



# SPOOKY

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**PUBLICATION: May - June 2018 ----- UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>MAY</b>		<i>MONTH of POPPIES and Memorial Ceremonies &amp; Events</i>
1	Tuesday 7 pm	TCCVEV's General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
6	Sunday 2 pm	Loyalty Day Ceremony-Weininger VFW 8692-Colonie (eats afterwards)
7	Monday 8:30am	Albany County's Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony @ North Albany Post
8	Tuesday 7 pm	Zaloga Post 1520's American Legion General Meeting
9	Wednesday 7 pm	Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien's General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
13	Sunday	MOTHERS DAY
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
17	Thursday 7 pm	American Veterans Gen'l Mtg @ Guilderland Elk's on Carmen Rd
18	Friday 7 pm	Memorial Ceremony at Weininger VFW 8692-Colonie (eats afterwards)
19	Saturday	ARMED FORCES DAY - Thank Veteran for Serving
19	Saturday 10 am	Flag Dedication for VFW Dist. 3's Flags Donation @ Nat'l Cemetery
19	Saturday 6 pm	Army 1018th's 50th Reunion at Colonie 2192 Elks
19	Saturday	"Hey Jude"-VA Fisher House Fundraiser at Zaloga by the Son's
21	Monday 6 pm	Zaloga's Law & Order Awards Dinner at the 1520 Post
23	Wednesday 12:30 pm	TCCVEV's "Hot Dog" Lunch Fundraiser at Labor #9 Bldg.-Campus
23	Wednesday 6 pm	Crossing of Colonie - Memorial Day Ceremony
24	Thursday 6 pm	Rotterdam's Memorial Day Parade
28	Monday	Albany's Memorial Day Parade
<b>JUNE</b>		<i>MONTH of GRADUATIONS — Congratuations &amp; Good Luck!</i>
1	Friday 6:30pm	Albany HS's JROTC Awards @ Albany HS's Auditorium
4	Monday 8:30am	Albany County's Honor-A-Veteran Ceremony @ on the USS Slater
5	Tuesday 7 pm	TCCVEV's General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
10	Sunday 2pm-ish	Run for the Fallen, ends at Lafayette Park - refreshments after
11	Monday 8:30am	Renss. Cty's Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran Ceremony @ Troy's LOB
12	Tuesday 7 pm	Zaloga Post 1520's American Legion General Meeting
13	Wednesday 7 pm	Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien's General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
17	Sunday	FATHERS DAY
19	Tuesday 7 pm	TCCVEV's Board Meeting at the Catherine St. Office
24	Sunday 8 am	Boy's State; leaves from Zaloga Post 1520 for SUNY-Morrisville

**President's Column** We thank you for your support for all our TCCVEV Fundraisers; especially, China Beach in August & the buying of our Raffle Tickets are a good source to assist in all our programs. We have our Labor Bldg's "Hot Dog" event at 12:30 on May 23rd. Also, during MAY; flags at cemeteries will be limited for Gold Star Families or those who need one for their loved one's grave. One flag per cemetery will symbolically represent ALL those Veterans' headstones. Check the times for any other ceremonies and events during May.

**Quotable Quote:** As Fathers of SONS, you have the responsibility to teach them to Love their Mothers and to show respect to her and to ALL other women they come in contact with. As Fathers of DAUGHTERS, you have to remember that you are the FIRST Man she will fall in Love with, you are the yardstick by which she judges every other man In her life - SET the standard HIGH.





**NOTE:** For INFO; check 3 FACEBOOK sites: 1) GENE LOPARCO, 2) Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans and 3) Capital Region NY - Veterans' News AND at our website: [www.tccvev.com](http://www.tccvev.com)

**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: **A) AMERICAN LEGION:** 1) #1520 Zaloga = 459-1520; 2) #1610 N Albany = 465-4800; 3) #1530 Bucci-McTague = 463-1475; 4) #1256 (Colonie) Bill Marquart 869-5888; 5) #1040 Blanchard(Delmar)=439-9819 & 6) #1231 Melvin Roads (Rensselaer)=462-7006  
**B) AMVETS (American Veterans) - Post 35 = Cmdr. Fred Clark (Rotterdam) = 356-1474**  
**C) DAV (Disabled Am Vets) 1) Troy= 472-3638 & 2) Schd'y Chptr #88 =649-7455 @ Jim B.**  
**D) Military Order of the Purple Heart, Inc. Commander - Tom Prasenski (585) 208-6401**  
**E) TCCVEV (Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans) - see: SPOOKY's TOP - Front Page, for ALL info**  
**F) USMC Dets:** 1) Albany (Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien #241 - Bill Keyes) = 237-1712; 2) Schenectady (Electric City) = 355-2746 & 3) Troy (Tim Forbes) = 728-6494 **G) VFW Posts:** 4) #8692 Robert L. Weininger (Colonie) = 456-7794; 2) #8444 Wm F. Wigand 465-6992(Albany); 3) #6776 Sheehy-Palmer 465-9349(Albany); 4) #7062 Boyd Hilton (Altamont)= 861-8323 and 5) VFW Post 357 (Schd'y) 382-8363

