoros	3 year Trustee	William Willinsky
2 year Trustee	Richard Couture	1 year Trustee	Leon Brown
Sgt.-at-Arms	Luke Mailhot	Chaplain	Brian Dudek

DUES-DUES-DUES

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

Very few Members have paid their 2006 dues to date, and we really need to receive your dues to keep your membership active and up to date and to take care of expenses that occur.

There are members still listed that have not paid their dues as far back as 1999, and we really hope that you still want to remain a member of the Viet Nam Veterans Middletown Chapter. **Please send in your Dues.** We don't want to remove you from our Chapter Roster. Make Checks out to: **VVW Middletown** Mail to: **VVW Middletown, P.O. Box 2113, Middletown, CT. 06457-2113.**

The money that we receive helps pay for such little things as printing and mailing costs (stamps have gone up again) to more important things as the LCpl. Thomas W. Fritsch Scholarships that are given out each year. We need your support to keep us active and to keep the memory of Tommy alive by helping others.

Please send in your DUES

20th Anniversary and Christmas Party

On Saturday, December 17th, 2005, the Chapter held its 20th Anniversary and Christmas Party.

The Event was held at the BPOE 771-Elks Club in Middletown and we had a good turnout of members and Friends.

A buffet style dinner was served and was excellent. Not one complaint, and many went back for seconds and even thirds.

A Cocktail hour preceded the dinner and music was provided for dancing after.

A great time was had by all....



10th Annual (2006) Golf Tournament

REMEMBER THIS DATE:

June 8th, 2006

The 10th Annual Thomas Fritsch Golf Tournament is set for June 8, 2006 at the Portland Golf Course. We are looking forward to another good turnout this year. We will be looking for TEE Sponsors, Volunteers, Prizes, and Raffle items. (Bottles of cheer, gift certificates, Dinner for 2, etc.) Volunteers are needed for the **“Hole in One”** holes and manning the prizes/raffle items, selling tickets, and cheering on the players.

***Tee sponsors, prizes and
Donations are everyone's
Responsibility.***

This IS a Group effort!!!

We Need Volunteers to Help Make This A Success

We will be setting up the Golf Committee at our next meeting. Anyone interested in helping out or joining this Committee, Please come to the meeting.

REMEMBER:

JUNE 8th will be here before you know it !!!

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR
MARCH MEETING**

This months meeting is on
Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 7:00
P.M. at the American Legion Hall
in Middletown (Bernie O'Rourke
Drive).

This is the regular Monthly
Meeting.

PIZZA NIGHT !!!!

Coke and Diet Coke plus ½ price
beer will be available.

Come and join us at the Meeting
to renew old friendships and
enjoy the food.

Members and guests always
welcome

Golf Committee

Anyone interested in joining the
10th Annual Thomas W. Fritsch
golf tournament committee please
attend the March 7th meeting.
Volunteers are needed to help
make this a success again this
year as it has been in the past.

V V W WEBSITE INFO:

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

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.

Every penny we can save will
allow us to start having toppings
on our pizzas. (just kidding about
the pizza part)

DUES

**Did I mention that Membership
Dues are due ????**

NEW MEMBERS Welcome

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-area Vet. \$15.00
initially, includes first year's dues
and then just \$12.00 per year or
\$100.00 for life membership.

What a good way to impress a
potential new member by
bringing them to the March 7th
meeting and having FREE pizza.

**From the Governor of
Connecticut**

**02/14/06 Governor Rell
Launches "Candles in the
Window" Campaign to Show
Support for Troops**

With 320 members of the
Connecticut National
Guard being deployed in
Iraq and several hundred
soldiers with
Connecticut ties
preparing for deployment
in support of Operation
Enduring Freedom in
Afghanistan, Governor M.
Jodi Rell today placed a
candle in her State
Capitol office window
and asked Connecticut
residents to display
electric window candles
in the windows of their
homes to show support
for our troops.

"I thought this would be
a fitting gesture to
recognize the dangerous
tasks being carried out
by the Connecticut
National Guard, the U.S.
Reserves, and all of our
military personnel,"
Governor Rell said. "It
also demonstrates to
those who have had loved
ones deployed that their
Connecticut neighbors
share their concerns and
that we appreciate what
our military men and
women are doing."

FROM THE COMMANDER:

It is hard to believe that we are entering our 21st year as an organized veterans group. You the Members have made this Chapter a highly respected organization within our community. The various activities that this Chapter has done for the community shows that the Vietnam Veteran is a true asset to society. Within the coming year the Chapter will be busy with numerous events. Foremost the Annual Thomas Fritsch Golf Tournament which will be held on June 8th. I encourage all Members to become active in this very special event. The placement of flags at the Veteran Cemetery on Bow Lane, the Friday before Memorial Day. The "Wall" in Washington, D.C. has its 25th anniversary this year. There are thoughts of running another tour bus to D.C. Anyone who would like to help out please contact an officer. The Chapter has been busy and if you are able to, stop by a meeting and offer your assistance in our events. In closing please keep our Veterans that are now protecting us in your heart and prayers.

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