



Veterans of the Vietnam War

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NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

November 1st – Regular Meeting, 7pm

November 5th – Portland American Legion Post Breakfast, 7:30-11:00 am.

November 5th- 8:00 AM Flags on gravesites at the State Veteran's Cemetery.

November 6th –Hartford Veterans Day Parade

November 7th – Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce "Support the Troops" Breakfast, 7 am

November 9th - 8:30 - 10:00 am

Woodrow Wilson Middle School and John Geary, 370 Hunting Hill Avenue, Middletown, Veterans Breakfast with the students in the library.

November 10th - The Middletown Senior Center is hosting a Veterans Appreciation Social on from 11am-12 pm for ages: 60+ Coffee and continental breakfast items will be served.

November 10th - 5:30 pm - Elks Lodge 771, Maynard St. Middletown, POW Veterans Ceremony.

November 10th - 7:30 pm -Veteran's Day Concert in the Auditorium of Coginchaug Regional High School.

November 11th – 11:00 am Council of Veterans/City of Middletown Veterans Day Ceremony at the Veterans Green, Washington St., Middletown;

12:30 pm Luncheon at Water's Edge Health Care Facility, 111 Church St., Middletown;

2:00 pm Ceremony at the Veterans Cemetery, Middletown; 6:00 pm - Veterans Day Dinner provided by Melilli's Cafe & Grill at Portland High School. Doors open at 5:00 pm

November 16th - 8:00 am - The Independent Day School 115 Laurel Brook Rd, Middletown, CT, will be holding their morning assembly at 8:10 am and have asked to have as many Veterans attend as possible and provide a short presentation to the Students as we have done in the past. Please be at the school by 8:00 am;

MARK YOUR CALENDARS (Continued...)

9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Veterans Health Fair - FREE Lung Cancer Screening for Veterans. Middlesex Hospital Cancer Center, 536 Saybrook Rd., Middletown. NO PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED, ALL SCREENING AND TESTING FREE OF CHARGE

December 6th – Regular Meeting, 7pm

DRAWING

Phil Cacciola's name was drawn for the monthly drawing. Phil graciously donated the winnings back to the chapter to help pay for the night's pizza.

MEMBERS and GUESTS

The Chapter presently has 106 members (19 Regular members, 82 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.

COMMITTEES

Bingo Committee: We will be sponsoring three (3) Wednesday night BINGOs at the Rocky Hill Veteran's Home during the upcoming months. The first was held on October 12th. Members willing to help will meet at the American Legion Hall on Bernie O'Rourke Drive at 6:00 pm 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.

Picnic Committee: Tony Rosa reported that several members and their families, approximately 45 total, attended the Chapter picnic at Vet's Park on Sunday, September 25th. There was plenty of great food and fun was had by all. A heartfelt **"THANKS"!** goes out to Tony and **Dave Pina** for all of the work they did arranging this picnic and cooking the ribs, chicken hot dogs and burgers to make this a fantastic event.

CHAPTER TRIP

Jack Mayoros is still working out the details for a possible chapter trip to NYC to visit the 9/11 Memorial, recently opened Tower and other sights. Trip would leave Middletown and travel to NYC by bus for the one-day trip. At this time cost is estimated at between \$150-\$200 per person. More information will be available at the November 1st meeting.

HARTFORD VETERANS PARADE

The parade steps off at 12:30 p.m. at the intersection of Buckingham and Washington Streets, near the State Capitol, Travel north on Trinity Street through the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, onto Ford Street, turn right on Pearl Street, right onto Main Street where it passes a reviewing stand across from the Wadsworth Athenaeum Museum of Art, and makes a right onto Capitol Ave, where it ends. Total distance: 1.3 miles.

Before the 12:30 p.m. parade step off, a Wreath-Laying Ceremony to remember veterans will be held at 11:30 am the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch at Jewell St. and Trinity St. in Hartford's Bushnell Park, featuring a musical group, a color guard, and a bugler.

If you have any questions, please contact the Connecticut Veterans Parade Information Line: 860-986-7254. Clearly state your name and phone number and someone will return your call.



<https://ctveteransparade.org/participate/>



