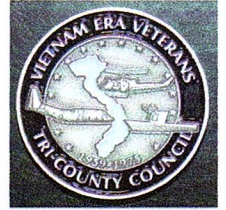
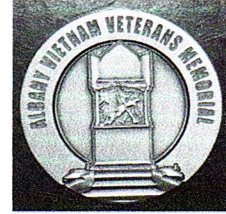


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NOVEMBER

- 2 Friday 9:30 - 3'ish Military Awareness Day @ Crossgates Mall
- 5 Monday 8:30am Albany Cty's HAV @ Zaloga Post 1520
- 5 Monday 11am Beltrone's Vets Day Breakfast
- 6 Tuesday am-pm ELECTION DAY - YOUR right IS to VOTE
- 6 Tuesday 7 pm TCCVEV's General Mtg @ Zaloga Post 1520
- 7 Wednesday 11am Am Ital Museum-Vets Day Event-1227 Central Ave
- 8 Thursday 11am Progressive Ins Car Give-a-Way per VFW 8692
- 9 Friday 10 am Vets Day Brkfst-Sons of Italy-Hamburg St, Schdy
- 11 Sunday 100th Annv. of WWI Armistice Day; now Veterans Day
- 11 Sunday 11 am Re-Dedication of WWI Memorial in Albany
- 11 Sunday 4 pm VMC's Annual Dinner at Albany's Capital Cntr
- 12 Monday 11:11am Albany's Veterans Day Parade
- 13 Tuesday 8:30am Renss. Cty's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
- 13 Tuesday 7pm Am Legion Gen'l Mtg @ Zaloga Post 1520
- 14 Wednesday 7pm Capt. O'Brien Gen'l Mtg @ Zaloga Post 1520
- 15 Tuesday 7:30pm Groovin' Show @Proctors for Blue Star Moms
- 17 Saturday 6 pm Capt. O'Brien USMC Ball-It CC Wash Ave Ext
- 20 Tuesday 7pm TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St.
- 22 Thursday HAPPY THANKSGIVING - Thank God for our life
- 24 Saturday 9 am * Melody Burns' Christmas Cards for Troops at the Bank of Cossackie, Route 9W, Glenmont

DECEMBER

- 3 Monday 8:30am Albany's HAV @ Zaloga Am Legion Post 1520
- 4 Tuesday 7pm TCCVEV's Gen'l Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
- 7 Friday 9'ish ? CK Pearl Harbor Event @ Zaloga Post 1520
- 10 Monday 8:30am Renss. Cty's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
- 12 Wednesday 7 pm Capt. O'Brien Gen'l Mtg @ Zaloga Post 1520
- 18 Tuesday 7 pm TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St.
- 25 Tuesday Merry Blessed Christmas

Important Notice: Many returning GI's are seeking a connection with local organizations. Here's some (518) Cap Dist groups' INFO:

- 1) AMERICAN LEGION Posts: a) #1520 Zaloga = 459-1520;
b) #1040 Blanchard (Delmar) = 439-9819;
c) Melvin Roads #1231 (Rensselaer) = 462-7006;
- d) Bucci-McTague #1530 = 463-1475 e) N Albany #1610 = 465-4800
- 3) AMVETS (American Veterans) - Post 35 in Rotterdam = Cmdr. Fred Clark III but call Doug Van Iderstyne = 356-1474
- 4) DAV (Disabled American Veterans) = 472-3638
- 5) MILITARY ORDER of the PURPLE HEART, Inc.
- 6) TCCVEV (Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans)
see: SPOOKY's Front page for ALL the information
- 7) USMC Detachments: a) Albany (Capt. O'Brien) = 237-1712;
b) Schenectady (Electric City) = 355-2746 c) Troy 728-6494
- 8) VFW Area Posts: a) #6776 Sheehy-Palmer = 465-9349;
b) #7062 Boyd Hilton (Altamont) = 861-8323;
c) #8444 Wm. F. Wigand (Central Ave, Albany) = 465-6992; &
d) #8692 Robert L. Weininger (Colonie, off Rte 155) = 456-7794.

