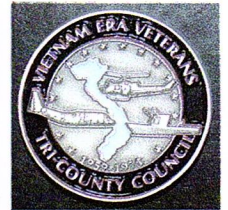


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## OFFICIAL PUBLICATION OF TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

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### MAY

6	Monday	8:30 am	Albany County's HAV at Colonie #2192 ELK's off Route 155 in Latham
7	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
8	Wednesday	7 pm	Capt. Wm. Dale O'Brien General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520 and V-E Day 1945
12	Sunday		MOTHER's Day....Remember her - whether, here or in Heaven.
13	Monday	8:30 am	Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
14	Tuesday	7 pm	Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion General Meeting @ Post 1520
18	Saturday		Armed Forces Day (I remember that event at Watervliet Arsenal in the 1950's & 60's)
19	Sunday	2 pm	Gold Star Mothers' Tea at Host Weininger (Colonie) VFW 8692; Post is off Route 155
20	Monday	6 pm	Law & Order Ceremony @ Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
21	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
22	Wednesday	NOON	GSM' Memorial Service at Campus Labor Bldg.
22	Wednesday	6 pm	Crossings of Colonie Memorial Service
23	Thursday	5:30 pm	Rotterdam Memorial Day Parade
25	Saturday	11 am	Voorheesville Memorial Day Parade
25 & 26	Sat. & Sun.	Varies	Saratoga National, Albany Rural & Our Lady of Angels Cemeteries
27	Monday	9:30 am	Albany Memorial Day Parade
31	Friday	Overnight	DC Bus Trip via Melody Burns - Cleaning of the Vietnam Wall - Return June 1st

### College Graduation Month

### JUNE

1	Saturday	1 pm	Schenectady's "Honor-A-Vet" Ceremony at St. Luke's Church Hall (1241 State St.)
3	Monday	8:30 am	Albany County's HAV @ Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
4	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
6	Thursday		D-Day Invasion 1944 in Normandy, France AND Persian Gulf War Ends in 1991
9	Sunday	2:30'ish pm	RUN for the FALLEN; that time should be for Lafayette Park's Group ARRIVAL
10	Monday	8:30 am	Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
11	Tuesday	7 pm	Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion General Meeting @ Post 1520
12	Wednesday	7 pm	Capt. Wm. Dale O'Brien General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
14	Friday		FLAG DAY (be Proud & Fly Old Glory!) and TCCVEV's VETTrack, graduates 2
16	Sunday		FATHER's Day....Remember him - whether, here or in Heaven.
18	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
21	Friday		SUMMER BEGINS
22	Saturday		GI Bill signed in 194
27	Thursday	8 am	Boy's State via Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520 - Bus departs

### High School Graduation Month

**JULY & AUGUST** = Reminder: NO General Meetings for TCCVEV - Capt. Wm. Dale O'Brien Det 241 MCL - Zaloga Am Leg 1520

### President's Column by Joseph Pollicino

MAY is Flag events, Ceremonies and Memorial Day Parades;

to name a few. We NEVER forget & we'll be there for support! "Please Remember Me FOUNDATION" & National Grid will be raising those 160 American Flags, on Route 9 soon. August has our 2 FUNDRAISERS: China Beach & "Hot Dogs' Day", at the Campus Labor Bldg., to support our Veterans programs. There's "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremonies, the 1st Monday for Albany & 2nd Monday for Rensselaer Counties, come to one! Also, Ck this newsletter for time, dates & our Internet - FB sites, too!

**Hey, Proud ALBANY Supporters!** Did you know that Albany High School's Marching Band is the ONLY HS band from the US; to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in FRANCE. We'll keep you posted with the FUNDRAISERS' dates and times on our NEW Updated site, at: [www.TCCVEV.com](http://www.TCCVEV.com) and on our Facebook site.



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

Soon, we'll see American flags flying reverently on Route 9, not only as symbols of freedom, protection and possibility; but also as a reminder of the priceless cost of that freedom, the lives of the Capital Region's servicemen and women who gave ALL. They stood their ground and did not run, but faced uncertainty to protect and preserve the ideals of liberty and human rights. Each of these banners represents ten families, changed forever.

May is a month of Memorial Ceremonies & multiple opportunities for each of us, to honor those noble warriors who have fallen and support the servicemen and women, still with us. Show your gratitude with a small kindness or a simple "Thank You"; those two words, go a long way to lighten a heavy heart.

