



## Veterans of the Vietnam War

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### "PEOPLE WHO CARE"

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NEWSLETTER

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Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month 7:00 p.m. at the American Legion Hall located on Bernie O'Rourke Drive off Rt. 66 in Middletown.

#### MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR THE MEETING

March 6, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. will be the date for our next meeting. Please attend and show your support for the Chapter.

#### **A PIZZA AND BEER**

social hour will take place right after the regular meeting.

Members and friends are welcome to join us for pizza and good conversation.

If anyone knows anybody who would like to join our group, this would be a good time to bring them to a meeting. We are always looking for new members.

#### DUES

As we are going into March, this will probably be the last reminder for dues. Your membership dues are due for the 2007 year.

Dues are still \$12.00 for the year or \$100.00 for Life Membership.

Remember, your dues payments are a part of the money we receive to help provide the three scholarships that the Chapter gives out each year to the Community.

Make Checks out to:  
**VVW MIDDLETOWN**

Mail your Checks to:  
**VVW MIDDLETOWN  
P. O. BOX 2113  
MIDDLETOWN, CT.  
06457-2113**

#### INFORMATION NEEDED

During a check of information that we have on our members, it was noticed that we were missing addresses or had addresses that were no longer valid. If anyone knows where

the following people are, let us know.

**Louis A. Tosto Jr.**  
**Thomas Guart**  
**Eric Tyler**  
**Richard Young**

I also need correct e-mail addresses for the following:

**Frank Rosano**  
**Jim Marshall**  
**Vin Silvestro**

E-mails are bouncing back as failures so if you would send a reply back to [vvw-middletown@hotmail.com](mailto:vvw-middletown@hotmail.com) I will be able to correct this in the address book.

#### GOLF TOURNAMANT

##### Golf Committee

Anyone interested in joining the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Thomas W. Fritsch golf tournament committee please attend the March 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Volunteers are needed to help make this a success again this year as it has been in the past.

## NOTHING STOPS A VIETNAM VETERANS CARD GAME



Look at this, all winter long no snow, as soon as Jack sets up a card game, what happens ????

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### MEMBERS ILL OR DISTRESSED

**Paul Fazzino** is still having his good and bad days.

**Ron Organek** is undergoing a procedure for the next couple of months and is doing well.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with them for a healthy outcome.**

### Social Security Benefit

In last month's newsletter, I had an article about a little known benefit from Social Security. Between last month and now, I have received conflicting reports from people about this.

I have heard that someone was not eligible because they made too much money to someone who was given an additional \$10.00 a month.

From the way it appears on the Social Security web site, it seems to say one thing and people are being told something else.

I have contacted *State Representative Joseph C. Serra* and asked if he can find out what the true deal is about this benefit. Mr. Serra has always looked out for the veterans and I believe that if anyone can get an answer, he will.

I will have his findings in the newsletter as soon as I receive them.

For those who would like to check out the web sites where this information came from, go to these sites:

<http://www.ssa.gov/pubs/10017.html>

<http://www.military.com/veterans-report/special-military-social-security-rate?ESRC=vr.nl>

## **VETERANS INFORMATION**

The 2007 edition of the **Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents** is now online. This annually updated desk reference covering federal benefits programs for veterans and their families is available at [http://www1.va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current\\_benefits.asp](http://www1.va.gov/OPA/vadocs/current_benefits.asp) and <http://www1.va.gov/opa/feature/index.asp>.

### **It's official, DD-214's are NOW Online.**

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://vetrecs.archives.gov/> This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records center's mailroom processing time.

Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

## **Other Connecticut State Veteran Benefits**

### **Burial in Connecticut's Veterans' Cemetery**

Any veteran discharged with other than a dishonorable discharge is eligible for burial in a state veterans' cemetery. Spouses are also eligible for this benefit.

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### **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.

What a good way to impress a potential new member by bringing them to the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and having FREE pizza.

### **V V W WEBSITE INFO:**

The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Middletown Inc. have a WEBSITE:  
[www.vietnamvetsmiddletownct.org](http://www.vietnamvetsmiddletownct.org)

## **PIZZA NIGHT AT THE MARCH 6<sup>TH</sup> MEETING!!!!**

It's great seeing the increase of members over the past months coming to our meetings again. It will even be better watching the tears flowing from Jack's eyes if the increase continues for this meeting when he has to part with the money because he has to buy more pizzas than he is used to.

Luke has even promised to bring the liquid refreshment that has readable labels and is freshly purchased.

It can't get any better than that. Hope to see you at the March 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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