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CHAPTER 49 • Westchester County



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Do you care?

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11:00-3:30

SUMMER DAYS WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY

WINTER DAYS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

AND HOLIDAYS

864-7263

Chapter 49

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Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month

7:30

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

We would love to have all of you attend our meetings; held once a Month on the first Thursday of the Month; if we need to change the date, I will inform you. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:30. Our meetings are also on Zoom, to connect by computer go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84554514740>. Or you can call in by phone at 1-929-436-2866, use meeting ID: 845 5451 4740.

In this newsletter is the list of this year's scholarship winners, congratulations to them all and thank you to our Scholarship Committee.

If you use the VA medical system, I am sure you noticed the changes made to the travel reimbursements. Now you must go to the internet to claim your reimbursement; they made it exceedingly difficult to complete your claim. Also, the VA has always charged a deductible, the State and Federal government has never charged a deductible, only us veterans must pay! So, call, write or email your Congressmen and Senators to complain about this.

**Live simply
Love Generously
Care Deeply
Speak Kindly**

Take care of yourself and each other.

Dan Griffin

Welcome to our newest members.

**Thomas Griffin
Elliott Gross
Larry Pearce
Ralph Phillips
Daniel Riley
Thomas Rush
John Spencer
Keith Ward**

2023 Scholarship Winners

*The Pete Lambert. Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Isabella Ferrajina attended John Jay High School

*The Peter T. McCauley Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Lucy Alcoba attended Harrison High School

*The Hamilton Fish Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Luke West attended Rye Neck High School

*The William Sudderth Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Ronan West attended Rye Neck High School

*The Anthony Shine Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Taylor Morrissey attended Somers High School

*The Jonathan Shine Memorial Scholarship \$1,000
Nathaniel Traver attended Somers High School

On behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors and Members of Chapter 49 we would like to congratulate these young individuals and wish them all the luck in their educational endeavors.

We would like to offer a special thanks to Bob Miller Scholarship Committee for all the work they have done.



PICNIC



CHAPTER PICNIC/BBQ

September 9th 12:00 UNTILL?

ARMONK AMERICAN LEGION PAVILION

**HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, SAUSAGE &
PEPPERS, CLAMS, AND SHRIMP**

SALADS, CORN, SODA AND WATER

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**MUSIC WILL BE PROVIDED BY OUR OWN
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50/50 RAFFLE

**AS ALWAYS THIS GET TOGETHER IS FREE FOR
US AND OUR FAMILIES**

I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE



WE COULD HAVE, BEEN HEROES

WE COULD HAVE BEEN HEROES,
HAD THE TIME BEEN RIGHT,
BUT OURS WAS TO BE A DIFFERENT PLIGHT,
A NATION IN TURMOIL, WITH NO ONE TO BLAME,
SO ON US WAS CAST THE GUILT AND SHAME.

WE COULD HAVE BEEN HEROES,
ANOTHER TIME AND PLACE,
BUT IN OUR WAR WAS FOUND NO SAVING GRACE,
FORGOTTEN LIVES THE ONLY LOSS,
AS GODS AND GENERALS COUNT THE COST.

WE COULD HAVE BEEN HEROES,
HAD WE NOT BEEN DENIED,
FOR WE TOO SUFFERED AND FOUGHT AND DIED,
FOR A CAUSE WE CONSIDERED TO BE JUST AND TRUE,
FOR OUR COUNTRY, AND OUR COUNTRY WAS YOU.

YES, WE COULD HAVE BEEN HEROES,
AS THOSE WE NOW CHEER,
THOUGH IF ONLY FOR SOME A CONSCIENCE TO CLEAR,
FOR I TOO APPLAUD THEM EACH AND EVERYONE,
FOR THE SACRIFICES MADE, AND A JOB WELL DONE.

BUT WE, TOO, COULD HAVE BEEN HEROES,
SO LONG AGO, HAD ONLY YOU CHOSEN TO MAKE IT SO.

*“FOR ALL MY BROTHERS, FOR WHOM THE CHEERS ARE TOO LATE,
VIETNAM, ‘67-’68.”*

Bill Mantoath ©2005

Real Property Veteran Tax exemption for New York State

If your town voted to opt in (I believe the only Town that opted out was Briar Cliff Manor) then the following is how the exemption works:

If you served during war time= 15% reduction in assessed value (some towns have a cap)

If you served in the country that is at war= additional 10% for a combined 25%

If you have a disability rating then you will receive half of your disability rating in addition.

If your School board voted to include School taxes, then you will receive them also.

What you need to do is go to your Town Assessor's office with a copy of your DD-214 and a copy of your disability award letter.

All your tax exemptions (Town, County, State) will be taken care of there.

For all Chapter members who live in other states you will have to check with your Town Assessor as for your State's exemption.

POW/MIA REPORT

On April 7, 2023, the POW/MIA Accounting Agency announced that two MIAs were accounted for; Air Force 1st Lt. Frederick M. Hall from Waynesville, North Carolina and Air Force Maj. Ernest L. De Soto from Manning, Arkansas. Their plane went down, and they have been missing since April 12, 1969.

As of April 12, 2023, the number of Americans missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War is 1,579: 1,230 in Vietnam, 285 in Laos, 48 in Cambodia, and 7 in the People's Republic of China's territorial waters.

Grant Coates (Vice President of NYS Council) was instrumental in starting VVA's Veterans Initiative Program. This program asks for objects and information of the whereabouts of NVA and Viet Cong that either were left or were buried by us. The Vietnamese want to find their MIA's also, since VVA started this program, they have helped the Vietnamese find many of their own. And in return they have cooperated with us and many more of our MIA's have returned.

This program works, they are looking for maps, stories, after-action reports, pictures, and military items that may have a story that could result in finding the location of their missing war dead.



MAY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 meeting 6:00 board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	12	12	13
14 Mother's Day	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Memorial Day 2:00 Lasdon Park	30	31			

JUNE 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 Dinner 7:30 meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day	19	20	21	22	23	24
	26 -----	27	28	29	30	

JULY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 Independence Day	5	6 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 _____	24 _____	25	26	27	28	29
30 _____	31 _____					

AUGUST 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 _____	28	29	30	31		



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WE NEED YOU IN THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA



MEMBERSHIP TYPES and ELIGIBILITY

Life 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.

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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

check one

- _____ Vietnam-era Veteran Application: Life Membership - \$50.00
(must provide a copy of applicant's DD-214)
- _____ Non-Vietnam-era Veteran Application: 1 year -\$20.00, 3 years-\$50.00
 Associate Membership Life Membership
under 59-\$175.00, 60 and over-\$100.00
- _____ 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

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