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Chapter #49

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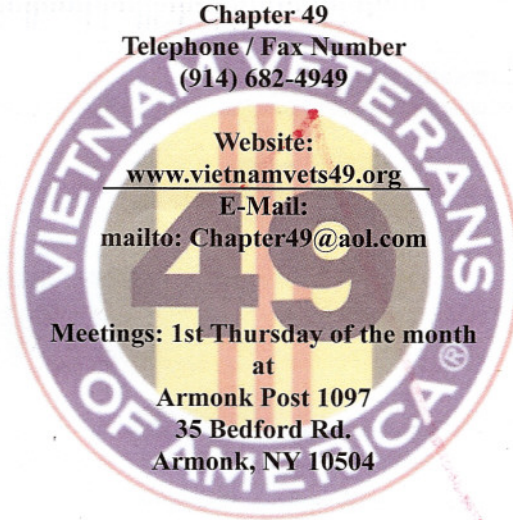
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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**It is with a heavy heart that I report the loss of two Chapter members: Al Bartoluzzi and Ray Heikkila. Our heart felt condolences to their families.**

**If you haven't already, check out our outstanding website: [vietnamvets49.org](http://vietnamvets49.org).**

**Whenever you can, please stop in at the PTSD Unit on every fourth Tuesday of the Month at 5:00 for our pizza party. The guys in the Unit really appreciate and are very thankful that we bring them the pizza and the fact that we take the time to come there and talk with them.**

**Take care of yourselves and each other.  
Dan Griffin**

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## **WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!**

**Edward J. Fox from Riverside, CT  
Patrick Calcutti from Croton  
Robert Flaherty from Pawling  
Patrick O'Donoghue from Elmsford**





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# POW/MIA REPORT

## Soldiers Missing from Vietnam War Identified

11/07/2011 10:37 AM CST

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

No. 937-11  
November 07, 2011

### **Soldiers Missing from Vietnam War Identified**

The Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced today that the remains of three servicemen, missing in action from the Vietnam War, have been identified and are being returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

Army Capt. Arnold E. Holm Jr. of Waterford, Conn.; Spc. Robin R. Yeakley of South Bend, Ind.; and Pfc. Wayne Bibbs of Chicago, will be buried as a group, in a single casket representing the entire crew, on Nov. 9, in Arlington National Cemetery. On June 11, 1972, Holm was the pilot of an OH-6A Cayuse helicopter flying a reconnaissance mission in Thua Thien-Hue Province, South Vietnam. Also on board were his observer, Yeakley, and his door gunner, Bibbs. The aircraft made a second pass over a ridge, where enemy bunkers had been sighted, exploded and crashed, exploding again upon impact. Crews of other U.S. aircraft, involved in the mission, reported receiving enemy ground fire as they overflew the crash site looking for survivors.

Between 1993 and 2008, joint U.S./Socialist Republic of Vietnam (S.R.V.) teams, led by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), interviewed witnesses, investigated, surveyed and excavated possible crash sites several times. They recovered human remains, OH-6A helicopter wreckage and crew-related equipment including two identification tags bearing Yeakley's name.

Scientists from the JPAC used forensic identification tools and circumstantial evidence to identify the crew.

Today more than 1,600 American remain un-accounted for from the Vietnam War. More than 900 servicemen have been accounted for from that conflict, and returned to their families for burial with military honors since 1973. The U.S. government continues to work closely with the governments of Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia to recover all Americans lost in the Vietnam War.

**Rockland County Marine Corps League  
Invites you to  
Please join us for our annual**

# Iwo Jima Commemoration Luncheon



**Date: Friday, February 24, 2012**

**Time: 11:00 am**

**Place: Platzl Brauhaus  
127 Call Hollow Road  
Pomona, NY**

**Cost:  
\$45.00 at the door  
\$40.00 advanced payment to address below**

**Rockland County Detachment Marine Corps League  
PO Box 191  
Haverstraw, NY 10927**

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Marine or a Military Veteran  
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Chicken  
Stuffed Filet of Sole**

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**For Questions or more information visit our website:**

