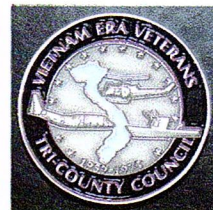
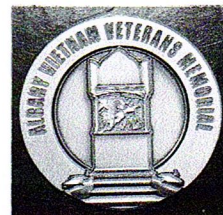


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MARCH

4	Monday	8:30am	Albany County's HAV (USAF Audrey Kennedy) @ Zaloga Am Legion Post 1520
5	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
6	Wednesday		ASH Wednesday - LENT Begins
9	Tuesday	1 pm	Yellow Rose DAY @ Halfmoon Town Hall
10	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Begins	
11	Monday	8:30am	Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
11	Monday	7 pm	Albany Parade Committee's Meeting at Zaloga Post 1520
12	Tuesday	7 pm	Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion General Meeting @ Post 1520
13	Wednesday	7 pm	Capt. Wm. Dale O'Brien General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
16	Saturday	1 pm	Albany's St. Patrick Day Parade. Also, 9am Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church.
17	Sunday	St. Patrick's Day	
19	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
20	Wednesday		SPRING Begins
29	Friday		National VIETNAM War Veterans Day

APRIL 1st = April Fool's Day

1	Monday	8:30am	Albany County's HAV @ Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
2	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
5-7	Friday - Saturday - Sunday		AGSM Convention at Buffalo's Millennium Hotel
6	Wednesday		Persian Gulf War Ends in 1991
8	Monday	8:30am	Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
9	Tuesday	7 pm	Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion General Meeting @ Post 1520
10	Wednesday	7 pm	Capt. Wm. Dale O'Brien General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
12	Friday		FDR dies & Truman is sworn in as the 33rd President, 1945
13	Saturday	5:30 pm	Blue Star Mothers' BLUE JEAN BALL @ Zaloga Post 1520
14		PALM Sunday	
15	Monday		Federal Income Tax Due - New Karner's Post Office will be busy & packed. FILE early!
16	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
21		EASTER Sunday	

President's Column

by

Joseph Pollicino

Many events in 2018, were attended by many of our TCCVEV Members and the Community to support the Veterans. 2019; will be no different. Our group of Vietnam Vets take pride in all kinds of support for our "Brothers & Sisters". On Sunday, February 24th, our very own Chaplain, Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins GSM was honored as the 54th Recipient of the Four Chaplains present by the Albany Post 105 of Jewish War Veterans; at Schenectady's First Reformed Church, where one the four clergymen that perished, 1st Lt. Clark Poling, was this church's pastor prior to 2/3/1943's sinking of the USS Dorchester. Of course, we'll be there for the "Blue Jean Ball" in April, August's China Beach & "Hot Dog" event at the State Campus, the "Honor-A-Veterans" ceremonies, Memorial Day Parade & events, to name just a few. We NEVER forget and we'll be there! Good Luck to Tom Regan, Founder of "Operation: Please Remember Me" and committee in starting a new chapter in their goal of honoring and remembering the 1,900 men and women who made the supreme sacrifice since World War I, from the Capital Region in their new chapter: "Please Remember Me FOUNDATION", a Non-Profit Trust, a 501 (c) (3).

Quotable Quote: "What a FOOL does in the END, a WISE man does in the BEGINNING".

On April 9, NY State is celebrating Yellow Ribbon Day in the Halfmoon Town Hall at 11am, to honor our troops. The Yellow Ribbons that we wear are a tradition that dates back over 400 years, brought to America by the early Puritans. They wore them to remember their absent loved ones at sea. Over time the Yellow Ribbons symbolized the remembrance of loved ones in the service; especially, during America's Civil War. Also, the US Cavalry wore yellow ribbons.

Although associated with a popular song of the 1970's; Yellow Ribbons made a resurgence during the Gulf Wars, the Iran hostage crisis and Post 911. In 2009, the Yellow Ribbons also became part of the National Guard Reservists Reintegration program, recognizing the return of those units deployed beyond America's borders. As America's troops; as well, as those who died under the flag we hold so dear.

Today's America is finally recognizing the unimaginable endured by our servicemen & women. We pray, in this upcoming season of rebirth & renewal that American's military are remembered, respected & returned home safely. We pray to remember the heavy price paid for our way of life, our freedom and our right to pursue happiness. In that regard, in wearing the Yellow Ribbons, we humbly and sincerely say, "A grateful Nation thanks and honors you for your service". May God keep you safe. Amen.

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, to lay one's life down for one's friends".

Galatians 6:2 "Carry each other's burdens and in this way, you will fulfill the law..."

A few Photos from Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins GSM's Honor at 2/24's 54th "Four Chaplains Brotherhood Award" event.



Con. Paul Tonko



Sen. Tedisco

Elaine & Larry Dean - "Char" - Gloria Vanduyke Dean



China Beach - Polish Am Citizens Club (Sunday, August 11th) Raffle tickets may be obtained by calling all 4 (518) Cell #'s: Al Diacetis (466-8771); Gene Loparco (265-0242), Rev. Charlene Robbins (331-3808) & Darlene Stanton (470-7310). With the July - Aug.'s SPOOKY Newsletter; we'll include one ticket mailed to ALL members. This Fundraiser, needs tickets sold - Help!