President's Column

by *Joseph Pollicino*

Hope, everyone had a great summer. We are looking forward to another successful Tri-County Council year; with the help of ALL of YOU, our membership.

To begin this year's Veterans Day ceremonies; there will be a Re-Dedication of the *Lady of Peace Memorial*, on Sunday, November 11th, at 11 AM - at Albany's New Scotland Ave. & South Lake Ave. INTERSECTION.

This year's Albany Veterans Day Parade is on, MONDAY the 12TH, at 11:11 AM. Also, it is quite unique, in that we have, as Albany's Grand Marshals - two WWI Army Veterans: 1) 1st Lt. Constantine (Coz) DiGiulio, age 102 and still plays bocce ball and attends Friday Night Bingo at the Zaloga Post. 2) Cpl. Vera Wagoner, age 101 and still lives in her own apartment. Both have over 60 years of membership with the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520.

To Further honor these 2 WWI Veterans and in honor of the 100th Anniversary of the WWI Armistice; we will have 2 Honorary Army Grand Marshals: Pvt. Parker Dunn and Sgt. Henry Johnson, BOTH are *Medal of Honor Recipients*, who received their Medals, posthumously by Presidents Calvin Coolidge & Barak Obama, respectively.

We are looking forward to a very good turnout for both of these events to respect and honor our veterans.

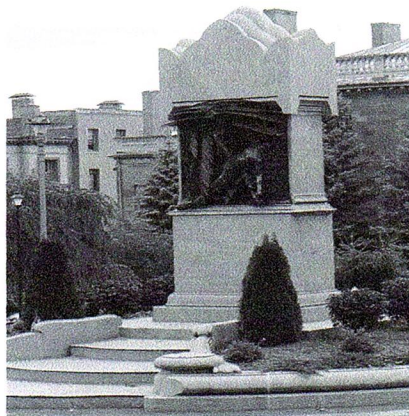
We look forward to happy Thanksgiving & Christmas and healthy & Happy 2019. We hope to see you all at the upcoming general meetings, the first Tuesday of each month. NOTE: JANUARY's meeting will be held on the 8th.

Please Remember Me: SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY - November 12th; Albany's Veterans Day Parade, (NO parades on a Sunday - so, the parade is the next day). At 10am, we meet at Partridge St. & Central Ave., (opposite Burger King & Post Office) -- and we need many Flag Carrying VOLUNTEERS, let's try for ALL 153! Founder Tom Regan and the rest of the committee, would like to thank TCCVEV, National Grid's employees, Local 97 IBEW and Trustco Bank for their yearly support in making 2018, a success..... "A Community Project".

SAVE THE DATE: Thursday - November 15th, that's when Gary Weinlein and his "**GROOVIN**" show will be at Schenectady's Proctor's. This year, Gary will donate to the Blue Star Mothers (Capital Region NY 2); President, Donna Vickery, is very happy and proud for Gary's kind gesture. So, let's support this fundraiser and enjoy great sounds of yesteryear, when we were younger and the talented entertainers & musicians. A great time for ALL.

