

# *Vietnam Veterans of America*



*Westchester  
County  
Chapter #49*

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## WESTCHESTER COUNTY VETERANS MUSEUM

HOURS:  
11:00 - 3:30  
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AND HOLIDAYS

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Our Chapter picnic was held on August 30, at the Armonk American Legion pavilion. There was about eighty members and family in attendance; good food and a great day. If you weren't there we hope that next year you can attend. The list of people who donated and helped out to make it a great day is too long, but thank you to all. Also thank you very much to Marshal Clavel who came through again donating and cooking his fantastic ribs!**

**On November 10<sup>th</sup> Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza is conducting a fund raiser for our Chapter, thanks to Matt Coffey for arranging this. If you order pizza or anything at Anthony's on the 10<sup>th</sup> just say that you are supporting VVA Chapter 49 and 20% of the sale will be donated to us. Please see the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter and pass the word.**

**On Veteran's day we will hold our ceremony at Lasdon Park at 2:00. Also in November the Museum is displaying an exhibit on the Vietnam War; they want photos of us in Vietnam with our name and unit. You can e-mail your photos to [ttk2@westchestergov.com](mailto:ttk2@westchestergov.com) if you wish; you can drop them off to the Museum.**

**Take care of yourself and each other**

**Dan Griffin**

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**Welcome to our newest members**

**Dominick Scopelliti life member from West Harrison (I am sorry to report that Dominick passed away on September 29<sup>th</sup>)**

**Mario Gambacorta life member from White Plains**

**Michael Piedimonte life member from Tarrytown**



# Finally a Voice

## *The Birth of Vietnam Veterans of America*

This film documents the founding of the Vietnam Veterans of America and examines whether the organization has stayed true to its founding principle that *"never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."*

**Watch the trailer online: [nvbdc.org/dvd.html](http://nvbdc.org/dvd.html)**

Visit: [nvbdc.org](http://nvbdc.org) to order online or order by mailing a check with "DVD" in the memo line and the order form below to:  
NVBDC, 325 E. Crescent Lane, Detroit, MI 48207

**This movie will be made possible by donations from Patriots like yourself and from these outstanding people and organizations:**

**Pre-order the film:  
due to be released July 2015  
1-24 copies: \$15 each  
25 copies: \$337.50 | 50 copies: \$600  
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# Military Order of the Purple Heart



## Town of Cortlandt

*Please join us for the  
Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 21*

*MONUMENT RE-DEDICATION CEREMONY*

**Date:** Friday, October 30, 2015

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Place:** Front Lawn at Cortlandt Town Hall

*"The Town of Cortlandt is honored to not only be the first Purple Heart town in Westchester County, but also to have the first regional Military Order of the Purple Heart memorial located in our community. It is a beautiful memorial and it reflects the dignity, valor and patriotism of the Purple Heart Veterans who have defended our great Country throughout our history."*

*- Supervisor Linda D. Puglisi*

Light refreshments will be served

*Sponsored by the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 21  
and the  
Town of Cortlandt.*

**Veterans' Court Update 11:** The nationally recognized success of Buffalo's Veterans Treatment Court has spurred creation of a new committee to give even more help to veterans struggling with a variety of issues.

The New York State Bar Association's new Special Committee on Veterans will —find innovative ways to expand critical legal assistance to veterans statewide, said association President Vincent E. Doyle III. Doyle, a senior partner in the Buffalo law firm Connors & Vilaro, said he has named as co-chairmen of the new panel Michael C. Lancer of Buffalo and Karen R. Hennigan of Brooklyn. They will work with a network of attorneys statewide who are familiar with veterans issues. Veterans and military personnel —should be treated fairly by the legal system, but sadly too many come home from war with myriad problems that seem insurmountable, and many hesitate to seek legal assistance even for military benefits for which their service entitles them, said Doyle. Pointing to the —unique legal needs of military veterans, Doyle said the goals of the State Bar committee are to expand the availability of civil legal services to veterans, develop training programs statewide for lawyers on veterans affairs and create a legal resource guide for veterans and attorneys.

Lancer, a partner in the Buffalo firm of Rupp, Baase, Pfalzgraf, Cunningham & Coppola, is a former military attorney who served in the U. S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. —When dealing with veterans as a group, we tend to see the same problems over and over again, Lancer told The Buffalo News. —These include drug and alcohol abuse, mental health problems, domestic violence and homelessness, and this tells me we are not doing enough on a societal level. —If we address these issues more proactively, we will see fewer veterans in court, Lancer said. Doyle said Hennigan, an assistant U. S. attorney for the Eastern District of New York, is a major in the U. S. Air Force Reserve. —The legal needs of veterans are not necessarily unique or complex, but the people are, and the military experience may affect how veterans cope and interact with others, Hennigan told The News. Doyle said the new committee is spurred by the success of the Veterans Treatment Court, which was created and has been run since 2008 by Buffalo City Judge Robert T. Russell Jr. Doyle noted that the special court was lauded by U. S. Secretary of Veterans Affairs Eric K. Shinseki last year and had inspired nearly a dozen similar treatment courts nationwide. The president of the 77,000-member legal association said creating the special panel to help veterans with similar issues fits his theme of —Justice for All being promoted by the State Bar this year. Doyle also credited the Bar Association of Erie County, which set up its own veterans assistance committee a year ago, and said he hopes the State Bar's efforts will —increase public awareness about military culture, substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder and traumatic brain injury problems of vets. [Source: Buffalo News Matt Gryta article 12 Sep 2011 ++]



