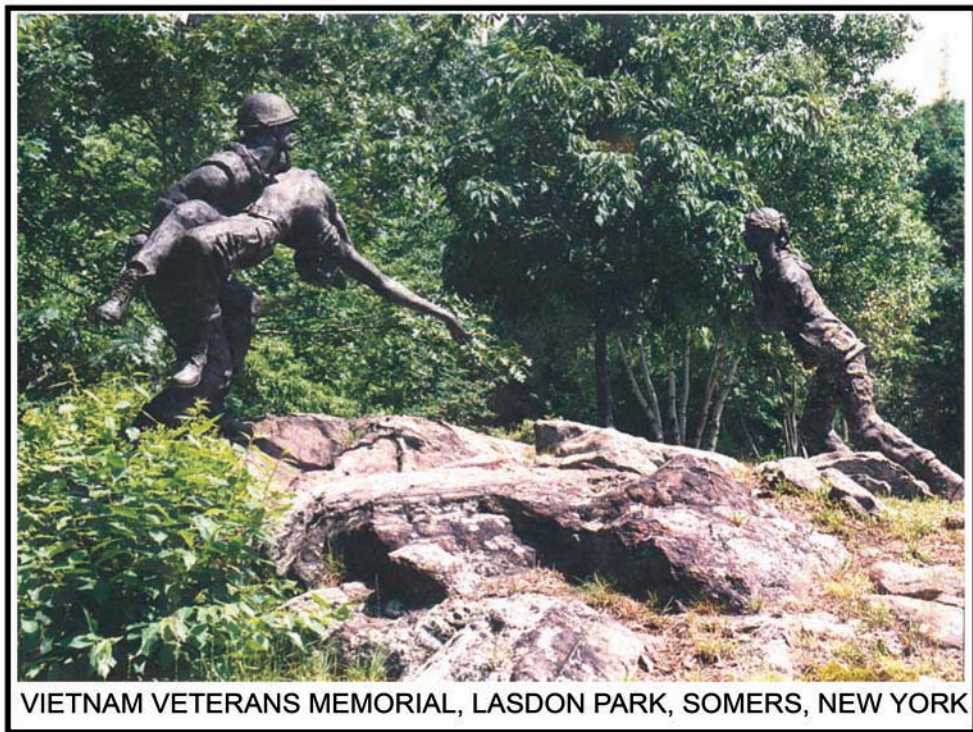


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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Our membership has been growing; we are now the 19<sup>st</sup> largest Chapter out of 594! In every issue of our newsletter there is an application to join; please whenever you meet a Vietnam Vet, invite him or her to join Chapter 49.**

**The President signed the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019. This ruling goes into effect on January 1, 2020. If your ship sailed within 12 nautical miles off of the coast of Vietnam or Cambodia, you are eligible for compensation for all of the diseases that are caused by exposure to Agent Orange. The VA has 120 days to finalize the details on how they will implement the rules. One of the important details that they need to rule on is; will we be able to reopen any claims that were submitted before this ruling. So, if you served within the 12 miles I will submit a claim for you, call me. If the VA rules that we can reopen claims that were denied in the past and if you were denied a claim; I will reopen your claim.**

**Please check the calendars in this newsletter for upcoming events.**

**Take care of yourself and each other**

**Dan Griffin**

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**Welcome to our newest members**

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# America's Wars

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Washington, DC 20420  
(202) 461-7600

## American Revolution (1775-1783)

|  |         |
|--|---------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers <sup>1</sup> | 217,000 |
| Battle Deaths                          | 4,435   |
| Non-mortal Woundings                   | 6,188   |

## War of 1812 (1812-1815)

|                           |         |
|---------------------------|---------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers | 286,730 |
| Battle Deaths             | 2,260   |
| Non-mortal Woundings      | 4,505   |

## Indian Wars (approx. 1817-1898)

|   |         |
|---|---------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers (VA estimate) | 106,000 |
| Battle Deaths (VA estimate)             | 1,000   |

## Mexican War (1846-1848)

|                           |        |
|---------------------------|--------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers | 78,718 |
| Battle Deaths             | 1,733  |
| Other Deaths (In Theater) | 11,550 |
| Non-mortal Woundings      | 4,152  |

## Civil War (1861-1865)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers (Union)                      | 2,213,363 |
| Battle Deaths (Union)                                  | 140,414   |
| Other Deaths (In Theater) (Union)                      | 224,097   |
| Non-mortal Woundings (Union)                           | 281,881   |
| Total Servicemembers (Conf.) <sup>2</sup>              | 1,050,000 |
| Battle Deaths (Confederate) <sup>3</sup>               | 74,524    |
| Other Deaths (In Theater) (Confederate) <sup>3-4</sup> | 59,297    |
| Non-mortal Woundings (Confederate)                     | Unknown   |

## Spanish-American War (1898-1902)

|                                       |         |
|---------------------------------------|---------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) | 306,760 |
| Battle Deaths                         | 385     |
| Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) | 2,061   |
| Non-mortal Woundings                  | 1,662   |

## World War I (1917-1918)

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) | 4,734,991 |
| Battle Deaths                         | 53,402    |
| Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) | 63,114    |
| Non-mortal Woundings                  | 204,002   |

## World War II (1941-1945)

|                                       |            |
|---------------------------------------|------------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) | 16,112,566 |
| Battle Deaths                         | 291,557    |
| Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) | 113,842    |
| Non-mortal Woundings                  | 670,846    |
| Living Veterans <sup>5</sup>          | 1,711,000  |

### NOTES:

- Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is the median of estimated range from 184,000 - 250,000.
- Exact number is unknown. Posted figure is median of estimated range from 600,000 - 1,500,000.
- Death figures are based on incomplete returns.
- Does not include 26,000 to 31,000 who died in Union prisons.
- Estimate based upon new population projection methodology.

