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Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter #49

Westchester County

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY VETERANS MUSEUM

HOURS: 11:00-3:30 914-864-7068 WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY AND HOLIDAYS

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Website: <u>www.vietnamvets49.org</u> E-Mail: Mail to: Chapter49@aol.com

Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month 7:30 Armonk Post 1097 35 Bedford Rd. Armonk, NY 10504

This newsletter is a publication of Chapter 49, however the opinions expressed herein are those of the contributors, and as such, they do not necessarily represent those of Chapter 49. All views are welcome for publication. Submit items of interest, including poems, short stories, photographs, etc., to the Editors at the Chapter address or call for other arrangements. Materials submitted will not be returned unless otherwise requested.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We had a great time at our annual picnic/barbecue/clambake. Marshal Clavel brought and cooked his famous ribs! Thank you Marshal. And the music was provided by our own Chester Edwards. I would now like to thank all of the donors who made this possible; Joe Bucolo, Tim Broder, James Ring, Mike Leichtling, Matt Coffey, Nestor Pereira, Col Andy, Carl Diliberto, Jim McCauley, Scarsdale American Legion Post 52, John Johnson, Eferain Hernandez, Ed Filippella, Rich Palazzo, Bob Duffy, Barney Puleo, Bob Kennedy, Ken Crispens, Dan Love, Bob Jordan, Chester Edwards, Ed Fox and Ron Stout.

This year the Wreaths Across America ceremony will be on December 15, 2018. If you or any one you know wants to donate wreaths to our ceremonies at Lasdon Park and then at the Kensico Dam they need to go to the Wreaths Across America web site, then check on our group. Our group number is: ny0145p. This way your donated wreaths will go to us.

Please check the calendars in this newsletter for upcoming events.

Take care of yourself and each other

Dan Griffin

Help us raise funds to establish a memorial honoring these lifesaving animals. Support our soldiers by supporting the animals that protect them.

WAR DOG MEMORIA



BRAVE, EVER VIGILANT, EVER LOYAL



The plan is to place a life-size memorial sculpture on the Trail of Honor at Lasdon Park and Arboretum. The inspiration for the sculpture is "Chips" the most decorated dog in the military to have served in WWII. He was a German Shepherd/ collie/husky mix owned by Edward J. Wren of Pleasantville, New York.

Westchester George Latimer





Veterans Health Administration Readjustment Counseling Service Fact Sheet <u>www.vetcenter.va.gov</u> vetcenteroutreach@va.gov

Vet Centers

Vet Centers are community-based counseling centers, within the Veterans Health Administration's Readjustment Counseling Service (RCS), that provide a wide range of social and psychological services including professional readjustment counseling to Veterans and active duty Service members, to include members of the National Guard and Reserve components, who:

- Have served on active military duty in any combat theater or area of hostility;
- Experienced a military sexual trauma while serving on active military duty;
- Provided direct emergent medical care or mortuary services, while serving on active military duty, to the casualties of war, or;
- Served as a member of an unmanned aerial vehicle crew that provided direct support to operations in a combat zone or area of hostility.
- Vietnam Era veterans who have accessed care at a Vet Center prior to January 1, 2004

Vet Center services are also provided to family members of Veterans and Service members for military related issues when it is found aid in the readjustment of those that have served. This includes bereavement counseling for families who experience an active duty death.

A core value of the Vet Center program is to promote access to care by helping Veterans, Service members, and their families overcome barriers that impede them from using those services. Actions include: Vet Centers maintain regularly scheduled non-traditional hours, to include evening and weekends, to ensure Veterans and Service members are able to access these services. Vet Centers create Veteran to Veteran connections as over 72% of Vet Center staff are Veterans and a majority of those individuals have served in combat zones.

There are 300 Vet Centers located in every state, the District of Columbia, American Samoa, Guam, and Puerto Rico.

Outreach

To ensure that Veteran, Service members, and their families are provided access to care, RCS has a robust outreach program that focuses on the creation of face to face connections with those that have served. Vet Center staff regularly participate in a myriad of Federal, State, and local sponsored Veteran related events in the communities where Veterans and Service members live.

