



# Veterans of the Vietnam War

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NEWSLETTER

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- October 1st – Regular Meeting, 7pm**
- November 4th – Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce "Support the Troops" Breakfast, 7am**
- November 5th – Regular Meeting, 7pm**
- December 3rd – Regular Meeting, 7pm**
- December TBA – Chapter Christmas Party**

### DRAWING

**James Gaylord's** name was drawn for the monthly drawing however he was not present. The October drawing will be for \$40.00. You must be present to win so come to the meetings and you may leave with \$\$\$\$ in your pocket!

### NEW MEMBERS

**Tom Kittle, USCG**, of Colchester served in Vietnam in 1970 and **Larry Rostoski, USMC**, of Haddam are our two new members. Let's welcome these brothers home and into our chapter. We had one guest at our meeting who was given a membership application and asked to join. If you know or meet a veteran who qualifies for membership invite them to come to a meeting so they can see who we are and what we do and can consider joining.

### CORRESPONDENCE

We received a nice "Thank You" letter from Michael Tewksbury, this year's Peter Taft Scholarship winner.

### MEMBERS ILL OR IN DISTRESS

**Paul Fazzino** is in Hartford Hospital following several critical surgeries for head injuries he sustained in two separate falls. Keep him and his wife, Jeanette, in your prayers. **Pat Graham** is recovering from heart issues at Hartford Hospital.

### COMMITTEES

Jack Mayoros reviewed the financial report for our June Golf Tournament. We had 130 players and a successful event at this, our main fundraiser. Thanks go out to all of our members who volunteered to help out during the day or by soliciting Tee Sponsors and/or raffle prizes, and to all of those who played. A special thanks to Marj & Brian Dudek and Nick Cordone who sold raffle tickets for the USS Arizona flag. They broke all records from previous years sales. Great job!



Commander Larry and Ron Lee noted that there were a few problems associated with the changes made by the New Britain Rock Cats administration regarding tickets sales, etc. Larry negotiated a positive resolution. It was discussed we have had limited participation from our members and we agreed that our chapter would consider participating in one (1) Chapter recognition game during the 2014 season to attempt to foster camaraderie and gain recognition and awareness of our Chapter. One problem has been that we begin to focus on prep for our June Golf Tournament in April and try to schedule the baseball game in June as well. This year we are thinking about scheduling the baseball outing earlier (May?) or possibly during July or August when we do not have regular meetings in an attempt to keep the chapter active during these months. We will be checking into the schedule and considering possibly holding the event (Continued on Page 2)

with either the all-you-can-eat chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. picnic or all-you-can-eat ribs, chicken, hot dogs, hamburgers, etc. to hopefully elicit greater participation. This will be discussed at our October meeting.



We will be sponsoring three (3) nights of BINGO at the Rocky Hill Veteran's Home during the upcoming year. Volunteers needed to help out.



The trip Committee will be looking at a trip to Washington D.C. next Spring during the Cherry Blossom Festival, possibly late April or early May. More discussion and information will be available at the October meeting.



We will be sponsoring our Little League baseball team during the 2014 & 2015 season. We will be posting the schedule of games that are played at Romangelli Field in hopes that members of our chapter will attend to cheer on "our team". The players will surely appreciate our attendance and they will be able to connect with their sponsor.



**NOVEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> MIDDLESEX COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE "SUPPORT THE TROOPS" BREAKFAST**

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce "SUPPORT THE TROOPS" breakfast will be held on **Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 am** at the Cromwell Crowne Plaza Hotel. Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Vietnam veteran, Captain Paul W. "Buddy" Bucha, U.S. Army, Company D, 3d Battalion, 187th Infantry, 3d Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. Place and date: Near Phuoc Vinh, Binh Duong Province, Republic of Vietnam, 16-19 March 1968 will be the keynote speaker. Captain Bucha is an outstanding and very inspirational speaker. Please consider attending this event with our chapter. If enough people are interested we will reserve one or more tables near the dias. More info at the October meeting.



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