## Korean War (1950-1953)

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) | 5,720,000 |
| Total Serving (In Theater)            | 1,789,000 |
| Battle Deaths                         | 33,739    |
| Other Deaths (In Theater)             | 2,835     |
| Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) | 17,672    |
| Non-mortal Woundings                  | 103,284   |
| Living Veterans                       | 2,275,000 |

## Vietnam War (1964-1975)

|  |           |
|--|-----------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) <sup>6</sup> | 8,744,000 |
| Deployed to Southeast Asia <sup>7</sup>            | 3,403,000 |
| Battle Deaths <sup>8</sup>                         | 47,434    |
| Other Deaths (In Theater) <sup>8</sup>             | 10,786    |
| Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) <sup>8</sup> | 32,000    |
| Non-mortal Woundings <sup>9</sup>                  | 153,303   |
| Living Veterans <sup>5, 10</sup>                   | 7,391,000 |

## Desert Shield/Desert Storm (1990-1991)

|                                       |           |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Total U.S. Servicemembers (Worldwide) | 2,322,000 |
| Deployed to Gulf                      | 694,550   |
| Battle Deaths                         | 148       |
| Other Deaths (In Theater)             | 235       |
| Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater) | 1,565     |
| Non-mortal Woundings                  | 467       |
| Living Veterans <sup>5, 10</sup>      | 2,244,583 |

## America's Wars Total (1775-1991)

|  |            |
|--|------------|
| U.S. Military Service during Wartime     | 41,892,128 |
| Battle Deaths                            | 651,031    |
| Other Deaths (In Theater)                | 308,800    |
| Other Deaths in Service (Non-Theater)    | 230,254    |
| Non-mortal Woundings                     | 1,430,290  |
| Living War Veterans <sup>11</sup>        | 16,962,000 |
| Living Veterans (Periods of War & Peace) | 23,234,000 |

## Global War on Terror (Oct 2001 - )

The Global War on Terror (GWOT), including Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF), are ongoing conflicts. For the most current GWOT statistics visit the following Department of Defense Website:

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/dcas/pages/casualties.xhtml>

- Covers the period 8/5/64 - 1/27/73 (date of cease fire)
  - Department of Defense estimate
  - Covers period 11/1/55 - 5/15/75
  - Excludes 150,341 not requiring hospital care
  - Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) estimate, as of 4/09, does not include those still on active duty and may include veterans who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.
  - Total will be more than sum of conflicts due to no "end date" established for Persian Gulf War.
- Source: Department of Defense (DOD), except living veterans, which are VA estimates as of Sep 2010.



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Subject: **Veterans legislation passed out of HVAC which included H.R. 299 Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019**

Date: 5/9/2019 11:35:46 AM Eastern Standard Time

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# News Flash



## **Veterans legislation passed out of HVAC which included H.R. 299 Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019**

Vietnam Veterans of America - May 9 , 2019

House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Passes 18 Bills Out of Committee

May 8, 2019

Press Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Today, the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs held its first full committee markup passing all of the 18 bills on the agenda and continuing its work to deliver clear results for veterans on suicide prevention, homelessness, and finally delivering justice for our Blue Water Navy veterans. Chairman Mark Takano's opening remarks and a full list of the 18 bills passed can be found below:

I would like to thank everyone here this morning. The 18 bills we have before us today represent considerable time and hard work by the members of this Committee on both sides of the aisle. Four of our five subcommittees are being led by freshmen chairs this Congress, and four members of the minority are also new to Congress. I want to thank each of you for your bipartisan efforts and leadership.

Your work has produced an impressive number of bills which will improve the quality of veterans' lives. We will consider H.R. 299, the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act to finally right an incredible injustice for veterans who are suffering and dying from conditions related to Agent Orange exposure and who have been unfairly denied disability and health benefits for more than 40 years. When this bill is reported out of Committee today, I will ask the Speaker to put it on the House Floor before Memorial Day---these veterans have waited far too long, and the Ranking Member and I are committed to working with our Senate colleagues to get this bill passed into law. As I said last week, If I have to stand in the Senate gallery every day until this bill is passed, I will.

The Committee is determined to address the national public health crisis of veteran suicide. That's why I'm proud to highlight 4 bipartisan bills written by Vice Chairman Lamb, Representative Brindisi, Representative Rose, and Representative Underwood that address mental health and suicide prevention. It's clear we need to do more to reduce veteran suicide and these bills will help us better understand the crisis at hand.

