



## Veterans of the Vietnam War

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*Welcome to Fall in New England!  
2013 Dues are payable now...*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2012 SCHEDULE

**November 1<sup>st</sup> thru Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.** VVW Trip to Gettysburg & Philadelphia.

**November 6**– Regular meeting – 7:00PM Bernie O'Rourke Drive.

**December 4**– Regular meeting – 7:00PM Bernie O'Rourke Drive.

**December 14 - Christmas Party (Location TBD)**

### DRAWING

**Rich Couture's** name was drawn (again!) at the October meeting with a prize of \$30.00. This is the second month in a row that Rich won the drawing...Congratulations! See, it pays to come to meetings!

### NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION

Our monthly VVW Newsletter is being sent out to 61 members via e-mail and 45 members by US Postal Service regular mail. If you are receiving this newsletter through the mail and have an e-mail address where you can receive it electronically, please advise us of the address so we can save \$\$\$ on postage, paper, printing, etc. If you supply your e-mail address it will not be given out to anyone else and will be used strictly for VVW business.

### **2012 CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The Board is beginning to plan this year's Christmas Party that will be held on Friday night, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Interest was shown for either keeping the party at the American Legion Hall with Vinny Labbadia doing the cooking or possibly holding it at a restaurant. The Party Planning Committee members are Vinny Labbadia, Vinny Silvestro, Jim Marshall, and John Landry. Lou Warzecha volunteered to supply the ice for the BYOB if it is held at the American Legion Hall on Bernie O'Rourke Drive. Please think about attending and let us know your ideas on where the party should be held. **Don't forget to donate raffle prizes and canned goods for the Amazing Grace Food Bank, even if you can't attend the function.**

### **VETERAN'S APPRECIATION CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BREAKFAST**

This year's Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce Veterans Appreciation breakfast will be held at the Cromwell Crowne Plaza beginning at 0700 on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Our chapter is looking at possibly reserving a table if we have enough members who want to attend. Wear of your uniform is optional but preferred (if it still fits!). Let Jack or Larry know if you are interested in attending. Cost is \$20.00 pp.

### **SICK CALL**

No reports of anyone on sick call or distressed. Tom Hartke's Mother passed away so please keep Tom and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2012**

Nominations are being accepted for the slate of officers for 2013. If you would like to serve on the board or would like to nominate another member in good standing (with their approval of course) please forward that information to Secretary Joe Labbadia or the Nomination Committee consisting of Larry Riley, Vinnie Labbadia, and Lou Warzecha as soon as possible. Elections will be held at our December meeting.

### **BINGO AT ROCKY HILL VETERANS HOME**

Our Chapter will sponsor three Bingo Nights at the Rocky Hill Veterans Home again this year. The residents there really enjoy the night and appreciate what our Chapter does to help them out. Please consider coming out to assist with this worthwhile event. The next scheduled night is Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM SPONSORSHIP**

We are going to sponsor the Little League Veterans of the Vietnam War, Middletown, CT Chapter baseball team again next season. Our team finished in a respectable second place this past season. We need to show up at the game(s) to root on OUR TEAM. The schedule will be posted in future newsletters as the season gets closer.

### **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBER**

We welcome Ed Valenti, USAF, as a new member of our chapter. Total membership stands at 104 (33 Regular Members, 62 Life Members, & 9 Honorary Members). If you know of anyone who served in any branch of the US Armed Forces from 1959-1975 invite them to come to a meeting with you and recruit them as a new member.

### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

If you have any photos, stories or biographies that you want to submit for inclusion in the newsletter please e-mail them to vvwnewsletter@hotmail.com.

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**Operation: Thank You!**

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**October 21st - November 3rd**

## What is Operation: Thank You!?

Ocean State Job Lot has a long history of commitment and support for our military service members and their families. Operation: Thank You! is an extension of that commitment and an expression of our gratitude for all they have done and are doing for our country.

As part of Operation: Thank You!, all active and retired military servicemen and women, their families and dependants will receive 30% off their purchases\* at any Ocean State Job Lot store during the two week period from **Sunday, October 21, 2012 to Saturday, November 3, 2012.**

\*Excludes skus #54875 and #107459 (Infrared Heaters)

If you can't afford a doctor,  
go to an airport - you'll get a  
free X-ray and a breast exam,  
and; if you mention Al Qaeda,  
you'll get a free colonoscopy.



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