NOTE: Ck TCCVEV's website for new or additional INFO, concerning any future events or ceremonies. Also, view Facebook's 4 sites: 1) *Gene Loparco*, 2) Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans < Gene IS the Administrator, or 3) *Capital Region NY-Veterans' News*. Another site 4) is the TCCVEV one, which Gene is NOT the Administrator.

REMEMBER to be PROUD of "OLD GLORY", many died for those "Red-White-Blue" colors!

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@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

Thinking of You CARD: Remember & keep Gold Star Mothers' Dorothea Rockenstyre; in your prayers! This beautiful 90 year old "Mom", loves her visits; especially, from her "Boys". Send cards, to: Dorothea Rockenstyre, c/o Room 514 - 780 Albany Shaker Road; Albany, NY 12211. *She' WILL be very very Happy!*



We have a new member, Robert Levin - "Welcome Home". Please put yourself in good standing, write your check, fill out the form below and send in your dues. You are done with it for another year. Life Membership is now **186** and our newest one is Terrell Howard. 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. 1 Payment of \$150 & you're done with dues. So, write your check; fill out the form & 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 # **19** - you are **NOT** paid for 2019. Example: # **18-2356**; the PREFIX #, **18**, indicates the LAST YEAR, that 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 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) _____ (CELL) _____ (WORK) _____

BRANCH & PERIOD OF SERVICE _____

MILITARY UNIT SERVED WITH _____

MOS (Military Occupational Specialty) _____

Date & Type of Discharge (Include DD214) _____

Referred By _____ DATE _____

COMMENTS _____

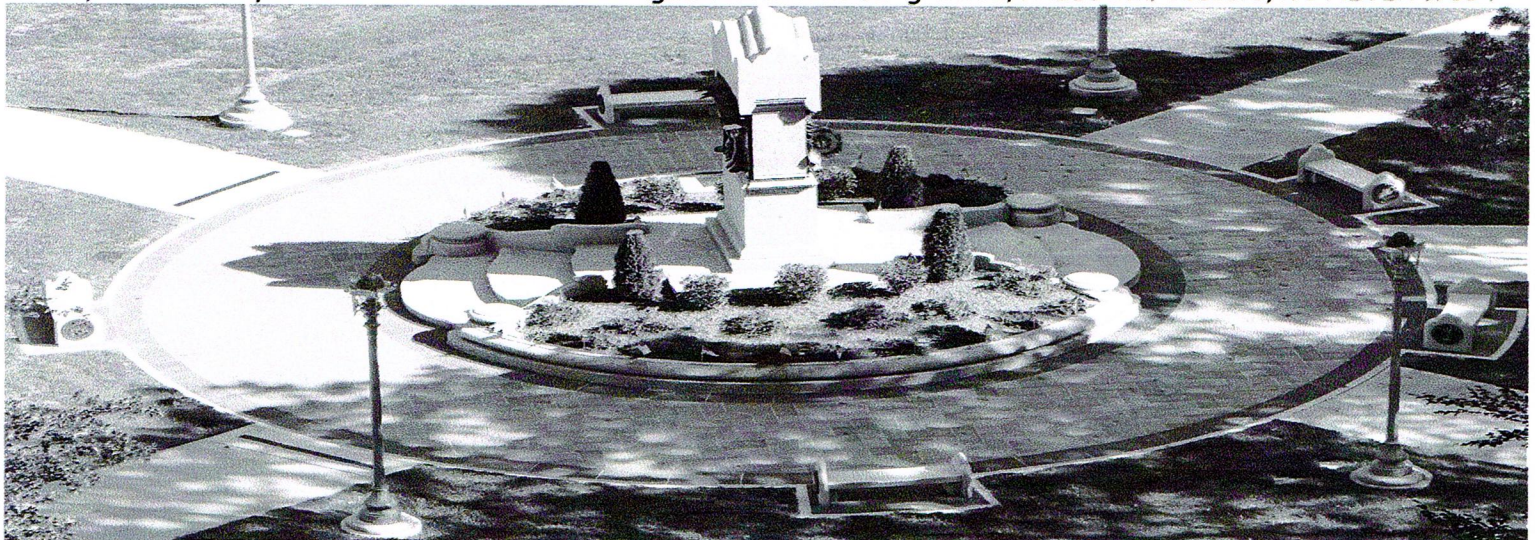
EMAIL Address _____

Complete & mail the above application; along, with your DD214 (not for Associate Mbrs) & your \$15 or \$150 check, to:

TCCVEV, PO Box 11100; Albany, NY 12211 *God Bless America!* & **Remember OUR Veteran!**

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

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



Remember those serving overseas - they're away from their families. Let's say a prayer for their safe return & thank ALL serving our Country.