



Veterans of the Vietnam War

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NEWSLETTER

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2014 Dues are overdue and payable now...

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

April 7th – Regular Meeting...note change to Monday night due to Coleman's Carnival

May 6th – Regular Meeting

June 3rd – Regular Meeting

DRAWING

Charles Lizotte's name was drawn at the meeting however he was not present to claim the \$40.00 prize. April 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!

MEMBERSHIP

Edward J. Salvatore, USA is our returning charter member. This brings our total membership up to 115 (36 Annual members, 74 Life members and 5 Honorary members). If you know of anyone who qualifies for membership tell them about our chapter and encourage them to join. (*Minimum of 90 days active duty between 1959-1975 with honorable discharge. Does not have to have served in Vietnam or contiguous waters*) A copy of our tri-fold flyer will go out with this newsletter.

GUESTS

Ted Aub - Spoke about the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans events going on for further information go to www.info@ctwhvvd.org.

Eric Rodko, St. Luke's Veteran & Eldercare Services, spoke of Vets for Vets programs and various services they provide for further information call 860-347-5661

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

The Installation of Officers was held on Friday, February 14, 2014, at the Elk's Lodge on Maynard Street. There were 32 people in attendance and the dinner was excellent.

Immediate Past Commander Larry Riley read a letter from the CT Trees of Honor which will be located at Veterans Park in Middletown. The Chapter had previously discussed possibly purchasing one of the flagpoles for the Tress of Honor. At this time they presented a price of approximately \$1,660.00 for the flagpole. Dave Messer recommended approval seconded by Tony Rosa. The Chapter approved said purchase.

Larry also stated that he had spoken with Patricia Charles, Superintendent of Schools for Middletown. Students will be in school on Veteran's Day and she was hoping that Veterans would go to the schools and speak to the students. Her feelings are that the students should not forget Veteran's Day and this is one way the students to remember them.

DELINQUENT DUES

The following members are delinquent on their 2014 dues. Please make arrangements to pay your dues or contact a Board member to discuss the issue:

J. Damiata, A. Gaunichaux,, R. Pelletier, R. Riebold, R. Santangelo.

Think about becoming a Life Member to prevent ever becoming delinquent again in the future.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bingo: The bingo season has ended for the present time. Tom Goglia discussed bingo for the coming year which begins in October. The Chapter is aware that the State of Connecticut has discontinued bingo due to cost restraints and veteran groups have taken over the event. A discussion was held on this matter. D. Messer recommended that the Chapter sponsor three bingo's this fall and seconded by Tony Rosa. The Chapter approved this event.

Baseball Committee: Tickets to the baseball game between the New Britain Rock Cats and the Portland Sea Dogs are now available. The game is Friday, April 18th at 6:30 PM and tickets are \$10 each. The Chapter has 50 tickets to sell. Contact Jack for tickets (860) 347-8843.

Golf Committee: The Save the Date cards have been sent out. The Committee will be setting up a date to meet to begin work on the tournament. Members are encouraged to get tee sponsors and raffle prizes for this event.

Scholarship Committee: Rich Couture brought up the need for the scholarship committee to get the ball rolling for the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Peter M. Taft Scholarship. The end of the school year is approaching. At this time Rich has other commitments and will not be able to actively participate. The Chapter chose Portland High School as the recipient for this year. The Guidance Counselor is very excited and enthusiastic to have PHS chosen to receive this scholarship.

Trip Committee: Dave Messer suggested that the Chapter look into a trip for this fall at the end of September or early October due to the weather. Ideas for a trip range from Washington, D.C., Gettysburg or some other location. Nick Cordone along with the assistance of Jack Mayoros will look at various locations and get back to the Chapter.

A TOUCHING MESSAGE

Whether you have seen this yet or not, it is a very touching story that deserves to be passed on to all of America. Perhaps there is hope....

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9FCxuVSkT7k>

MARCH 29 - VIETNAM VETERANS DAY

I'm not certain if this link is factual or not or it was ever passed through Congress and signed by the President but I thought I would pass it along for your perusal. Please let me know if this Bill was in fact passed. Thank you!

<http://beta.congress.gov/113/bills/s409/BILLS-113s409is.xml>



May the luck of the Irish
Lead to happiest heights
And the highway you travel
Be lined with green lights.
Wherever you go and whatever you do,
May the luck of the Irish be there with you.

There are good ships,
and there are wood ships,
The ships that sail the sea.
But the best ships, are friendships,
And may they always be.



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