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NEWSLETTER

June 2012

MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2012 SCHEDULE

June 5 - Meeting Night, 7pm (Pizza Night)

June 29 - **New Britain RockCats vs Trenton Thunder (NY Y Yankees), 6:30pm game time.**

July & August – **NO MEETING**

August 22 – **New Britain RockCats vs. Portland Sea Dogs (Red Sox affiliate), 6:30pm game time**

Sept 2 - Meeting Night, 7pm

Who’s Who in Middletown VVW?

If you have a photo of yourself when you were young, lean and mean and serving on I would like to start running a short bio story on our members. It would feature a “then” and “now” photo with a short write-up about your service & basic life information. I think this would be a great way for us to all get to know one another a little better and to display pride in our chapter. If you bring the old photo in I will scan it for the computer (unless you already have it scanned) and take a “now” photo. You can provide a short write-up about yourself for inclusion.

ROCKCATS BASEBALL FUNDRAISER

The game is on Friday evening, June 29th with gates open at 5:00 and game start at 6:30pm. Once again this year, Larry & Vinny were the stand-out producers. Its time everyone helps out. The next fundraiser Rockcats game is August 22nd vs. the Portland Sea Dogs (Red Sox). Step up to the plate and sell some tickets to help the chapter. Even if you can’t sell to others, buy some for your family and/or significant other(s) and come out to the ballgame. Hope to see you there!

MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AT KOREA/VIETNAM MONUMENT

Again this year several members of our chapter and guests honored those who have fallen before us at the Korea/Vietnam War Monument of Washington Green in Middletown.



STATE VETERAN'S CEMETERY

On Friday, May 25th about several members of our organizations installed flags by the gravestones of deceased veterans at the State Veteran's Cemetery. We placed flags for the 8091 buried there to show respect and honor to our brothers and sisters. Take a look at this video that was made Friday at the Veterans Cemetery in Middletown.

<http://youtu.be/2buK13M6j6E>

YOU WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN



Spring Fling Chapter Social and Dance

There were only eight (8) couples in attendance at the Spring Fling however a fun time was had by all and there was (obviously) plenty of food. Too bad we didn't have a better turnout to support Vinny.



VVW Chapter Website

Have you looked at our chapter website? If not go to this link: www.vietnamvetsmiddletownct.org and check it out. Lots of good information found there about the chapter, even though it is presently not updated. Refer potential members to the site as well.

COMPUTER ACCESS?

Several more members have come forward with their computer e-mail address that is used strictly for chapter business. If you have started using e-mail please let me know so I can include you on the private distribution list. This will save the chapter \$\$\$ on mailings and also ensure that you receive info in a timely manner.

2012 VVW TRIP TO GETTYSBURG / PHILADELPHIA AREA

The Chapter will be heading to Gettysburg for this year's annual trip with a professional guided tour of the battleground on the 150th anniversary. Dates are Thursday, October 4th through Sunday, October 7th. Bus will leave Middletown at 6:00am and drive to Gettysburg. Free night the tour on Friday. Saturday travel to Philadelphia. Day & night are open with possibility of a trip to Baltimore to see the Orioles vs. Red Sox game. Return on Sunday. Please let someone on the Board know if you are interested in going as trip will be limited to approx. 50 people.

Annual VVW Golf Outing

Our annual golf outing fundraiser will be held on **Thursday, June 7th, at the Portland Golf Course.** **We need all members to participate** in this, our largest fundraiser, by soliciting golfers to play, seeking donations for the raffle, and trying to pursued businesses, restaurants, etc. to patronize to contribute as a Tee Sponsor. **Again, everyone is asked to do what you can to support our chapter.**

Lowe's is now selling American Flag doormats

To all Concerned:

As Memorial day and 4th of July are approaching, many stores are trying to increase their profits. Needless to say, the selling of American Flag doormats has many Veterans upset. Veterans feel that they fought for the American Flag, many losing their lives, and many permanently injured for the freedoms that the American Flag represents, yet Lowe's is now selling the American Flag as a doormat, "something to be walked on, and something to wipe your feet on," as one veteran put it. "Are they slapping our faces or what", asked another veteran.

The V.F.W, the American Legion, and several other organizations were immediately contacted.

A veteran with 33 years in the U.S. and refund his money. Several others walked out of the store.

At the Lowe's in N. Charleston, SC, the manager took all the doormats off of display because of

complaints and called Lowe's headquarters to report the consumer's and veterans complaints.

Those who grew up respecting the American Flag, and those who fought to defend it, would never let the American Flag touch the ground, much less use it as a doormat, to walk on or wipe your feet on it!

Most likely these doormats are made in China, but they are distributed by:

Mohawk Home

3032 Sugar Valley Rd., NW

Sugar Valley, Georgia 30746

Check this out at

<http://kplr11.com/2012/05/24/veteran-upset-over-store-selling-american-flag-doormats/>

CHAPTER LOGO SHIRTS

Several members have asked about purchasing the navy blue shirts with our chapter logo embroidered on the left chest. Most of you who attend the meetings have seen these shirts being worn. You can see Ron Nanfito, Mike Rogalsky, and Ron Lee wearing one in the photos above. Shirts are either short sleeve "Cool Max" polyester or long sleeve pique cotton, sizes S-2XL. If anyone needs a larger size they may be available but a slightly different material. Shirts are \$33.00 each including shipping & handling. An order will be placed after the June 5th meeting so if you are interested let Ron Lee know the size, type (short or long sleeve) and quantity. If you can attend the meeting send an e-mail to: VVWNEWSLETTER@HOTMAIL.COM.

NO JULY OR AUGUST MEETINGS

Even though we will not meet in July or August you should still support the chapter by volunteering at the Golf Tournament, selling RockCats tickets and, hopefully attending the games, or by talking up the chapter and bringing in new qualified members.

Have a safe and happy summer and as they say:

"See You In September"



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