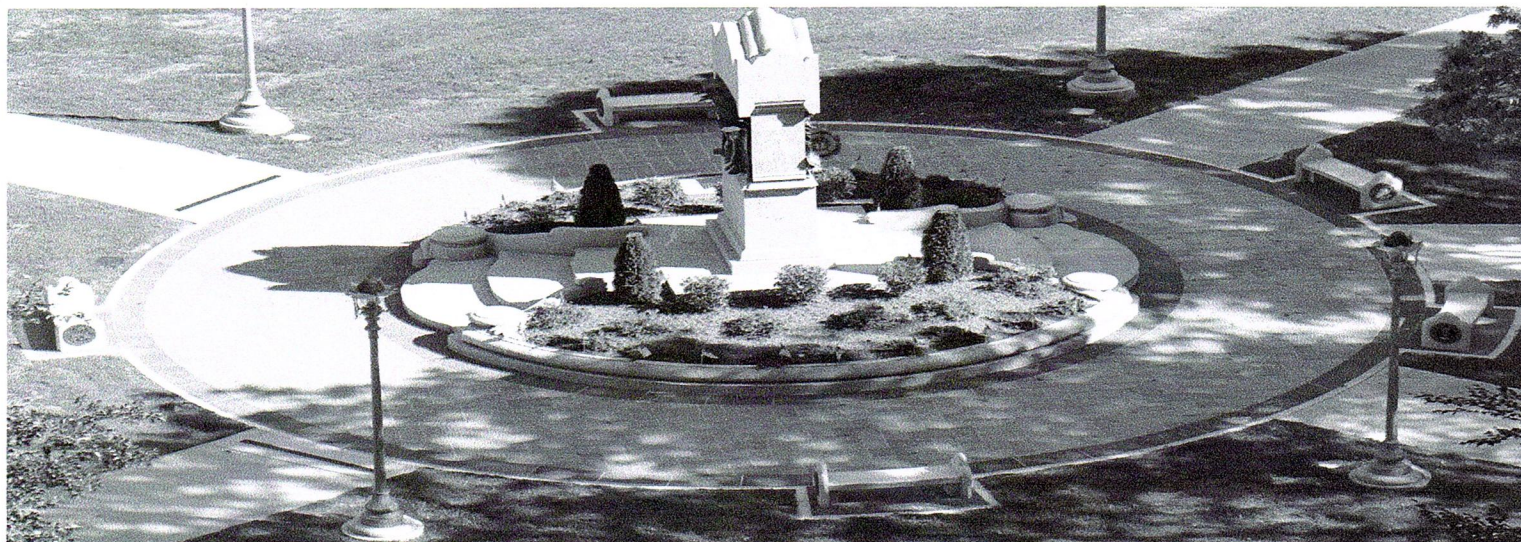
Quotable Quote: " A child's life, is like a piece of paper...on which, every person leaves a mark "

NOTE: Check TCCVEV's website for new or additional INFO, concerning any future events or ceremonies. Also, view Facebook's 3 sites: TCCVEV, *Gene Loparco* or *Capital Region NY-Veterans' News*



Lafayette Park, Albany

"Together Then - Together Now"



Let us say a prayer for their safe return and thank ALL those serving our Country.

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins GSM

One of greatest leaders, Abraham Lincoln, failed many times in his political career; but he persisted because of his FAITH and confidence in a Supreme Power, to lead & guide him. His focus was not on his failures but his destination, his vision! It was said that he walked 40 miles, to hear a lecture; came from parents who were illiterate & very poor. And yet, through the power of God, he achieved his dream & left an indelible mark on our beloved country.

Beethoven was deaf, DaVinci came from poverty, Edison was kicked out of school, Einstein was rejected by several schools & Newton was the son of a farmer, who passed, before his birth. These men are a few examples of the power of Belief and the Knowing that we are never alone and always, with the asking, guided by a Divine Awareness of our inner Grace.

What amazing accomplishments could be achieved; if, we would simply re-focus on the possibilities, not the problems. Einstein was quoted as saying, "the solution is always in the problem" and as we are aware of such problems, we have the ability to resolve them because "God doesn't give us what we can handle, God handles what we are given".

Use this season of the brilliant colors of positive change, to not only express gratitude for our blessings but to set your intentions and be part of the solution to transform our country into one of unity, peace and prosperity. "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" Proverbs 23:7 "Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" Romans 12:2

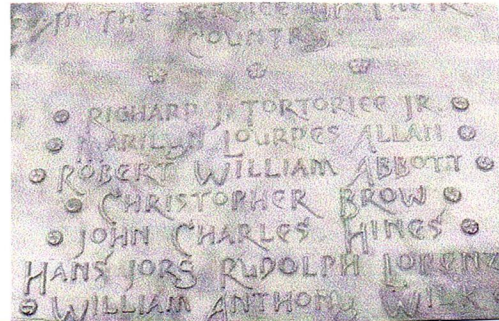
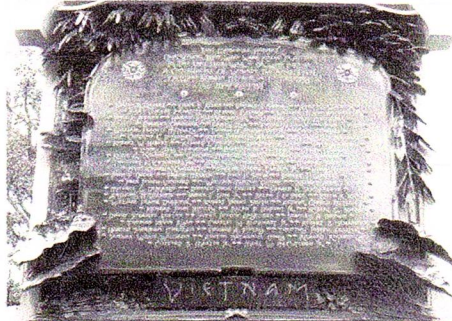
Capital Region HAV: ALBANY County's "Honor-A-Vet" Application: call (518) 447-7710 or mail: Albany County Veterans Svc. Bureau, 162 Washington Ave (7th Fl), Albany, NY 12210. You may check the following internet LINK for ceremony information and applications, at:

<http://www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/VeteransServicesBureau/ProgramsandServices/HonoraVeteran.aspx>

RENSSELAER County's "Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran" Application: call Lonnie (518) 270-2760 (Rensselaer County Vets Affairs' Committee Sec'ty) or email Lonnie at: LWarrington@rensco.com. View the following 2 internet Links for info: 1) http://www.rensco.com/vet_hav.asp & 2) <http://www.rensselaercounty.org/Honor%20A%20Veteran%20Ceremony.htm> **SARATOGA** County's monthly "Honor-A-Vet" Ceremony is held, on the 3rd Tuesday at 40 McMaster St., Ballston Spa - in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room. Contact Frank McClement, County Veterans Director for any INFO @ (518) 884-4115 or email = veterans@saratogacountyny.com

SCHENECTADY County's "Honor-A-Vet" Ceremony or INFO; contact County Veterans Director, Bill Frank at (518) 377-2423 or email Bill at: William.Frank@schenectadycountry.com **NOTE:** Every veteran is eligible to have this ceremony & family members may apply for the veteran at any of the 4 CAPITAL REGION Counties' Veterans Office - call for any info, applications or general news

Thinking of You: Remember Gold Star Mothers' Dorothea Rockenstyre for better health and keep her, in your prayers! For cards: send to Dorothea add.: c/o 780 Albany Shaker Rd; Albany, NY 12211 Room 505B.



Membership News: Paid 2018 membership is now **58**. In order to achieve our goal of 100 by December, we need 40 more paid. Also, 2019 DUES are now due. Please put yourself in good standing, write your check, fill out the form below & send in your dues. You are done with it for another year. Life Membership is now **184** and our newest one is Joseph J. Fiorino. This is indicative of a healthy organization and I sincerely hope; our members will continue this upward trend. Remember, Life Memberships make a great gift. One payment of \$150.00 and you're done with dues. So, write your check; filling out the form below & send in your dues. You're done with it, for another year. Check your address label on this newsletter. After your name, if your #, starts with a number, less than # **18** - you are **NOT** paid for 2018. Example: # **17**-2356; the PREFIX #, **17**, indicates the LAST YEAR, you paid your dues. Any "DUES" status or "Life Membership" request; please contact, Jerry D'Amelia, at: gdameli1@nycap.rr.com or CALL: (518) 281-3885.

2015 Regular **DUES** are \$15, Annually ----- JOIN or RE-UP **NOW!** OEF & OIF Vets Welcomed!
 Membership is opened to Vietnam Era Veterans (1 May 1957 - 7 May 1975).
 Also, anyone who served **SINCE**, 7 May 1975 or is still serving on Active Duty in the US Military.
 ASSOCIATE MEMBERS are **NOT** Required to have Served in the Military

CIRCLE ONE: NEW RENEWAL ASSOCIATE **LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$150**

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Date & Type of Discharge (Include DD214) _____

Referred By _____

COMMENTS _____

Email Address _____

Complete and MAIL the above application; along, with your **DD214** (not for Associate Members)
 AND your \$15 or \$150 check, to: **TCCVEV**, P.O. Box 11100, Albany, NY 12211

Note: Any questions or comments; concerning "SPOOKY"? Email - GENE (Editor): Loparco8888@yahoo.com

God Bless America!

Remember OUR Veteran!

Many made the supreme sacrifice for the following....."Never take for granted, FREEDOM; because, it's NEVER free".

TAPS: Our oldest Vietnam Gold Star Mother, MARIE LADOUCEUR; passed away this morning. May God Bless her and ALL her families. Please check the papers for wake and funeral information.

