

# SPOOKY

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## PUBLICATION: July - August 2018 ----- UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY -- NO General Mtgs for: AMVETS, TCCVEV, USMC O'Brien Det 241 & Zaloga's Am Leg

2	Mon	8:30am	Albany Cty's HAV Ceremony - Zaloga Post
4	Wed		INDEPENDENCE DAY ("July Fourth" Celebrations) Be Safe!
9	Mon	8:30am	Rensselaer Cty's HADV Ceremony - Troy's LOB (DMV) Bldg.
13	Fri	11-3pm	"Homeless Program" STANDdown at Rensselaer Elks Lodge #2073 623 Columbia Turnpike (Routes 9 & 20), East Greenbush, NY
28	SAT	Noon	Annual VN Encampment Event in Greenville/Freehold NY (CK fliers)
30	Mon		ShopRite Present Colors (more info to follow) off
31	Tues	2 - 6pm	Am Red Cross Bloodmobile Blood Dr at Colonie VFW 8692 (off Rte 155)

### AUGUST -- NO General Meetings for: TCCVEV, USMC O'Brien Det 241 & Zaloga's Am Leg

4	SAT	10-3pm	VA Vets Car & Motorcycle Show (Pkg Lot)
6	Mon	8:30	Albany Cty's HAV Ceremony - Zaloga Post
7	Tues	2 pm	@ Rev Char Robbins -Purple Heart Ceremony at Halfmoon Town Hall
12	SUN	12-5pm	CHINA BEACH LZ-25 (Polish Am Club-Commerce Ave, Albany ( off I-90's Exit 5 = Everett Road EXT )
15	Wed	Noon	TCCVEV's "Hot Dog Lunch" Fundraiser -Harriman Campus' Bldg 12
23	Thurs	7 pm	AMVETS General Meeting at Guilderland Elk's on Carmen Rd.

### SEPTEMBER

			<i>General Meetings START after the Summer Break</i>
3	Mon		LABOR DAY
4	Tues	8:30	Albany Cty's HAV Ceremony - Zaloga Post 1520
4	Tues	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Meeting at Zaloga Post 1520
10	Mon	8:30	Rensselaer Cty's HADV Ceremony - Troy's LOB (DMV) Bldg.
11	Tues	7 pm	Zaloga American Legion Post 1520's General Meeting
12	Wed	7 pm	Capt. O'Brien USMC's Gen'l Mtg at Zaloga
27	Thurs	7 pm	AMVETS General Meeting at Guilderland Elk's on Carmen Rd.
30	Sun	2 pm	National Gold Star Mothers Day Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery's

Note: ALL events will hopefully, have fliers for those on Facebook or from the Internet. Ck your organizations' sites; including Facebook; Gene Loparco or Capital Region NY-Veterans' News

EDITOR'S COMMENT: Thanks to Bob Kraft, who turned over his responsibilities to John Del Balso, for our TCCVEV's internet site, due to "things" - getting older and health ailments - like, all us mbrs are having. Bob assisted, with this "SPOOKY" newsletter, for years & kept our internet going strong (even, while living in Florida). Good Luck and Thank You, Bob Kraft for all that you did and do. Also, Good Luck, John with the "net" & being Treasurer. Note: I'll keep FB going.

Please Note: Gold Star Mother, Marie Ladouceur is recovering and her present address, IS: Baptist & Rehab Health Center, 297 North Ballston Ave. Room 3324; Scotia, NY 12302 At this time: GSM, Dorothea Rockenstyre is doing fine.



**Remember** ALL our GI's, both men & women; serving overseas - are away from their families. Let us say a prayer for their safe return. Also, those serving in the USA - and we thank ALL those serving our Country.

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN**

Tri-County Council would like to express our sincere thanks to Hanniford Supermarket in East Greenbush; for their generous donation to assist the Council in carrying out our mission in helping needy Vets and their families. I would like to also thank ALL TCCVEV Members for being present for the check presentation.

Also, many thanks to all who supported and came out for the "Run for the Fallen", on June 10th. We are grateful to ShopRite for their food donation and to the Veterans Miracle Center (VMC); for their donation of canopies, tables and chairs. As always, the event was a success due to the support and contributions from donors and our members.

