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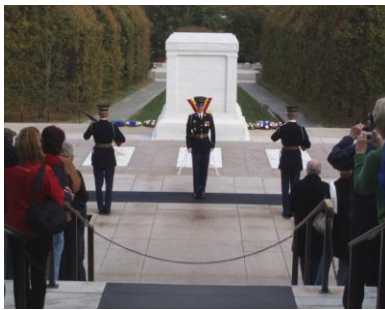
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25TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CHAPTER



ARLINGTON WREATH CEREMONY

On Friday, November 5, 2010, 53 people boarded a Motor Coach at the crack of dark and left Middletown for a weekend trip to Washington D.C. to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of our Chapter.

The highlight of the trip to D.C. was the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

Charter Member Joe Labbadia and Charter Member Jack Mayoros had the honor of placing the wreath on the Tomb while Commander Larry Riley and Vice Commander Mike Rogalsky made up the rest of the honored group that was allowed to participate in representing our group and all Vietnam Veterans.

To be able to step on such hallowed ground was such an emotional and humbling experience for all of us.

The group also was able to visit the White House for a tour earlier that morning which everyone enjoyed along with a stop over at Baltimore Harbor on the return trip home.

A special **Thank You** to Commander Larry Riley who was able to get the group permission and clearance to both the White House and the Wreath Laying Ceremony.

Another **Thank You** to Jack Mayoros for organizing the trip, arranging for the Motor Coach, planning other side trips around D.C., and taking care of accommodations at the Hotel.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR December 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, Dec 7, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** at the American Legion Hall in Middletown. (58 Bernie O'Rourke Drive)

REST OF THE YEAR SCHEDULE 2010

December 4 - Salvation Army Bell Ringing
December 7 - MEETING NIGHT - Election of Officers for 2011
December 10 - Christmas Party

2011

January meeting - January 4, 2011
January 15 - 25th Anniversary Party

February 1 - Meeting Night
February 9 - BINGO NIGHT at Veterans Home, Rocky Hill 7:00 p.m.

March 1 - Meeting Night
April 5 - Meeting Night
May 3 - Meeting Night
June 7 - Meeting Night

July & August - NO MEETINGS

DRAWING

The name drawn at the November meeting for \$70.00 was Sam Babcock. It's too bad that Sam was not at the meeting to be able to collect.

Does the name look familiar for the name of the November winner? It's the same name drawn for the October drawing. That's right; Sam's name was drawn two months in a row.

Remember, you have to be in attendance at the meetings in order to win the drawing. The December drawing of \$80.00 may go to you if you are at the meeting. Who knows, maybe Sam might hit the Triple Crown.

SALVATION ARMY BELL RINGING

The Chapter will again be doing the Salvation Army Bell ringing, **Dec 4th**, at **SUPER STOP & SHOP, 416 East Main Street, Middletown, CT.**

There are still openings left to be filled for the afternoon hours. If you are available to give one hour of your time to help others who are in need, please contact Larry Riley at 860-344-1086.

Bell ringing runs from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. There are two time slots left. PLEASE help us for such a great cause.



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Please be careful this Holiday Season

MIDDLETOWN VIETNAM VETS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10TH AMERICAN LEGION HALL

Cocktails 6 PM

Prime Rib Dinner served at 7 PM

Donation \$25.00 per person or \$45.00 per couple, BYOB & Snacks, Set-Ups provided

Please bring a prize to be raffled off at the party. It would be greatly appreciated.

Please bring a non perishable food item for donation to Amazing Grace Food Pantry

RSVP by 11/29/10 860-638-0891 Larry or 860-347-8843 Jack (reservations **MUST** be made in advance)

Sorry, no tickets at the door.

MIDDLETOWN VIETNAM VETS 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

JANUARY 15th, BACI'S GRILL, RT. 372, CROMWELL, CT.

Cocktails 6:30 PM

Dinner served at 7 PM

Dancing to the music of DJ, *Kyle Newton*

Members NO COST for dinner, but there will be a Cash Bar

Their guests are welcome at \$30.00 per person. No tickets will be sold at the door

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As 2010 comes to a close, we would like to wish everyone a very
Happy and Healthy holiday season.

Please make one of your New Year's Resolutions that you will find the time on the **FIRST TUESDAY** of the month to attend the meetings. There are some of you that we haven't seen for some time, and it would be good to see you again. It's only for an hour or so, and I am sure that you can spare that.

BELL RINGING IS DECEMBER 4, 2010
LAST MEETING FOR 2010 IS TUESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2010
CHRISTMAS PARTY IS DECEMBER 10, 2010
FIRST MEETING FOR 2011 IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 4, 2011
25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION, JANUARY 15, 2011

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