



# Veterans of the Vietnam War

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NEWSLETTER

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**February 12<sup>th</sup> – Vet’s Home BINGO**  
**February 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> - Installation Dinner**  
**February 4<sup>th</sup> - Regular Chapter Meeting, 7pm**  
**March 4<sup>th</sup> - Regular Chapter Meeting, 7pm**

### DRAWING

Paul Fazzino’s name was drawn however Paul was not present so the February drawing will be for \$20.00. 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 111 members (41 Regular members, 65 Life Members, and 5 Honorary members). 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 now recovering at home. Please consider going to visit and support Paul and his wife, Jeanette.. Please contact Jeanette before planning a visit.

### OVERDUE DUES

Now that we are into 2014 there are still fifteen (15) members who have still not paid their dues for this past year. You know who you are...Please, ***PAY YOUR DUES UP TO DATE*** to prevent being removed from the active roster and forfeiting any potential benefits accorded to active members.

### COMMITTEES

**Golf Committee:** The Chapters tournament will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 at the Portland Golf Course. In February the Save the Date cards will be sent out.

The **Baseball Committee** confirmed that our Chapter will be recognized at the New Britain Rock Cats game on April 18<sup>th</sup>. A Contract has been signed with the New Britain Rock Cats and the money sent in for 50 tickets. When the tickets are printed they will be distributed. Tickets are \$10.00 each.

**Veteran’s Home Bingo** - The next scheduled bingo is Wednesday, February 12, 2014. Several members of our Chapter (**Jerry Augustine, Nick Cordone, Phil Cacciolla, Vinny Labbadia & Tom Goglia**) donated their time at the January 8<sup>th</sup> Vet’s Home Bingo assisted by the DAV.with the DAV sponsored BINGO on January 8<sup>th</sup>. As usual, the residents were very appreciative.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2014

Congratulations to the new Officers for 2014: **Commander: Jerry Augustine; Vice Commander: Nick Cordone; Secretary: Joe Labbadia; Treasurer: Jack Mayoros; 3 year trustee: Larry Riley. Dave Messer** was appointed Sgt-At-Arms and **Jeff Waskiewicz** as Chaplain. The Chapter is looking at February 14th or 15th for the installation of Officers dinner. Nick Cordone will look into the Elk's Club for the event with an anticipated 30 or 40 people.

### CHAPTER NEWS

The Middletown Police Department Benefit Association Bagpipes and Drums will 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 (860) 803-9858 or by return e-mail to [vwvnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:vvwnewsletter@hotmail.com).

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

It was announced that our Past Commander **Michael Rogalsky** will be installed as the Commander of the Middletown Council of Veterans on Tuesday, January 28th. All are welcome to attend.

**Ron Nanfito** spoke of his late brother being interned at the Veterans Cemetery on Bow Lane and that he would like the Chapter to consider making him a Member posthumously. The Chapter voted unanimously for Membership and will place him under the category of Members Never Forgotten (Phillip J. Nanfito, Sr. USN, Southington, DOD 12/3/11 interned 79E-4).

The Middlesex Chamber breakfast for January 3rd was cancelled due to weather with guest speaker Sergeant First Class Joseph Kapacziewski. It is anticipated that he will be the speaker possibly at

the April breakfast. A discussion was held regarding various veteran organizations doing something for him for his dedicated service.

**Nick Cordone** discussed the book "*Semper Cool*" by Barry Fixler about his time in Vietnam. The cost to veterans is \$25 and he will autograph them for the veteran. 100% of royalties go towards wounded veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan. To purchase the book speak with Nick or go to the website [www.SemperCool.com](http://www.SemperCool.com).

VVW Sponsored BINGO – Photos by Jerry Augustine



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