Just a reminder! This year's CHINA BEACH, LZ-25 is set for August 12; from 12 Noon to 5 PM at the Polish American Citizens Club, 110 Commerce Ave., Albany (off I-90's Everett Rd - Exit 5 ). TICKETS, again this year, are \$20 Adults & \$10 for Children from ages 6 to 12; Ages from 5 and under = Free). If, possible, please return Ticket Stubs and Ticket Money \$\$\$; as soon as possible (ASAP); to avoid any confusion at the gate, on the day of the event. A lot going on & not many to assist. Thank You.

Please, have a SAFE and HEALTHY Summer. We will see many of you at China Beach & remember the next General Meeting, at the Zaloga Post; will be the next day after Labor Day, on September 4th - 7 PM.

## **CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN**

Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins GSM

George Washington wrote these words over 240 years ago..."It is impossible to rightly govern a nation without God and the Bible". Was he seeing into today's world?

There are many, both clergy and secular leaders, who are diligently trying to have us remember...

"In God we trust" and "One Nation under God" to keep us from being swept up by an unthinking visceral momentum that is clouding the Truths of God and Unconditional Love.

We are all the children of God and each of us, praying according to our own Faith are needed to dispel this seemingly runaway train of doubt and fear. Our forefathers founded America with wisdom, vision, and a firm belief in God. Out of this belief came the Bill of Rights, ensuring our rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness". Let us pause each day to pray with gratitude to God and bless those valiant heroes who put their lives on the line for us and our future generations. For in the words of the Great Bard, "more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of" and "it is not in the stars to hold our destiny, but ourselves".

As America gets ready to celebrate Independence Day, remember what it took to achieve that freedom and set your intentions to 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

**QUOTABLE QUOTES:** "We hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness." **DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, 1776.**

**Congratulations** to Darlene Stanton, the new Dept. of NY Auxiliary's President. Installed at the VFW Convention, June 8-10 wkend @ Wolf Road's, Marriott. Darlene's "Home Coming", is on Sat., Aug. 18th; at the Voorheesville Rod & Gun Club, located at 52 Foundry Rd. in V'ville - from 1 pm til ?? Soon, she'll send out a flyer for RSVP info. For now, you may call JOAN at (518) 669-3936 to sign up @ VFW 8692's Newsletter Info.



**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: either call Lonnie (518) 270-2760 (Rensselaer County Vets Affairs' Committee Secretary) or email Lonnie at: [LWarrington@rensco.com](mailto:LWarrington@rensco.com). View the following 2 internet Links for their county's information:  
1) [http://www.rensco.com/vet\\_hav.asp](http://www.rensco.com/vet_hav.asp) & 2) <http://www.renselaercounty.org/Honor%20A%20Veteran%20Ceremony.htm>

**SARATOGA** County's monthly "Honor-Deceased-Veteran" Ceremony. Applications are through the Town Supervisor's Office. 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 information pertaining to future steps at (518) 884-4115 or email Frank at [veterans@saratogacountyny.com](mailto:veterans@saratogacountyny.com)

**SCHENECTADY** County's "Honor-A-Veteran" Ceremony; Address: 797 Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12305-2704. This program is new for 2017 and it's for any DECEASED or LIVING Veterans. For additional INFO or applications; contact County Veterans Director, Bill Frank at (518) 377-2423 or email Bill at [William.Frank@schenectadycounty.com](mailto:William.Frank@schenectadycounty.com)

**NOTE:** Every veteran is eligible to have this ceremony and family members may apply for the veteran at any of the 4 CAPITAL REGION COUNTIES - call for any info, applications or general news. Again, ONLY Schenectady County's HAV, may be for a Living Veteran.