Choose to support veteran organizations that continue to assist veterans and the families of the fallen. Many opportunities to help our Veterans heal, are as diverse as the population that makes up our military.

*"In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep sleep falleth upon men; then, He openeth the ears of men"* Job 33:15  
Let us remember and keep the dream unfolding....like our flag. God bless our Veterans, one and all.

**CHINA BEACH**, will be held on Sunday, August 11th. To the ones, who receive the mailed SPOOKY Newsletter; a \$10 Raffle ticket is enclosed for our BIGGEST Fundraiser of the Year. Please support TCCVEV and buy one. If, you need more tickets; call: AL or DARLENE. Also, call Rev. Charlene Robbins = 331-3808 or Gene = 265-0242.

A black and white photograph of several military helicopters landing on a beach. The title "China Beach LZ-26" is at the top. Contact information for tickets is provided. Logos for various veteran organizations are shown. The bottom section details the event date, location, ticket prices, and prize amounts.

**China Beach LZ-26**

For Tickets Call  
Al – (518) 466-8771  
Darlene – (518) 470-7310

To benefit returning Veterans & Veterans of all eras and their families  
Drawing held Sunday – August 11, 2019 at the Polish American Citizens Club of America  
110 Commerce Avenue, Albany, New York - 12 Noon – 5 PM (Rain or Shine)  
Tickets \$20.00, (kids 6-12) \$10.00, Kids 5 and under free (Includes food and beverages).  
\$10.00 Per Raffle Ticket – Only 4,000 tickets available  
1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$5,000.00 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$3,000.00 4 -3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes \$500.00 ea.  
No need to be present to win! Responsible For All Taxes

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POW/MIA  
YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

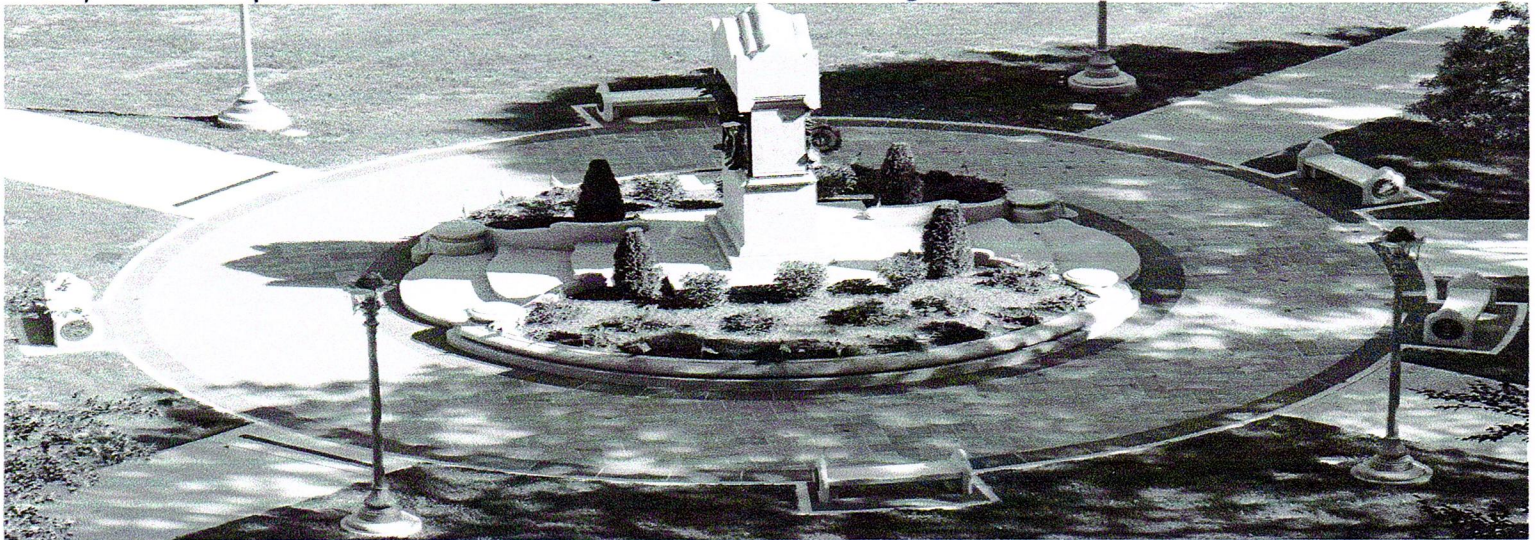
**Quotable Quotes:** 1) In 1979's *Apocalypse Now* - Richard Wagner's song, "Ride of the Valkyries", was played on a reel-to-reel tape recorder, while riding in the Cobra - did you have one? I did, a TEAC. 2) Lt. Col. Wm. "Bill" Kilgore's (Robert Duvall) famous line: *"I love the smell of napalm in the morning"* (was totally original). 3) "In this world, there are THINKERS & there are STINKERS. Also, there are LEADERS and there are FOLLOWERS.....I'd rather be a "Thinking Leader", than a 'Stinking Follower' ". - GENE LOPARCO

