



Veterans of the Vietnam War

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NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- December 3rd – Regular Meeting, 7pm**
- December 6th – Chapter Christmas Party**
- December 7th – Salvation Army Bell Ringing**
- December 11th – Vet's Home BINGO, 6:15pm**
- January 7th – Regular Chapter Meeting, 7pm**
- January 2014, Date TBD – Installation Dinner**

DRAWING

No drawing was made this month. December meeting drawing will be for \$50.00. You must be present to win so come to the meetings and you may leave with \$\$\$\$\$ in your pocket!

MEMBERS and GUESTS

The Chapter presently has 109 members (39 Regular members, 65 Life Members, and 5 Honorary members). Our newest members are **Ed Gould** of Portland, and **Joseph J. Nanfito, Sr.** of Venice, Florida. If you know of any veteran who meets our membership criteria invite them to attend a meeting with you and to enjoy the camaraderie.

MEMBERS ILL OR IN DISTRESS

Paul Fazzino is in Aurora Senior Living of New Britain, 400 Brittany Farms Road, New Britain, CT. Please consider going to visit and support Paul and keep him and his wife, Jeanette, in your prayers. **John DiMauro** is at home recovering from foot surgery. Keep these members in your prayers during the upcoming Holidays.

COMMITTEES

The Chapter will be recognized at the April 18th New Britain Rockets game. Gates open at 5:30 and game begins at 6:35pm. Tickets are \$10.00 each with a portion of the proceeds being donated to our chapter. Members are encouraged to sell tickets to benefit the chapter and, hopefully we will have good attendance by our members with their family, friends, and neighbors.



The next Wednesday night BINGO at the Rocky Hill Veteran's Home is scheduled for **December 11th**. Members willing to help will meet at the American Legion Hall on Bernie O'Rourke Drive at 6:15pm and convoy up to Rocky Hill. The BINGO starts at 7:00pm and we are usually out of there no later than 8:30pm. Please consider volunteering a few of hours to assist with this worthwhile event to support those veterans.



A Nominating Committee posted the slate of **Officers nominated for 2014: Commander: Jerry Augustine; Vice Commander: Nick Cordone, Secretary: Joe Labbadia; Treasurer: Jack Mayoros, 3 year trustees: Larry Riley.** If you want to nominate someone for one of the positions or want to nominate yourself contact one of the committee members as soon as possible. The election will be held at the December 3rd meeting at which time nominations will also be taken from the floor. Discussions were held to hold the installation dinner in the middle of January 2014. John Landry obtained the following information from Boca's in Cromwell if we decide to hold it there: The Chapter must have a minimum of 30 people and the cost would be \$26.50 per person and does not include beverages. Nick Cardone will look at having the party at the Elk's Club on Maynard Street with a possible lesser cost.

Commander Larry announced that the proposed Cherry Blossom trip to Washington, DC next spring has been cancelled due to lack of interest/participation. The Chapter is considering a trip to **Radio City Music Hall, NYC, for the Christmas Show** if there is interest. Let Larry or Jack know as soon as possible if you are interested in going.



HOLIDAY PARTY

This year's Holiday Party will be held on Friday night, December 6th, at the American Legion Hall on Bernie O'Rourke Drive. The Friendship & Cocktail hour will be from 6-7:00pm (BYOB & Appetizers). Dinner will be catered by Public Market. Cost is \$15.00 per person or \$25.00 for a couple. Bring a wrapped grab bag gift valued at no more than \$10.00 and a non-perishable item for the food pantry.

CHAPTER NEWS

Phil Cacciola pointed out that the Middletown Home Depot had committed to helping out any needy veteran who might need assistance in their home such as an access ramp, plumbing or electrical repair, etc., or other projects that will aid them in their quality of life activities. If you need assistance, or know of any other veteran who does, contact the Middletown Home Depot manager and/or Phil. Phil also reported that DCF has a **Wilderness Program** that will provide yard work to any veteran in need. If any Member knows of a veteran in need please contact the Chapter.

Discussion regarding the services that the St. Luke's provides for veterans was held. They transport veterans to various locations at no cost to the veteran and they are looking for drivers to assist them. A motion was made by Nick Cardone and seconded by Mike Rogalsky that a donation of \$500 be made to St. Luke's to assist them in their cost for this service. The Chapter unanimously approved the motion.

The Chapter will be purchasing 30 wreaths from **Tom Goglia** to be placed on the headstones of our deceased Members at Bow Lane Cemetery. Members may purchase one of these wreaths for their personal placement at the Chapter cost.

Three (3) members of our Chapter are members of the **Middletown Police Department PBA Bagpipes and Drums**. The band will be playing a few tunes at Eli Cannon's Tree Lighting Ceremony, a part of Chamber of Commerce "Holiday on Main Street", on Friday, November 29th. They will also be conducting a fundraiser, "**Celtic Fling**", at Mezzo Grille, 106 Court Street, Middletown on Monday, January 20, 2014 with doors opening at 5pm. Entry Tickets are \$10.00 each. There will be music by the band and by the band "Driven", food, raffles, silent auction and lots of fun. For tickets or more information contact Ron Lee at the December meeting or (860) 803-9858 or by return e-mail to vvwnewsletter@hotmail.com.

***HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO ALL MEMBERS
AND THEIR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS!***



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