



# SPOOKY

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## No TCCVEV General Meetings during July & August

**JULY** Note: YES, 2 Honor-A-Vet Ceremonies on the 10th; in Albany & Troy @ 8:30 am  
4 Tuesday HAPPY JULY 4th! Please, be safe driving & celebrating.  
10 Monday 8:30am Albany County's Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony @ Zaloga Post 1520  
10 Monday 8:30am Renss. Cty's Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony @ Troy's LOB  
18 Tuesday 7 pm TCCVEV's Board Meeting at the Catherine St. Office  
29 Saturday 1 pm Schenectady Cty's Honor-a-Living Vet Ceremony @ VFW Post 357 at 1309 - 5th Ave, Schenectady

## AUGUST

7 Monday 8:30am Albany County's Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony @ Zaloga Post 1520  
13 Sunday Noon-5pm CHINA BEACH at Albany's Polish American Citizen Club (Albany)  
14 Monday 8:30am Renss. Cty's Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony @ Troy's LOB  
15 Tuesday 7 pm TCCVEV's Board Meeting at the Catherine St. Office  
16 Wednesday Noon Dept of Labor (Bldg 12) - Campus - 30th Annual Hot Dog Fundraiser

## SEPTEMBER

4 Monday LABOR DAY! Please, be safe driving & celebrating.  
5 Tuesday 8:30am Albany County's Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony @ Zaloga Post 1520  
5 Tuesday 7 pm TCCVEV's 1st Gen'L Mtg after Summer Break @ Zaloga Post 1520  
11 Monday 8:30am Renss. Cty's Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony @ Troy's LOB  
15 Friday 6 pm TCCVEV's 35th Anniversary Dinner at Latham's Century House  
19 Tuesday 7 pm TCCVEV's Board Meeting at the Catherine St. Office  
22 Friday TBA Opening Ceremonies of the Moving Wall in Lake George  
24 Sunday 2 pm Gold Star Mothers' Memorial Service at Evergreen Cemetery

**NOTE:** Check www.tccvev.com's website for INFO. Also, FACEBOOK's 3 Sites: Gene Loparco, Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans (TCCVEV), or Capital Region NY- Veterans' News.

**Important Notice:** Returning GI's are seeking a connection with local organizations & if, YOU have the opportunity to assist ANYONE - please, do so. Here's some (518) INFO for a few Tri-County organizations:

- A) AMERICAN LEGION: 3 Albany Post's = 1) #1520 Zaloga = 459-1520; 2) Bucci-McTague #1530 = 463-1475 & 3) N Albany #1610 = 465-4800.
- 4) #1040 Blanchard (Delmar) = 439-9819 & 5) Melvin Roads #1231 (Rensselaer) = 462-7006;
- B) AMVETS (American Veterans) - Post 35 in Rotterdam = Cmdr. Fred Clark Info - 356-1474
- C) DAV (Disabled American Veterans) = 472-3638
- D) Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc. Cmdr- Scott.Kyle@purpleheartalbany.org (585) 208-6401
- E) TCCVEV (Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans) - see: SPOOKY's TOP, for ALL info
- F) USMC Detachments: 1) Albany (Capt. O'Brien #241 = Bill Keyes) = 237-1712; 2) Schenectady (Electric City) = 355-2746 AND 3) Troy (Tim Forbes) = 728-6494
- G) VFW Area Posts: 1) #6776 Sheehy-Palmer = 465-9349 (Albany); 2) #7062 Boyd Hilton (Altamont) = 861-8323, 3) #8444 Wm. F. Wigand (Albany) = 465-6992 and 4) #8692 Robert L. Weininger (Colonie) = 456-7794

**Quotable Quote:** ".....We few, we happy few, we Band of Brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me Shall be my brother;....." From Wm. Shakespeare's St. Crispin's Day speech of *Henry V.*, 1598.

**50/50 Drawings:** Thank you for supporting TCCVEV's cause by buying 50/50 tickets-next issue, names.





Lafayette Park, Albany

*"Together Then - Together Now"*

**President's Column** Thank you to everyone who joined Tri-County Council on the Wade or who drove individually to West Point, for the celebration/memorial service to honor Colonel Charlie Johnson, on Friday, June 9th. It was a perfect day to celebrate the Colonel's life by joining his wife, Trudy and son's Sam & Joe, Jr.; in the Old Cadet Chapel at West Point.

Charlie's son, Col. Sam Johnson, gave a very moving Family Welcome & Trudy Hall's emotional and riveting Eulogy seemed to capture all that this man was for - all of us, who knew Charlie.

Charlie, would've been proud to see the Tri-County Color/Honor Guard, stand next to the Army Honor Guard for Honors during the firing, Taps and Flag folding and presentation to the family. Charlie, was definitely home.

After the service and ceremony to honor Charlie; Trudy & family provided a very gracious reception for all of Charlie's family and friends - complete with photos, chronicling the Colonel's life & service at West Point & beyond.

Tri-County was honored to have known such a great leader, humanitarian and guardian of honor. We, WILL always remember "The Colonel"; member, since 2000, Past President and Life Member #93 - which, now belongs to his wife, Trudy Hall.