*Please Remember Me* - REMEMBER.....to take a ride on Route 9, in Loudonville and Latham; to view the 153 American Flags that were raised in early May by the National Grid employees. Young or Old, this experience, will be a "site to see". Many have died for our freedom to view these flags. These flags represent over 1,500+; men & women, who made the supreme sacrifice - since WWI - from the Capital Region.....that's 10 that NEVER returned home to see their families. It will depend on National Grid's schedule (if, summer storms happen or not); when they will lower the flags for 2018. NOTE: Founder, Tom Regan, makes his daily morning "Review" trip, of the 153 flags. He has the pride to make sure, "Old Glory", is not having a problem. We will need 153 Volunteers to carry these flags down Central Ave./Washington Ave. for November's Albany Veterans Day Parade. We, always meet at the corner of Partridge Street & Central Ave. (opposite Burger King); at 10 AM - we're always looking for veterans, active service, or any proud American.



**To benefit returning Veterans & Veterans of all eras and their families**  
**Drawing held Sunday - August 12, 2018 at the Polish American Citizens Club of America**  
 110 Commerce Avenue, Albany, New York  
 12 Noon - 5 PM (Rain or Shine)  
**RAFFLE:** No need to be present to win!  
**\$10.00 Per Ticket - Only 4,000 Tickets Available**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$10,000.00    2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$1,000.00    3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$500.00**

**CHINA BEACH**

**POW-MIA**

Polish American Citizens Club of America, 110 Commerce Ave. (same as the past 2 years). \$20 EACH Adult & checking on children (the past has been \$10 for ages 6 to 12 and free for the below age 5 for kids - we'll verify everything).

CALL for Tickets = AL (518) 466-8771    DARLENE (518) 470-7310    RAY (518) 669-3358



**Membership News:** 2018 PAID membership is now, **52**. This is **11 less** than

we were at this time of year. Please put yourself in good standing, write your check, fill out the form below & send in your dues. You are done, for another year and Life Membership is now **183**. This is indicative of a healthy organization & I sincerely hope our members will continue this upward trend. Since our last issue we have 2 new Life Members: PATRICK PICCIARELLI & RUDY F. RUNKO. Remember, Life Memberships make a great gift (Christmas, B'day, Fathers' Day) = One - \$150 Payment & YOU are done with dues. Check your address label on this newsletter. After your name, if your number, starts with Less than 18 - YOU are **NOT** paid for 2018. Example: # 16-1094; the PREFIX #, 16, indicates the "Last Year", you paid your dues.

Also, check your Membership card - **is your address correct ?** If not, let us know?

Any "DUES" status or "Life Membership" request; please contact, Jerry D'Amelia, at [gdameli1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:gdameli1@nycap.rr.com) or CALL: (518) 281-3885.

2018 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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (HOME) \_\_\_\_\_ (WORK) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH & PERIOD OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

MILITARY UNIT SERVED WITH \_\_\_\_\_

MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) \_\_\_\_\_

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)

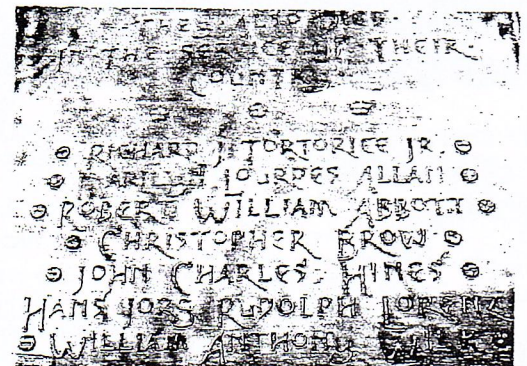
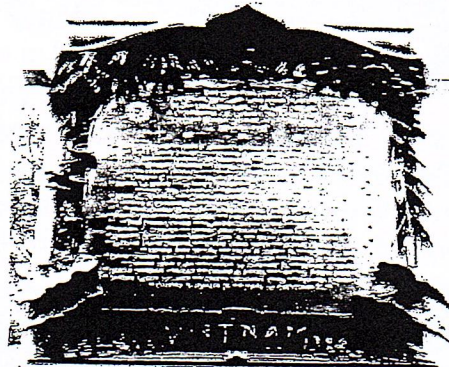
AND your \$15 or \$150 check, to: **TCCVEV**, P.O. Box 11100, Albany, NY 12211

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

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



**God Bless America!**



**Remember OUR Veteran!**