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Chapter #49*

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HOURS:

11:00-3:30

SUMMER DAYS WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY

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AND HOLIDAYS

864-7263

Chapter 49

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7:30

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Chapter 49 will hold a free dinner for Chapter members and their spouses on November 5th at 7:00. It will be held at the Bradford Grill and Tavern in Stamford, CT. The Bradford Grill is owned by Chapter member Tony Desjardin; Tony needs to know by October 30th how many are attending. So please call me or send an email to let us know if you or you and your souse will attend.

We had a great time at our annual picnic/barbecue/clambake; inside this newsletter is a picture of our motley crew. There is way too many to thank for their contributions.

I am sure you all know that our foundation Base Camp Westchester gives out kitchen kits and bathroom kits to formally homeless vets. So far this year we have given out thirty nine of each at a cost of \$14,585.22.

It is sad to report that four Chapter members passed away recently; Blaise Bruno, Ed Erickson, Bob Donnelly and Bob McGuirl.

The November Pizza night at the PTSD unit is sponsored by Bob Miller in the name of his good friend and Chapter member Ed Erickson who just passed away.

Please check the calendars in this newsletter for upcoming events.

Take care of yourself and each other

Dan Griffin


Welcome to our newest members

Anthony Amoruso from Danbury, CT

Robert Morgan from Hawthorne

Tony Amoruso from Healdsburg, CA

Gerald Phelps from Bedford Hills



In honor of Veterans Day, Touro Dental Health will host its 2nd Annual Smiles for Veterans event, providing a free day of dental care for veterans, military service members and their families, as well as activities, entertainment, refreshments and giveaways!

SMILES FOR VETERANS

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For Veterans, Military Personnel and their Spouses

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019 - ONE DAY ONLY!

9:00am - 4:00pm

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Candle Light Vigil

Lasdon Park

December 22, 2019

4:30 PM

This is our Christmas for the 217 men and 8 women who did not come home and never celebrated another Christmas.

Griffin, Daniel

From: Pomerance, Benjamin (VETERANS) <Benjamin.Pomerance@veterans.ny.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, June 26, 2019 5:19 PM
Subject: Blue Water Navy Bill Details

Good afternoon —

As promised, here are some key details from the Blue Water Navy Act that was just signed into law by the President.

Effective Date: The new law goes into effect on January 1, 2020.

VA's Responsibility: Within 120 days, the Secretary of the VA is required to submit a report to the Senate and the House of Representatives detailing the Secretary's plans "to conduct outreach" to Veterans concerning this new legislation and "to respond to inquiries from Veterans regarding claims for disability compensation" under these new statutory provisions.

Translation: Within 120 days, we will know what the VA's "go forward plan" is regarding these disability compensation claims, including the unanswered questions of whether *Nehmer* rules will apply to these cases, how the VA intends to prioritize these cases, etc., etc.

Definition of Offshore: A location is deemed to be "offshore of Vietnam" (and thus eligible for the presumption of Agent Orange exposure) if the location is within 12 nautical miles of the coast of Vietnam and Cambodia, along a line of demarcation intersecting the following points:

"Points Geographic Names	Latitude North	Longitude East
At Hon Nhan Island, Tho Chu Archipelago Kien Giang Province	9°15.0'	103°27.0'
At Hon Da Island southeast of Hon Khoai Island Minh Hai Province	8°22.8'	104°52.4'
At Tai Lon Islet, Con Dao Islet in Con Dao-Vung Toa Special Sector	8°37.8'	106°37.5'
At Bong Lai Islet, Con Dao Islet	8°38.9'	106°40.3'
At Bay Canh Islet, Con Dao Islet	8°39.7'	106°42.1'
At Hon Hai Islet (Phu Qui group of islands) Thuan Hai Province	9°58.0'	109°5.0'
At Hon Doi Islet, Thuan Hai Province	12°39.0'	109°28.0'
At Dai Lanh point, Phu Khanh Province	12°53.8'	109°27.2'
At Ong Can Islet, Phu Khanh Province	13°54.0'	109°21.0'
At Ly Son Islet, Nghia Binh Province	15°23.1'	109° 9.0'
At Con Co Island, Binh Tri Thien Province	17°10.0'	107°20.6'

Spina Bifida Cases: Under this law, benefits are now available for children diagnosed with spina bifida who had a parent who served at covered locations in Thailand (e.g., Royal Thai Air Bases in certain military occupational specialties) during the Vietnam War. (This coverage is already available for children diagnosed with spina bifida who had a parent who served in Vietnam and along the Demilitarized Zone [DMZ] in Korea).

New Starting Date For Korean DMZ Presumptions: The new law amends the starting date for the presumption of exposure to Agent Orange to apply to a Veteran who served along the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) from April 1, 1968, to *September 1, 1967*.

Obviously, there are still several unanswered questions — particularly focusing on the mechanics of how the VA is going to handle these cases — but we will have these answers in the VA's report to Congress within 120 days.



Wreaths across America

Lasdon Park

December 14th

Chapter 49 of the Vietnam Veterans of America will place a wreath at each of the memorials on the “Trail of Honor”

Lasdon Park on Route 35, Somers

Then at 12:00 PM sharp will read the official script

Afterward we will place a wreath at each memorial tree at the “walk of honor” at the Kensico Dam in Valhalla



Pizza Night



Picnic

NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 dinner Bradford Grill 7:00 PM	6	7 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	8	9
10	11 Lasdon Park 2:00	12 vets Breakfast 10:00 Rye Hilton	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 pizza party FDR Stress unit 5:00 pm	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30

DECEMBER 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	6	7 Pearl Harbor
8 PTSD unit Christmas Party 1:00	9	10	11	12	13	14 Wreaths across America 12:00
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Candle light vigil Dusk	23	24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28
29	30	31	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve

THE BRONX VETERANS PARADE TASK TEAM, INC *hosts*



BRONX *Veterans* DAY PARADE

Saturday, November 2, 2019

12:00 PM to 5:00 PM

Formation at 11:00AM at Crotona Parkway & E. 175th St. Bronx, NY 10460

Step off at 12:00 PM



Grand Marshal:

MSG Abigaile Taylor, U.S. Army, Ret., Commander, DAV Chapter 23

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The Armonk American Legion Hall • 35 Bedford Rd. Armonk, NY 10504
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