**SAVE THE DATE:** August 13th, China Beach, LZ-24. This year, our RAFFLE offers cash prizes: \$10,000 for 1st; \$5,000 for 2nd, & \$2,500 for 3rd. Please, remember - it's our FUNDRAISER and it's the backbone of our ability to help needy veterans and their families. As such, we are looking to YOU; our MEMBERS, to HELP OUT by selling these 4,000 tickets.


# China Beach LZ-24

"TOGETHER THEN - TOGETHER NOW"

## Help Us Celebrate 35 Years of Service to Veterans & Community










SUNDAY - AUGUST 13, 2017

DOOR PRIZES 12 Noon - 5 PM (Rain or Shine) RAFFLES

11 A.M. - DUSK RAIN or SHINE

Chicken Wings - Sausage & Peppers - Burgers - Hot Dogs - Assorted Salads

Beer - Soda - Water - No B.Y.O.B. - NO ATTITUDES

PLACE: Polish American Citizens Club of America  
110 Commerce Ave. - Albany, NY

DIRECTIONS: I-90 West to Exit-5 (Everett Road),  
turn Left go to 2nd traffic light (Watervliet Ave. Ext.) turn Left, go to road end, on Left.

Sponsored by:  
Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans  
P.O. Box 11100 - Albany, NY 12241

**DONATIONS**

Adults: \$20.00

Ages 6-12: \$10.00

5 & Under: Free











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

**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@rensko.com](mailto:LWarrington@rensko.com). View the following 2 internet Links for info: 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 INFO pertaining to future steps @ (518) 884-4115 or email = [veterans@saratogacountyny.com](mailto:veterans@saratogacountyny.com)

**SCHENECTADY** County's "Honor-A-Veteran" Ceremony, is in it's First Year - Quarterly Events, for now. Next one, is July 29th, at VFW 357 Post in Schenectady at 1309-5th Ave. There could be an October for the next one. This program is for DECEASED or LIVING Veterans. 2017 Is a test year. 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.

**Chaplain's Corner** by **Rev. Charlene Robbins GSM**

As we gather, this July 4th, not because of a tragedy but because of all the days without tragedy; let's honor the service of America's servicemen and women, with Yellow Ribbons. These ribbons, are a tradition that dates back over 400 years, brought to America by the early Puritans, to remember or keep in mind the absent loved ones at sea. Over time, the ribbons symbolized the remembrance of loved ones in service; especially, during the Civil War, as

well as the yellow scarves worn by the Cavalry., 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. Also, in 2009, the ribbons became part of National Guard/Reservists Reintegration program recognizing the return of those units from deployment beyond America's borders. As civilians, the ribbons symbolize awareness, remembrance and the safe return of ALL

of American's troops, who served and those who died under the flag, we hold, so dear.

Today's America, is finally recognizing the unimaginable endured by our servicemen and women. We, pray to remember ALL of these servicemen and women; WHO, paid the tab for our freedom - our way of life and our right to pursue happiness. Not to mark a tragedy, but to remember all the days without tragedies because our servicemen and women who stood their ground. To them, we humbly and sincerely say, "A grateful Nation, thanks and honors you, for your service". May God keep you safe. AMEN.



**SPOOKY** (cont'd JULY- AUG 2017's Pg 4) *Memembership News:* I'm happy to report that 55 members have paid their 2017 dues.

Keep the momentum going by writing a check, filling out the form below and mailing it in. LIFE Membership has grown to 173 Members. Since, our last issue; Timothy A. Keir, has become our newest Life Member. Remember, Life Memberships, make a great gift; one payment of \$150 and you're done with dues. NOTE: — Check your address label on this newsletter. After your name, if your number, starts with a number, Less than 17 - you are **NOT** paid for 2017. Example: # 09-1094 or # 16-2356; the PREFIX #, 09 or 16, indicates the LAST YEAR, you paid your dues. Do we have your correct address; 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.

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

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 \_\_\_\_\_

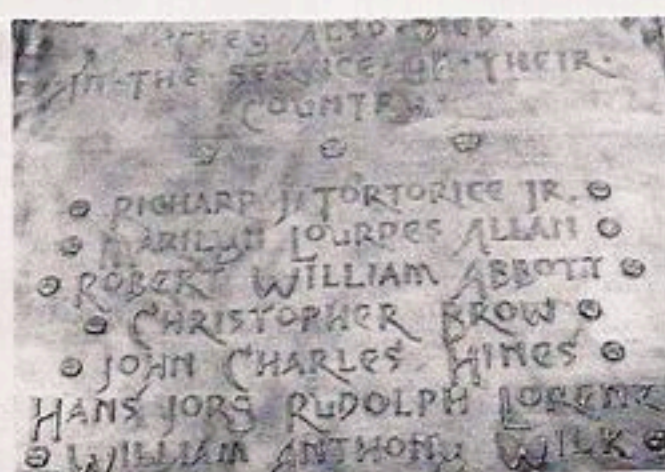
Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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)

### Remember OUR Veteran!

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



God Bless America!