# Join Us...

Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> to help support the Westchester Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America!



20% of tracked dine-in and carry out sales will be donated to programs supporting homeless veterans.

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845-831-2000



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## **Castle Point Campus Evening/Saturday Clinics**

### **Primary Care**

Wednesday Evenings  
4:30 - 7:30 pm (last appointment at 7:00 pm)

Saturday  
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

### **Specialty Clinics**

Wednesday Evenings  
Orthopedic: 4:30 - 6:30 pm  
And one Saturday a month: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Saturday  
Gastro: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

### **Mental Health**

Wednesday Evenings  
4:30 - 7:00 pm

Saturday  
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

***\*\*TBI and Pain Management appointments available on Friday's\*\****

## **FDR Montrose Campus & Goshen CBOC Evening/Saturday Clinics**

### **Primary Care**

**Montrose Extended Hours:**  
Tuesday: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

**Goshen Extended Hours:**  
Wednesday: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

**Women Veterans Program**  
845-831-2000, ext 5658, 2154, 5823  
To schedule an appointment with your  
Primary Care Provider  
call 845-831-2000, ext 7666



## SEPTEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 meeting Armonk 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	4	5
6	7 Labor Day	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 pizza Party FDR Stress unit 5:30 PM	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## OCTOBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 meeting Armonk 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	26	27 pizza Party FDR Stress unit 5:30 PM	28	29	30	31 Halloween

## NOVEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 meeting Armonk 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	6	7
8	9	10 Anthony's Pizza White Plains	11 ceremony Lasdon Park 2:00	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 pizza Party FDR Stress Unit 5:30 PM	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					

## DECEMBER 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 meeting Armonk 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Wreaths Across America 12:00
13 Stress Unit Xmas party 1:00-5:00 Montrose VA	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Candle Light Vigil Lasdon Park Dusk	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Years Eve		



★ **MEMBERSHIP** ★



**WE NEED YOU IN THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND FEES**

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL WHO SHARE OUR CONCERNS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS, AND FAMILIES, VETERAN OR NOT. WE ENCOURAGE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY VIETNAM ERA VETERAN WHO SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1959 TO MAY 7, 1975.

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:**

- ★ INDIVIDUAL MEMBER (IND) - A VIETNAM ERA VETERAN WHO PAYS MEMBERSHIP FEES ANNUALLY.
- ★ ASSOCIATE MEMBER (ASO) - A NON VIETNAM ERA VETERAN WHO PAYS MEMBERSHIP FEES ANNUALLY.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

- ★ LIFE MEMBER (PAID) - A VIETNAM ERA VETERAN WHOSE LIFE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL.
- ★ ASSOCIATED LIFE MEMBER (PAID) - AN ASSOCIATED MEMBER WHOSE LIFE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL. LIFE MEMBER PLANNED PAYMENT (LMPP) - A VIETNAM ERA VETERAN WITH THE AGREEMENT OF
- ★ THE PLANNED PAYMENT (LMPP) FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.
- ★ ASSOCIATED LIFE MEMBER PLANNED PAYMENT (ALPP) - AN ASSOCIATED MEMBER WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE PLANNED PAYMENT (ALPP) FOR ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP.
- ★ THE PLANNED PAYMENT REQUIRES COMPLETION WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS.
- ★ FEES: ANNUAL FEES OF \$ 20.00 FOR INDIVIDUAL OR ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP OR MAKE A PAYMENT OF 50.00 FOR A THREE YEAR MEMBERSHIP AND SAVE \$10.00.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

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49 AND UNDER.....	\$ 250.00	}
50 TO 55.....	\$ 225.00	
56 TO 60.....	\$ 200.00	
61 TO 65.....	\$ 175.00	
66 AND OVER.....	\$ 150.00	

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- ★ PROOF OF AGE MUST BE SUBMITTED ON ALL APPLICATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.
- ★ COPY OF FORM DD 214 MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR VIETNAM ERA VETERANS.

\* **MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION** \*

- I AM A VIETNAM VETERAN / FEE: \$20.00 of 50.00 / Copy of DD 214 is Required
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\* see note above

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