RCS maintains a fleet of 80 Mobile Vet Centers that are designed to extend the reach of Vet Center services through focused outreach, direct service provision, and referral to communities that do not meet the requirements for a "brick and mortar" Vet Center, but where there are Veterans, Service members, and their families in need of services. Many of these communities are distant from existing services and are considered rural or highly rural.

Vet Center Call Center

The Vet Center Call Center **1-877-WAR-VETS** is an around the clock confidential call center where those that served and their families can call to talk about their military experience or any other issues they are facing in their readjustment. The staff is comprised of combat Veterans from several eras as well as family members of combat Veterans. The call center has warm handoff capabilities with all Vet Centers, the National Crisis Hotline, and the National Caregiver Hotline.

Additional Information

- All services are available without time limitation and at no cost
- To use Vet Center services Veterans or Servicemembers:
 - Do not need to be enrolled with the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) Medical Centers;
 - Do not need a disability rating or service connection for injuries from either the VA or the Department of Defense, and;
 - Can access Vet Center services regardless of discharge character.
- No information will be released to any person or agency without the written consent from the Veteran
 or Service-member, except in circumstances for averting a crisis or where legally required.



A *FREE* event, welcoming all veterans who would like to play the game of tennis! Tennis is known to be the sport of a lifetime that offers healing and is also lots of fun! No experience is necessary; all are welcome from novice to advanced. Please register ASAP to reserve your spot, as space is very limited. We are looking forward to seeing you on *Friday, November 30th at Yonkers Tennis Center at 8:00pm!*

#ServingThoseWhoServeUS

Please RSVP at this Eventbrite link ASAP!:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tennis-servingvets-friday-november-30th-800pm-1000pmtickets-51518957589 "As starkly moving as taps at dusk." - The Washington Post

STEPHENLANG BEVOND CEORY

The story of 8 Men of Incredible Valor: Medal of Honor Recipients All

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2018

COMPLETE SERVED DINNER & SHOW - \$95 PER PERSON PLUS TAX



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PLEASE EMAIL ME YOUR NAME to chapter49@aol.com

SO THAT I CAN LINK YOUR NAME WITH YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

ALSO CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE WHICH IS:

WWW.VIETNAMVETS49.ORG

IF YOU HAVE PHOTOS OF YOUR SELF IN SERVICE

AND WOULD LIKE THEM POSTED ON OUR WEBSITE

SEND THEM TO: spangler@mindspring.com

NOVEMBER 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday 1 meeting	Friday 2	Saturday 3
				6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting		
4	5	6	7	8 breakfast Tarrytown Marriot Hotel 10:00	9 Eastview School Veterans tribute 8:00	10
11 Veterans Day Lasdon Park 2:00	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 Thanksgiving	23	24
25	26	27 Pizza party FDR Stress unit 5:00 PM	28	29	30	

DECEMBER 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 meeting Board 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	7	8
9 PTSD Unit party 1:00 PM	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Candle light vigil	24	25 Christmas	26	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve					

JANUARY 2019					
Monday	Tuesday 1 New years Day	Wednesday 2	Thursday 3 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner	Friday 4	Saturday 5
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WE NEED YOU IN THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA



MEMBERSHIP TYPES and ELIGIBILITY

Individual Membership is open to any Vietnam-era Veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces between January 1, 1959 and May 7, 1975.

<u>Associate Membership</u> in the VVA is open to all who share our concerns – both men and women, friends, supporters, and families – Veteran or not.

<u>Life Membership / Associate Life Membership</u> is available to all who wish to demonstrate a greater commitment to the ideals and work of the V.V.A. (Economically a great deal!)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

check one		Life Membership - \$50.00		
Vietnam-era Veteran Application: Individual Membership (must provide a copy of applicant's DD-214))			
Non-Vietnam-era Veteran Application Associate Membership		Life Membership - \$50.00		
Non-Member Financial Contribution:		\$		
Report of Address Change:				
Name:		Phone:		
Address:		Date of Birth:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:		
E-mail Address [.]				

Please make checks payable to: V.V.A. Chapter #49



Send application and check to: Membership Chair, V.V.A. Chapter #49 PO Box 224, Pleasantville, NY 10570

Questions? Call the Chapter: Phone/Fax (914) 682-4949 or e-mail: Chapter49@aol.com wwwVietnamVets49.org



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