



# Veterans of the Vietnam War

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### **25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHAPTER**

#### **HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!**

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR JANUARY MEETING**

**Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. @ the Legion Hall.**

This Month's Meeting is on **Tuesday, Jan 5, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall in Middletown. (Bernie O'Rourke Drive)

#### **REST OF THE YEAR SCHEDULE**

##### **2010**

February meeting, Feb. 2nd  
March meeting, Mar. 2nd  
April meeting, April 6th  
May meeting, May 4th  
May 28th, Place flags at Veterans Cemetery \*\*  
May 31st. Memorial Day (Washington Green 9:00am, Parade 10:30am, Veterans Cemetery 2:00pm)  
June meeting, June 1st  
June 3rd Vietnam Veteran's Golf Tournament

\*\* This year the flags are being allowed to remain in place from Memorial Day weekend through the 4th of July weekend. A law was passed last year allowing this to happen. We will have to find out the date that the flags need to be removed after the 4th of July.

#### **DUES**

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

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#### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The following is the list of the Officers for the 2010 year:

Commander: Larry Riley  
Vice-Comdr: Mike Rogalsky  
Secretary: Joe Labbadia  
Treasurer: Jack Mayoros  
3 Year Trustee: Jim Marshall  
2 Year Trustee: Vin Labbadia  
1 Year Trustee: Rich Couture  
Sgt-at Arms: Ron Nanfito  
Chaplain: Ron Lee

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DRAWING NAME LAST MONTH WAS **PAUL SHILLING**. He was not at the meeting so the pot grows another \$10.00. JANUARY will be \$80.00



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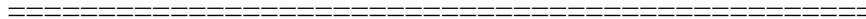
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### **It wasn't Santa at the Christmas Party this year, it was stripper Ron**

What ever you do, **DON'T** ever play "In the Navy" by the Village People when he is around.

A very special **THANK YOU** from everyone who attended this year's Christmas Party goes out to Tony Labbadia, who prepared a wonderful Prime Rib dinner for us to enjoy. This year's festivities didn't break up until after 11:30 p.m. with a good mix of music that was danced to without hearing "grandma got run over by a reindeer". A really good evening was had by all. Kyle did a good job keeping up with the requests that were given to him. Many stayed late dancing and worked off the dinner.



## VA Expands Agent Orange Illness List

The Department of Veterans Affairs established a service-connection for Vietnam veterans suffering from Parkinson's disease, ischemic heart disease (IHD) and B-cell leukemia's such as hairy-cell leukemia. These illnesses are now considered "presumed" illnesses. This "presumption" simplifies and speeds up the application process for VA benefits. It is important to note that this new policy will not go into effect until sometime in 2010. At which point affected veterans will be urged to submit new disability claims. Additional information about Agent Orange and VA's services and programs for veterans exposed to the chemical are available at VA's [Agent Orange webpage](#), or call the toll-free helpline at 800-749-8387.



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An e-mail that Jack received:

Jack, The Wreaths Across America ceremony was held on Saturday, December 12, 2009. I placed a wreath on Phillip Martin's gravesite and thought you and your Chapter might want to see how it looked. I'm also attaching a picture of the cemetery after we did the wreath laying in Middletown.

Please convey my thanks to your Chapter for their very generous donation. This year we had about 250 wreaths to lay instead of the 75 last year. We couldn't have done this without this help.

Ellen

(Registrar of the Wadsworth Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution)

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## Executive Order to Hire Vets

President Barack Obama recently signed an executive order aimed at hiring more veterans to work in the federal government. A government wide Council on Veterans' Employment will be created. The order calls on each federal agency to establish a veterans' employment program office designed to help veterans get through the maze of paperwork as they apply for positions in the federal work force. It also calls on agencies to work with the Defense Department and VA to develop and apply technologies designed to help disabled veterans. The executive order is available on the [White House](http://www.whitehouse.gov) website.



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### DUES REMINDER:

**If your dues are not paid for 2010 by the January meeting, you will not be eligible for the January drawing.**

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Hope everyone has a Happy and Healthy holiday season. 2010 looks to be an active year for the chapter and we hope that more of you can become involved. February we will be supporting the Bingo program at the Veterans Hospital in Rocky Hill, June Golf Tournament, and we are getting things together for a Chapter trip in November to Washington, D.C. to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Chapter.

Please be safe over the holidays and join us January 5, 2010 at the meeting with our new Commander.

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