



Veterans of the Vietnam War

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NEWSLETTER

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 1st -Regular Chapter Meeting, 7pm
April 5th -Regular Chapter Meeting, 7pm
May 3rd -Regular Chapter Meeting, 7pm
June 7th -Regular Chapter Meeting, 7pm

MEMBERS and GUESTS

There were no guests at the meeting. Please welcome our newest member, **Henry Owen, USN**. “*Anchors Aweigh!*” This brings us up to 121 members (33 Regular members, 83 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

None reported.

OVERDUE DUES

Now that we are into 2016 there are still members who have 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.

DRAWING

Ed Salvatore's name was drawn however he was not present to claim the prize. You must be present to win so come to the meetings and you may leave with \$\$\$\$ in your pocket!



COMMITTEES

Golf tournament: This is the 20th year. Jack Mayoros and Mike Rogalsky will head up the committee. “Save the Date” cards will go out this month. Looking to max out the course by having 144 golfers play this year. The Golf committee meeting will be held sometime in beginning of March. We need volunteers and donations/raffle prizes.

Scholarship: Rich Couture will again head up this committee. Scholarship will rotate to students from Middletown, Portland, Durham, and Haddam Killingworth High Schools. This year the scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior from Haddam Killingworth High School.

Baseball: If members are interested we may go back to New Britain with the New Britain Bees. Let us know if you want to continue with this outing.

Little League: **Larry Riley** stated that it is hard to get a team set up. We can use the entire Veterans of the Vietnam War name for the team. Larry will look into it.

Vietnam Veterans 50th Anniversary: On January 27th representatives from the Chapter met at Middletown City Hall to discuss the initiative to honor Vietnam Vets. **Bob Santangelo** reported that discussion was held to consider about putting a Mural on the back wall in the Common Council chamber depicting scenes representing veterans of all wars and conflicts. The representative will meet again on Feb. 24th and decide exactly what will be done. Ideas are varied and need to be finalized asap. If you have any ideas, please bring them up before the meeting on the 24th. Committee is represented by commanders of all the veteran posts in Middletown.

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Picnic: Tony Russo agreed to serve as Picnic Committee Chairman to head up the picnic committee this year, date TBD. We need good turn out and volunteers.

Bingo: Members of the Chapter went to the Rocky Hill Veterans Home on Feb. 10th for this season's final Bingo. The Chapter agreed that we will support three Bingos this year again, starting in November.

Chapter Trip: Jack Mayoros suggested a day bus trip to West Point with a tour at West Point and a luncheon at the Officers Club. We need to find out if there is any interest. We will discuss this more at the March meeting.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

The Town of Madison is looking for Vietnam Veterans to be in their on July 4th at 10:30 AM. If you are interested in participating in this parade you can obtain more information at the March meeting.

INSTALLATION OF 2016 OFFICERS

Following the regular meeting the installation of the 2016 Officers was conducted with member Phil Cacciola presiding. **The officers for 2016 are Commander: Joe Labbadia, Vice Commander: Ron Nanfita, Secretary: Carl Bukowiec, Treasurer: Jack Mayoros, Chaplin: Jerry Augustine, 3 Year Trustee: Jerry Augustine, 2 Year Trustee: Mike Rogalsky, 1 Year Trustee: Lawrence Riley, and Sgt at Arms: Dave Messer.**



*Hope to see you
at the March 1st
meeting!*



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