



Veterans of the Vietnam War

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NEWSLETTER

May 2008

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.)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

May meeting

This month's meeting is on **Tuesday, May 6, 2008 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, & Memorial Day plans.

ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR:

Mother's Day: May 11, 2008

Veteran's Cemetery: May 23, 2008

Our group will put out the flags on Friday, May 23rd starting at around 3:00 p.m. and staying until they are all done.

We are looking for help from anyone who would like to come out.

Memorial Day: May 26, 2008

Ceremony at Washington St. monument @ 9:00 a.m.

Vietnam Vets and friends meet on the Veteran's green, Washington St. for a brief ceremony and wreath presentation at the Vietnam monument.

Parade formation on Rome Ave. @ 10:00 a.m.

Parade starts @ 10:30 a.m.

Ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery @ 2:00 p.m.

Please support these Memorial Day functions to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our Country.

Help us keep the true meaning of Memorial Day.

June meeting: June 3, 2008

Get involved and come to a meeting.

Scholarship 2008

Scholarship applications for 2008 can be obtained from Jack Mayoros. Call him at (860) 347-8843.

Applications must be returned postmarked by May 15th to the Chapter.

DUES

It's still not too late to send in your Dues for 2008.

DRAWING

Due to lack of attendance at the April meeting, there was no drawing. Therefore, the total of \$80.00 still remains.

MEMBERS ILL OR IN DISTRESS

Your thought and prayers are requested for **Peggy Nanfito, wife of member Ron Nanfito.** We wish her a speedy and healthy recovery.

Tom Clayton fell off his garage and broke some bones.

Bobby Hickey had shoulder surgery.



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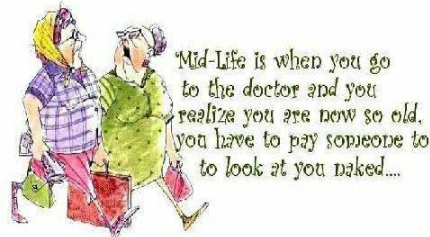
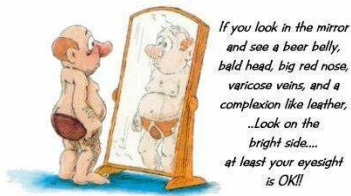


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CHAPTER PICNIC

The Vietnam Veterans of Middletown will be having a picnic, Saturday May 17, 2008 which will be held after the dedication of the CT. Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Coventry, CT.

[Tony Labbadia and his wife have offered to host the chapter picnic.](#)

Food, beverages, & whatever will be provided by the chapter.

Those interested in attending the picnic are asked to contact Jack @ 860-347-8843, Joe @ 860-344-3242, or Mike @ 860-632-2395 so that we can plan enough food for everyone. Please let us know how many people you will be bringing to the picnic.

We haven't heard from anyone yet that they are planning to attend and would really like to be prepared with food. We are trying to bring back the good times when members would get together and enjoy participating in a chapter activity.

DUES

The following members still owe dues:

Jim Gaylord
Frank Martini
Barry Moyer
Malcolm Porter
Antonio Rosa

Two members are seriously delinquent:

William Dubrosky
Frank Rosano

We would like to be able to say that we have a 100% paid membership and ask these people to help us reach our goal.

If for some reason you may be experiencing hard or difficult times and this would cause problems, please contact us as we might be able to help you in your situation.

Please do what you can to clear this matter.



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Memorial Day is celebrated as a National Holiday the last Monday of May. It is sometimes called Decoration Day or Poppy Day. It is set aside to honor those Americans who gave their lives for our country.

In 1971 The Federal Government designated the last Monday in May as Memorial Day.

Changing the date merely to create three-day weekends has undermined the very meaning of the day. No doubt, this has contributed greatly to the general public's nonchalant observance of Memorial Day.

The "Memorial" in Memorial Day has been ignored by too many of us who are beneficiaries of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Often we do not observe the day as it should be, a day where we actively remember our ancestors, our family members, our loved ones, our neighbors, and our friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice.

America needs to restore the traditional day of observance of Memorial Day back to May 30th (instead of "the last Monday in May"). This would help greatly to return the solemn meaning back to the day, and to help return minds and hearts to think upon the ultimate sacrifices made by those in service to our country. Just one day out of the year to honor our loved ones, our ancestors, our friends who died in conflicts and wars -- not to honor war, but those that died in those conflicts and wars.

It is also a time when we should remember those who survived but are no longer with us for what they have given to our Country.

NEVER FORGOTTEN



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LOOKING FOR HELP/VOLUNTEERS

I have been approached by a group that wanted to know if our Chapter would be interested in joining them for a weekend in September this year and every year, working a food booth at the Durham Fair. They are willing to share the profits with us. We would need volunteers to work one, two, or three days, 4 hour shifts doing various duties in the food booth.

Duties would include preparing hamburgers, cooking and selling them, and of course the dreaded clean-up that is part of the job. (really, how much clean-up would there be?).

I hope to have more information at the meeting.

REMEMBER NEXT MEETING IS MAY 6, 2008

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