**[www.RocklandUSMC.com](http://www.RocklandUSMC.com)**



Too many young souls Were left to rot in the sun  
Who would go get them? They were your sons.  
Before he died He called for his mom  
He just wanted to be held Once again in her arms.  
He died alone In that bloody green field  
Lying twisted and wretched His young body now still.  
To many back home On the Six o'clock news  
He was a soldier Who was just killed.  
But he was your baby And little boy to  
All you have left is his Memory in you.  
Who cares now for our wounded young men?  
Who fought so bravely In that strange foreign land  
That we vets knew as serving in Nam'  
They were our buddy's And they were our friends  
Some carrying memory's Locked forever in them.  
Even today We share all their pain  
All bonded together As we were once trained.  
No matter where we go In this life or next  
That sweaty green towel Will hang from our neck.  
And when we come knocking On those pearly white gates  
With our war finally over We'll leave our pain at the gate.

Written by Kevin Ferguson

# **VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER #49 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM**

Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #49, awards six scholarships of \$600 each year to high school graduates in Westchester County. The awards are granted to assist with a college or vocational school education. These scholarships honor five outstanding individuals from our area and are named the Pete Lambert Memorial Scholarship, the Congressman Hamilton Fish Jr. Memorial Scholarship, the Peter T. McCauley Memorial Scholarship, the Anthony Shine Memorial Scholarship, the Jonathan Shine Memorial Scholarship, and the William Suddereth Memorial Scholarship.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Students who will complete high school in Westchester County this year, are the child or a grandchild of an active duty service veteran, and plan to attend an accredited U.S. college/university or vocational/technical school are eligible to compete for the scholarships. **Please note** that service in the Reserves or National Guard does not constitute veteran status, unless you were activated for more than 90 days for purposes other than training. **Also note** that the child of any veteran is eligible; service does not have to be during the Vietnam era.

**HOW TO APPLY:** There are four selection criteria that the student must submit in order to be considered for a scholarship:

1. Junior year rank in class.
2. Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores; no other test score will be accepted. **Note;** for those who will be attending a vocational/technical school this requirement will be waived.
3. A resume of extracurricular activities to include school clubs, sports and student government, work experience, volunteer experience and other interests. Relevant references, with addresses and phone numbers, should be provided.
4. A written statement, not to exceed two typed pages, on the topic "The affect (if any) of my mother's/father's military service on my attitudes toward life and country."

Students should complete the attached application and return it, along with the other requested items, by **April 1, 2012** to:  
Vietnam Veterans of America #49

Scholarship Committee  
P.O. Box 224  
Pleasantville, NY 10570

**SELECTION OF AWARDEES AND PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS:** VVA #49 Scholarship Committee is solely responsible for the selection process. In late May the Committee will notify those selected for scholarships and their high schools and the acceptance and enrollment of those selected in an accredited college or technical school will be verified. Scholarship awards will be presented at a meeting of VVA #49 during the summer.

**IMPORTANT ITEMS:** Application **must be submitted by April 1, 2012** and must include a copy of parents DD-214 (military discharge). Principal or guidance counselor must certify your rank in class and SAT score; a copy of your SAT score must be included. Include the phone number of your high school and make sure the application is complete.

**THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL NOT CONSIDER APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT CONTAIN ALL OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN ITS REQUIRED FORM OR ARE RECEIVED AFTER THE SUBMITTAL DATE.**

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**NOTE TO CHAPTER MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RESIDE IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY TO APPLY FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP. PLEASE CALL THE CHAPTER AND WE WILL SEND YOU AN APPLICATION PACKAGE.**



APPLICATION  
VVA CHAPTER 49 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM  
TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION, EXCEPT FOR SIGNATURES

LAST NAME - STUDENT FIRST NAME INITIAL

ADDRESS: STREET & NUMBER CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN/STATE ZIP

AREA CODE / PHONE NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH

PARENT/GUARDIAN and MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION: VETERAN PARENT MUST PROVIDE COPY OF DD214, MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS -- REQUIRED

LAST NAME FIRST NAME INITIAL

ADDRESS: STREET & NUMBER CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN/STATE ZIP

Military Service: Branch: From: To:

AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER

AUTHORIZATION: I authorize my high school/ my child's high school to complete/provide the information requested below on this application:

X:

APPLICANTS/STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

SCHOOL INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL:

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL CODE NUMBER

ADDRESS: STREET & NUMBER CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN/STATE ZIP

AREA CODE / PHONE NUMBER NAME AND POSITION OF SCHOOL STAFF PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING:

IS THIS STUDENT A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR? YES NO

WHAT IS THE EXACT RANK FOR THIS STUDENT IN THEIR JUNIOR YEAR? JUNIOR CLASS SIZE?

