



# Veterans of the Vietnam War

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

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDAR** **MARCH 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, March 2, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall in Middletown. (Bernie O'Rourke Drive)

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

##### **2010**

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

#### **BINGO**

Due to bad weather, the Bingo night for the Veterans at the Rocky Hill complex had to be cancelled on February 13th. We are going to try it again on Thursday night, February 25.

#### **TAPS**

The Chapter sends their thoughts and prayers to the Family of Member William E. (Bill) Rowe, USMC.

Bill passed away on Monday, February 22.

He was the recipient of two Purple Hearts and will be missed by all of us.

#### **DRAWING**

There was no winner at the February meeting so the pot increases another \$10.00 and will be \$40.00 at the March meeting. Remember, you must be present at the meeting in order to win.

#### **PIZZA NIGHT**

There will be PIZZA & refreshments this month at the meeting.

#### **GOLF MEETING**

There will be a Golf Committee meeting prior to the regular meeting starting at 6:00pm. Those interested in helping out this year are asked to attend.



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THIS IS A REAL BILLBOARD on I-35, near Wyoming

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## VA Expands Agent Orange Illness List

Week of October 19, 2009

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.

## Executive Order to Hire Vets

Week of November 23, 2009

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](#) website.



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# CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Larry Riley who was recently inducted as the commander of the Middletown Council of Veterans for 2010

This is going to be a busy year for our commander, Larry Riley. He has taken on the challenge of not only being the Commander of the Veterans of the Vietnam War, but also accepting the position of being the Commander of the Middletown Council of Veterans on January 26, 2010.

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### WASHINGTON D.C. TRIP

Plans are progressing for our trip to the Wall this coming November. The Hotel has been arranged and we are in the final stages of obtaining bus transportation. Full cost details will be coming shortly. This trip is scheduled for the week prior to Veterans Day. Please start to make plans to schedule this trip with us in November for our 25th Anniversary year.



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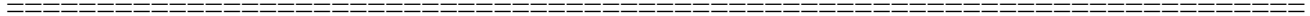
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MARCH MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY, MARCH 2nd.

### PIZZA NIGHT

GOLF TOURNAMENT MEETING BEFORE THE REGULAR MEETING  
GOLF MEETING STARTS AT 6:00 PM

D.C. TRIP IN NOVEMBER - START MAKING YOUR PLANS



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