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JANUARY

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| 1 | Tuesday | HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!!! |
| 2 | Wednesday 7pm | TCCVEV's Gen'l Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520 |
| 7 | Monday 8:30am | Albany's HAV @ Zaloga Am Legion Post 1520 |
| 8 | Tuesday 7 pm | Am Legion 1520 Gen'l Mtg @ Zaloga Post |
| 9 | Wednesday 7 pm | Capt. O'Brien Gen'l Mtg @ Zaloga Post 1520 |
| 12 | Saturday | 2nd Annv. Of Col. Charlie Johnson's Passing |
| 14 | Tuesday 8:30am | Renss. Cty's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg) |
| 15 | Tuesday 7pm | TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St. |
| 21 | Monday | Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day |

FEBRUARY

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| 2 | Saturday | Groundhog's Day - Shadow or not - Winter! |
| 4 | Monday 8:30am | Albany's HAV @ Zaloga Am Legion Post 1520 |
| 5 | Tuesday 7 pm | TCCVEV's Gen'l Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520 |
| 11 | Monday 8:30am | Renss. Cty's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg) |
| 12 | Tuesday | Lincoln's Birthday - Our 16th President |
| 12 | Tuesday 7 pm | Am Legion 1520 Gen'l Mtg @ Zaloga Post |
| 13 | Wednesday 7 pm | Capt. O'Brien Gen'l Mtg @ Zaloga Post 1520 |
| 14 | Thursday | Valentine's Day - Card, flowers, candy, etc. |
| 15 | Friday TBA - Usually 9am | = Pacific Theater Ceremony @ Zaloga |
| 18 | Monday | President's Day |
| 19 | Tuesday 7 pm | TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St. |
| 22 | Friday | Washington's Birthday - Our 22nd President |

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 Iderstynne = 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.

Special Thanks to Joe Pollicino for "Being There". Many do much but in my opinion, he's always there and for many years.

God Bless America and God Bless the Vets, serving our Country.

President's Column**Joseph Pollicino**

2018's Veterans Day, was a memorable & meaningful day, as it honored the 100th Anniversary of WWI Armistice. We were proud to have 2 WWI Army Veterans, as our co-Grand Marshals; 102 year old, 1st Lt. Constantino "Coz" DiGiulio & 101 year old, Cpl. Veria Wagoner. Their 2 "Honorary Grand Marshals", were Albany HS JROTC Cadets: representing 2 Albany, NY's Army Medal of Honor Recipients: Pvt. Parker Dunn and Sgt. Henry Johnson. It was a beautiful day with many spectators, along the parade route. Thank you, members for your faithful support. Also, in honoring the anniversary; at So. Lake & New Scotland Aves. *The Lady of Peace Memorial* was Re-Dedicated on Sunday, November 11th. Again, thanks to all for making this event, a huge success.

On behalf of TCCVEV; I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Happy and Healthy New Year. We had many accomplishments during 2018; most of which, could not have been done without our hard working members and friends. Thank you, ALL. Stay safe & hope to see you all at Wednesday, Jan's 2nd Gen'l Mtg, in Zaloga's Large Hall.

2018 in REVIEW

January - The convoy at the VT-NY State line; transported the Vietnam Wall to PA. Patriot Guards met at I-88.
 February - Four Chaplains Ceremony in Schenectady; honoring USMC Bob Becker for his Community Service.
 March - Lt. Gov. Hocul dedicated the POW-MIA chair in the Capitol Building's "Blue Room".
 April - Gold Star Mothers' Dept. Pres., Carrie Farley presided over their Convention in the Albany area.
 April - Blue Star Mothers' Blue Jean Ball was held at the Joseph E. Zaloga Post 1520 & was a success.
 May - Memorial Day Parade and many Memorial Services at Cemeteries & Post and Lodges.
 June - Albany High School's JROTC had their Awards & Promotional Celebration.
 June - American Legion had their Annual Boys State "start"; at the Zaloga Post. It's a week of experience.
 June - "Run for the Fallen" completed it's 3 day Run at the VN Memorial in Albany's Lafayette Park.
 July - Dedication of Benches at Albany Cty's Helderberg Hudson Rail Trail, in Delmar.
 August - China Beach was very successful & everyone had a great time. Weather was perfect. See you next year.
 August - Hot Dogs at NYS Labor Dept. was a very super time and a great Fundraiser for TCCVEV.
 September - Gold Star Mothers Day. Ceremony held at the Evergreen Cemetery. More should attend next year.
 September - Sad News! The "Oldest VN Mother in Chapter 11"; Marie Ladouceur, passed away. Rest in Peace.
 October - Stand Down at Colonie's Elks Lodge. Something for everyone; medical, clothing, etc.
 November - Lady of Peace Re-Dedication, WWI Memorial Service, Vets Day Parade and GSM' Luncheon.
 December - Wreaths were placed at the National Cemetery and other cemeteries.