For Tickets Call  
 Al - (518) 466-8771  
 Darlene - (518) 470-7310  
 Ray - (518) 669-3358

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

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

**NOTE: If, you received SPOOKY, in the mail - you also, received ONE Raffle Ticket - please, buy it or sell it!**



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.

Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins GSM

## CHAPLAINS CORNER

Recently, I had the honor of officiating at the Yellow Ribbon Ceremony held at Halfmoon's Town Hall. The ceremony; especially, honors America's active servicemen and women - deployed to the battlegrounds of the Middle East - as well, as remembering the Fallen from Iraq and Afghanistan. Most folks, may not realize that the "Yellow Ribbon" tradition began over 400 years and brought to America by the early Puritans. The ribbons were used to keep in mind the absent loved ones at sea.

Over time, the ribbons came to symbolize the remembrance of loved ones in service; especially, during the Civil War, as well as the yellow scarves worn by the Cavalry. Although, in recent years; the association is with a song of the 1970's, yellow ribbons made a resurgence during the Gulf Wars, the Iran Hostage Crisis and Post 911.

In 2009, the ribbons became part of the 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 American troops, those 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; WHO, continue to pay the tab for our freedom, our way of life and our right to pursue happiness. In that regard, wearing these "Yellow Ribbons", we humbly and sincerely say, "A grateful Nation thanks and honors you", for your service. May God keep you safe.

Matthew 5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called "Sons of God".

### 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: 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.rensselaercounty.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.

**A SPECIAL NOTICE:** Former members of the Army Reserve 1018th Supply and Service Company Members will hold a "Welcome Home Again" 50th Reunion at Colonie Elk's Lodge #2192 in Latham; on May 19, 2018 - at 6pm. There will be a special memorial for Specialist 5 James McNeilly and all of the fallen heroes. ALL former reservists who served with the unit in Vietnam, their families and friends are invited. For more information, contact either Delmar's Frank Merges at (518) 461-9503 (Founder of Albany Chapter 8 of Vietnam Vets) or Guilderland's Kenny Henk at (518) 356-0387. This group reported for duty on May 13, 1968 & shipped to Vietnam; they returned on October 19, 1969.



SICK CALL: Tom Marienlo, continues to improve; he is an example for all of us; and Tom thanks you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits. Linda appreciates it, too.

TAPS: Eddie Walker, a good friend of Tri-County; Life-Member, Roger Hannay and Member, Daniel Gilchrist. May they rest in Peace.

**Membership News:** PAID 2018 membership is now, up to 42. This is a little behind where we should be at this time of year. Also, Life Membership is 179; including, 3 since our last issue: Peter L. DiPace, Sr, Kathleen E. (Beth) Whiting & Leo Hines. 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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

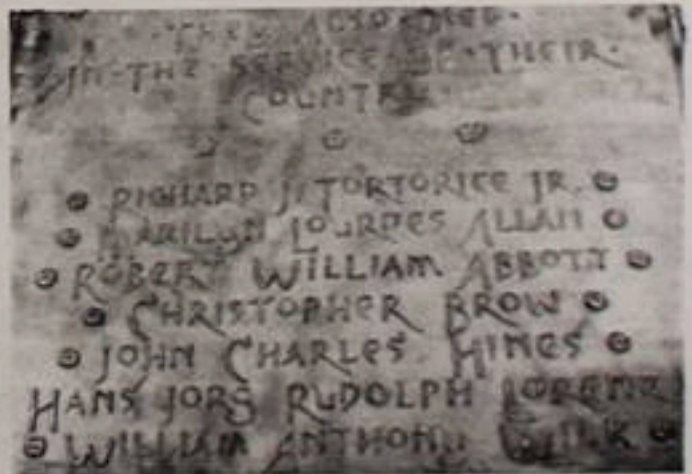
COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

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!