**Please Remember Me FOUNDATION** is proud to declare that National Grid will be raising 160 flags on Route 9, in Latham & Loudonville, in early May and remain raised, till August. Since WWI, approximately 1,900 Capital Region men & women made the supreme sacrifice for our FREEDOM. Let's Honor and Remember those who died for this freedom; which is NEVER free.

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



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.

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

**Capital Region's Honor-A-Vet:** **ALBANY** County = Director, Ken Secor at (518) 447-7710 or LINK for ceremony info & applications:

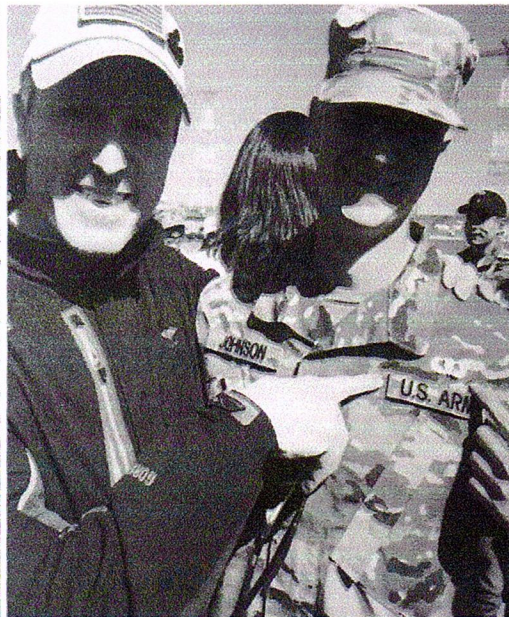
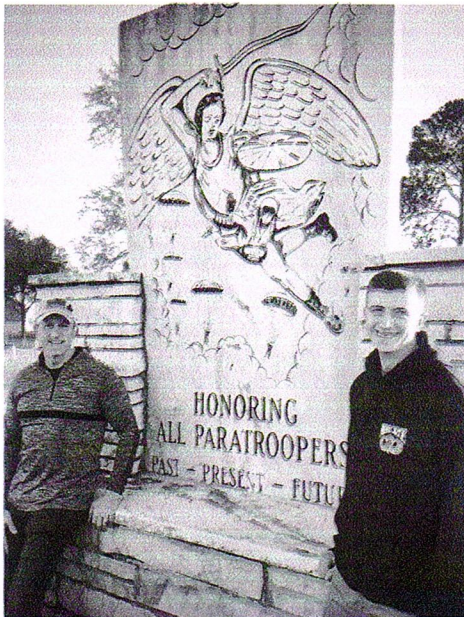
<http://www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/VeteransServicesBureau/ProgramsandServices/HonoraVeteran.aspx>

**RENSSELAER** County = Director, Peter Goebel (518) 270-2760 or LINKs for info: 1) [http://www.rensco.com/vet\\_hav.asp](http://www.rensco.com/vet_hav.asp) and

2) <http://www.rensselaercounty.org/Honor%20A%20Veteran%20Ceremony.htm> **SARATOGA** County = Director, Frank McClement, for INFO at (518) 884-4115 or email = [veterans@saratogacountyny.com](mailto:veterans@saratogacountyny.com) **SCHENECTADY** County = Director, Bill Frank at (518) 377-2423 or email: [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' Veterans Office - call for any info, applications or general news.