Last but not least, I thank Congresswoman Luria for introducing the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Act. Congress passes the COLA bill every year to make sure veterans' disability benefits keep pace with the rising cost of living.

Full list of passed legislation:

- 1.A.N.S. to H.R. 299 (Rep. Takano) the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2019
- 2.A.N.S. to H.R. 2372 (Rep. Underwood) Veterans' Care Quality Transparency Act
- 3.A.N.S. to H.R. 2340 (Rep. Rose) FIGHT Veteran Suicides Act
- 4.A.N.S. to H.R. 2359 (Rep. Lamb) Whole Veteran Act
- 5.H.R. 1947 (Rep. Roe) To exempt transfers of funds from Federal agencies to the Department of Veterans Affairs for nonprofit corporations established under subchapter IV of chapter 73 of such title from certain provisions of the Economy Act.
- 6.H.R. 1812 (Rep. Roe) Vet Center Eligibility Expansion Act
- 7.H.R. 2385 (Rep. Lamb) to permit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to establish a grant program to conduct cemetery research and produce educational materials for the Veterans Legacy Program.
- 8.A.N.S. to H.R. 1988 (Rep. David Scott), the Protect Affordable Mortgages for Veterans Act
- 9.H.R. 2045 (Rep. Wenstrup), the VET OPP Act
- 10.H.R. 2333 (Rep. Brindisi) Support for Suicide Prevention Coordinators Act
- 11.H.R.1200 (Rep Luria), the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act
- 12.H.R. 95 (Rep. Brownley), the Homeless Veteran Families Act
- 13.H.R. 1199 (Rep. Luria), The VA Website Accessibility Act
- 14.H.R. 2109 (Rep. Rice), the BRAVE Act
- 15.H.R. 2196 (Rep. Barr), to amend title 38, United States Code, to reduce the credit hour requirement for the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship program of the Department of Veterans Affairs.
- 16.H.R. 2326 (Rep. Levin) the Navy SEAL Chief Petty Officer William Bill Mulder (Ret.) Transition Improvement Act of 2019
- 17.H.R. 2398 (Rep. Peters), the Veteran HOUSE Act
- 18.H.R. 2399 (Rep. Peters), the Home for Our Heroes Act of 2019

All bill language can be found on the Committee Repository [here](#).

Source: <https://veterans.house.gov/news/press-releases/house-committee-veterans-affairs-passes-18-bills-out-committee>

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## JULY 2019

| Sunday                                 | Monday | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|--|---|---|--------|----------|
|  | 1      | 2  | 3   | 4<br>Independence Day<br>No meeting                     | 5      | 6        |
| 7                                      | 8      | 9  | 10  | 11 meeting<br>6:00 Board<br>6:30 dinner<br>7:30 meeting | 12     | 13       |
| 14                                     | 15     | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19     | 20       |
| 21                                     | 22     | 23 pizza party FDR<br>Stress unit<br>5:00 pm | 24 Armonk American Legion<br>PTSD unit<br>Barbecue 5:00 | 25  | 26     | 27       |
| 28 MOH<br>Parade 1:00<br>Pleasantville | 29     | 30   | 31  |   |        |          |

## AUGUST 2019

| Sunday                                 | Monday | Tuesday                                      | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--------|--|-----------|--|--------|----------|
|  |        |  |           | 1 meeting<br>6:00 Board<br>6:30 dinner<br>7:30 meeting | 2      | 3        |
| 4                                      | 5      | 6  | 7         | 8  | 9      | 10       |
| 11                                     | 12     | 13   | 14        | 15   | 16     | 17       |
| 18 Chapter Barbecue<br>12:00<br>Armonk | 19     | 20   | 21        | 22   | 23     | 24       |
| 25                                     | 26     | 27 pizza Party FDR<br>Stress unit<br>5:00 pm | 28        | 29   | 30     | 31       |

## SEPTEMBER 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---|-----------|--|--------|----------|
| 1      | 2      | 3   | 4         | 5 meeting<br>6:00 Board<br>6:30 dinner<br>7:30 meeting | 6      | 7        |
| 8      | 9      | 10  | 11        | 12   | 13     | 14       |
| 15     | 16     | 17  | 18        | 19   | 20     | 21       |
| 22     | 23     | 24 pizza<br>party FDR<br>Stress unit<br>5:00 pm | 25        | 26   | 27     | 28       |
| 29     | 30     |   |           |  |        |          |

## OCTOBER 2019

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday | Thursday   | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--------|---|-----------|--|--------|----------|
|        |        | 1   | 2         | 3 meeting<br>Board 6:00<br>Dinner 6:30<br>Meeting 7:30 | 4      | 5        |
| 6      | 7      | 8   | 9         | 10   | 11     | 12       |
| 13     | 14     | 15  | 16        | 17   | 18     | 19       |
| 20     | 21     | 22 pizza<br>Party FDR<br>Stress unit<br>5:00 pm | 23        | 24   | 25     | 26       |
| 27     | 28     | 29  | 30        | 31 Halloween   |        |          |



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