WHAT IS THE LATEST SAT SCORES FOR THIS STUDENT? VERBAL: MATH: WRITTEN: TOTAL:

- PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF ETS SAT SCORES FOR THIS STUDENT - REQUIRED
- ETS SAT SCORES AND YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW IS OUR VERIFICATION THAT SCHOOL INFORMATION IS CORRECT

X: SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL STAFF DATE



## JANUARY 2012

| Sunday                | Monday | Tuesday                                              | Wednesday | Thursday                                           | Friday                 | Saturday |
|-----------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------|
| 1<br>New Years<br>Day | 2      | 3                                                    | 4         | 5 Meeting<br>Armonk<br>6:30 dinner<br>7:30 meeting | 6                      | 7        |
| 8                     | 9      | 10                                                   | 11        | 12                                                 | 13<br>Veteran's<br>Day | 14       |
| 15                    | 16     | 17                                                   | 18        | 19                                                 | 20                     | 21       |
| 22                    | 23     | 24<br>Pizza party<br>FDR Stress<br>Unit 15CD<br>5:00 | 25        | 26                                                 | 27                     | 28       |
| 29                    | 30     | 31                                                   |           |                                                    |                        |          |

## FEBRUARY 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday                 | Wednesday | Thursday                                           | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------|--------|----------|
|        |        |                         | 1         | 2 Meeting<br>Armonk<br>6:30 dinner<br>7:30 meeting | 3      | 4        |
| 5      | 6      | 7                       | 8         | 9                                                  | 10     | 11       |
| 12     | 13     | 14<br>Valentines<br>Day | 15        | 16                                                 | 17     | 18       |
| 19     | 20     | 21                      | 22        | 23                                                 | 24     | 25       |
| 26     | 27     | 28<br>Pizza Party       | 29        |                                                    |        |          |





★ **MEMBERSHIP** ★



WE NEED YOU IN THE VIET-NAM 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 VIET-NAM 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 VIET-NAM ERA VETERAN WHO PAYS MEMBERSHIP FEES ANNUALLY.
- ★ ASSOCIATE MEMBER (ASO) - A NON VIET-NAM ERA VETERAN WHO PAYS MEMBERSHIP FEES ANNUALLY.

**LIFE MEMBERSHIP:**

- ★ LIFE MEMBER (PAID) - A VIET-NAM ERA VETERAN WHOS LIFE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL.
- ★ ASSOCIATED LIFE MEMBER (PAID) - AN ASSOCIATED MEMBER WHOS LIFE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL.
- ★ LIFE MEMBER PLANNED PAYMENT (LMPP) - A VIET-NAM 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:**

**CURRENT AGE:**

|                   |           |   |
|-------------------|-----------|---|
| 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 VIET-NAM ERA VETERANS.

\* MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION \*

- I AM A VIET-NAM VETERAN / FEE: \$20.00 of 50.00 / Copy of DD 214 is Required
- I AM A NON-VIET-NAM VETERAN AND PLEASE ENROL ME AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF VVA / FEE: \$20.00 or 50.00
- RENEWAL of MEMBERSHIP / FEE: \$20.00 or \$50.00
- I Wish to Contribute and be kept informed  
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**LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

- VIET-NAM ERA VETERAN
- ASSOCIATE MEMBER

\* see note above

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE of BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make Cheque or Money Order Payable to: V.V.A Chapter #49  
To: Membership Chair, V.V.A. Chapter #49 PO Box 224, Pleasantville, NY 10570

Questions?: Call the Chapter. Phone/Fax (914) 682-4949  
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