OUR Friend, Col. "Charlie" Johnson, LIVES on! Legacy doesn't always have to be seen. Here's an example of this. Son, Army Col. Sam Johnson (Ret'd) received a surprise "pinning" of "Wings" by his dad & now, Sam has "pinned" those same "Wings" from Dad-GrandDad, on his son, Bradley. Now, that's a tradition any of the 3 generations are proud of - from 1955 to present - the same "Wings". Over 57 years of Airborne Paratroopers of the US Army. Wow!



**NOTE:** Check TCCVEV's website for new or additional INFO, concerning any future events, ceremonies, dues or etc. View FACEBOOK's 4 sites: 1) Gene Loparco, 2) Capital Region NY-Veterans' News, 3) Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans, Gene IS the Administrator for this site but in 4) TCCVEV site = Gene is NOT the Administrator for this site.



**TAPS:** For our Brothers' Family members, May God Bless them and to watch over all their families:

Kevin Hicks, Sr.'s Mother, ALICE (March 30) and Jerry & Marilyn D'Amelia's Son, GERALD, JR. (April 12)

**Membership News:** 2019 DUES are now due.! Paid 2019 membership is now **46**. We have a new member, Tracy DuShane - "Welcome". 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. Life Membership is now **184**, with passing of Ralph H. Smith - Rest in Peace, Brother. 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. One 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) \_\_\_\_\_

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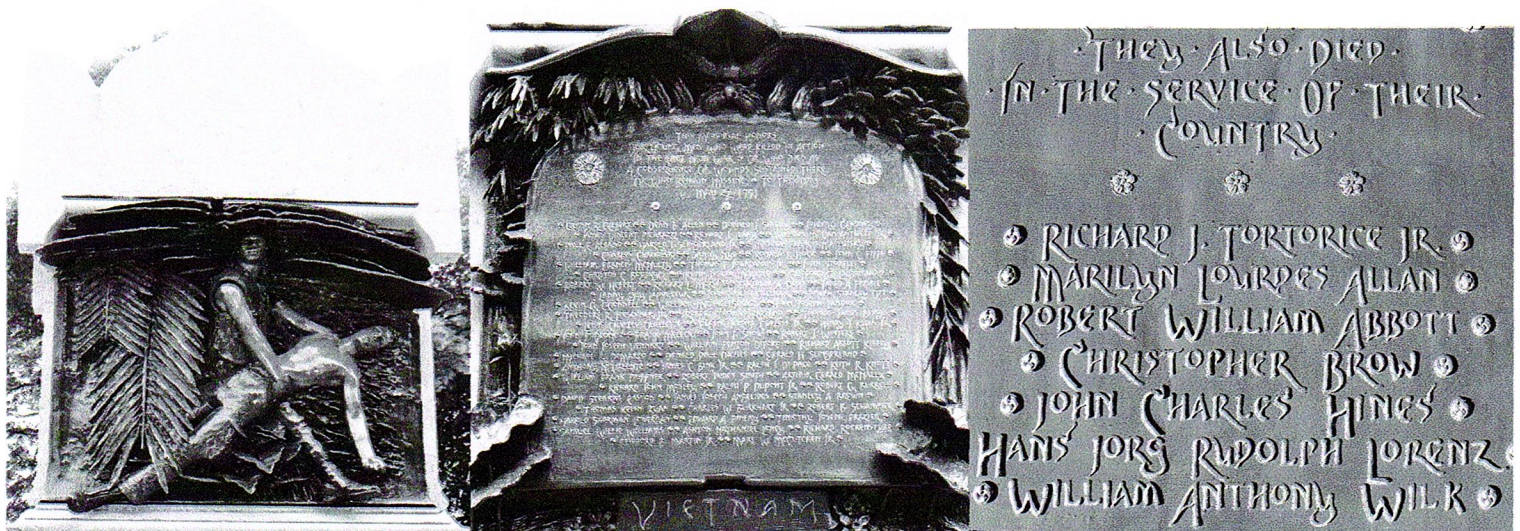
Date & Type of Discharge (Include DD214) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL Address \_\_\_\_\_

Complete and mail the above application; along, with your DD214 (not for Associate Members) and your \$15 or \$150 check, to: **TCCVEV**, PO Box 11100; Albany, NY 12211

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



God Bless America!      &      Remember OUR Veteran!