Dorothea Rockenstyre & Marie Ladouceur



*CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN**Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins GSM*

It is January & the events, in the news, continue to reflect a yearning for balance, in our world. Violence, trauma and tragedy seem to dominate the headlines. But look closer, Individual examples of good will, generosity and compassion are springing up, as well. Which will win the lead? That's up to us....psychology tells us that we get more of what we focus on....which shall it be? If, the 'journey of a 1,000 miles begins with a single step' (Lao Tse); then, let's keep moving! Everyone of us, makes a difference in our community--local and global. What will YOUR legacy be? Tough questions, not really! Reach out to the 'angel of the church of Philadelphia (brotherly-universal love)'. Revelation 1:7 Ask for assistance and then, LISTEN for the reply.

In the 19th century, John Pierpont lived his life, lacking 'success', in his various careers. He started, as a schoolteacher, went on to be a lawyer; then, a businessman, a poet, a minister and a politician. When he passed away, at the age of 81; he was a clerk in the Treasury Department in Washington D.C. He took stands on social justice, taking the then unpopular view against slavery, extending credit to those less fortunate, and always being compassionate. He was ahead of his time; today, reforms have occurred in education, legal processes, credit laws and slavery was finally abolished. Perhaps, his name doesn't seem familiar but his legacy IS. Imagine, what you can leave behind; as your legacy by just listening to the simple truths and wisdoms that are whispered in your heart by your angels and by 'that still, small voice within'. May the blessings of the New Year; fill your lives with possibility, promise and peace.

John 8:18 "Let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action".
John 8:38 "...the kingdom of heaven is within you... Seek ye first the kingdom and all things will be added unto you".

Editor's Note: In 1845, Rev. Pierpont, was a pastor of a Unitarian congregation in Troy, NY. Also, proud of his son, James Lord Pierpont; Composer of the 1857's "Jingle Bells" song, (1st known as, "The One Horse Open Sleigh").

Please Remember Me: Would like to thank TCCVEV's President, Joe Pollicino & ALL members, for their support for the past 6 years. It was an honor to be part of a "Great Team". As of 1/1/2019; we'll have our own 501 (C) (3). Tom and I, will still be on Committees; Building and Memorial and me with "Spooky", respectively. Thank You ALL.

Thinking of You: Keep Gold Star Mothers' Dorothea Rockenstyre; in your prayers! This beautiful 90 year old "Mom", loves her visits; especially, her "BOYS". You may send Christmas or any cards, to: c/o Dorothea Rockenstyre, Room 505B - 780 Albany Shaker Road; Albany, NY 12211.

REMINDER: 1) TCCVEV has hired *Capital Digital*; to handle our website, as of January 1st, 2019 - for new or additional INFO, concerning any future events or ceremonies, news and even payments for dues or other issues. Also, you may still view Facebook's 3 sites: TCCVEV, *Gene Loparco* or *Capital Region NY-Veterans' News*.

2) On, Wednesday, JANUARY 2nd; the day AFTER New Years Day - we'll have our 7pm General Mtg at Zaloga.

3) SAVE THE DATE --- "Run for the Fallen", is on Sunday, June 9th, 2019.

TAPS: On November 8th, VN Brother, William Grattan; passed away - a member & a good friend. Rest in Peace!

Quotable Quote: "Things do not change; WE change" Thoreau, *Walden*

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'y) 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@schenectadycounty.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.

2018 WINNERS: 3 China Beach BIG Prize Winners= \$10,000 - Brian Dumphy; \$1,000 - Suzanne Tranack & \$500 - Jeff Orsini.

50-50 = January - Dan Primett, February - Jim Doyle, March - Gene Loparco, April - Al Diacetus, May - William Brower, June - Jenny Conklin, July - Joanne Martin, August - Lawrence Manning, September - Pete Nardilillo, October- Edward Change, November - Darlene Stanton and December - Dan Primett. THANK YOU for supporting TCCVEV.

Membership News: Paid 2018 membership closed at **58**. This was 12, less than in 2017. On the bright side, Life Membership increased by 12; during the same period. So TCCVEV, remains a healthy and active Organization. Life Membership is now **185** & since our last issue, Darlene Stanton has become our newest Life Member. Also, Kevin Miller, Jr.; US Army Afghanistan Veteran, has joined our membership - WELCOME to both. Finally, 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. Remember, "Life Memberships" make a great gift. One payment of \$150 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.

2019 Regular **DUES** are **\$15**, ANNUALLY ----- JOIN or RE-UP **NOW!** OEF & OIF Veterans 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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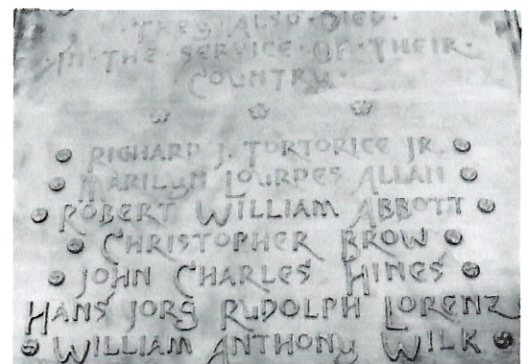
Complete and MAIL the above application; along, with your **DD214** (not for Associate Members)
WITH your \$15 or \$150 check, to: **TCCVEV**, P.O. Bo x 11100, Albany, NY 12211

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".



God Bless America!