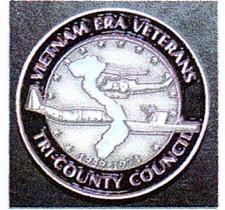




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JULY - NO JULY GENERAL MEETINGS for TCCVEV, USMC & Am Leg 1520

1	Monday	8:30 am	Albany County's HAV at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520 for Mike Aidala
8	Monday	8:30 am	Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
9	Tuesday		Baseball's All-Star Game
16	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
27	Saturday	TBA	Greenville Vets BBQ at the American Legion

July is the month for all the HS & College Grad's Parties - Congratulations

AUGUST - NO AUGUST General Meetings for TCCVEV, USMC & Am Leg 1520

5	Monday	8:30 am	Albany County's HAV @ USS Slater
11	Sunday	Noon - 5pm	China Beach at the Polish Am Citizens Club @ 110 Commerce Ave; off Everett Rd
12	Monday	8:30 am	Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
14	Wednesday		Altamont Fair - Vets enter FREE - check with the Ticket Agent for instructions
20	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office

FAIRS are going on in late August to Labor Day - check the dates & times

SEPTEMBER - General Meetings resume

2			Labor Day
3	Tuesday	8:30 am	Albany County's HAV at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
3	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Mtg at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
6-7	Fri - Sat		Washing the Vietnam Wall trip to D.C.
9	Monday	8:30 am	Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
10	Wednesday	7 pm	Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien Det 241 MCL General Mtg at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
13	Friday	6 pm	Uncle Sam's 61st Annv. Ceremony @ Oakwood Cemetery
14	Saturday	1 pm	Schenectady Cty's HAV at St. Luke's Pastoral Cntr (State St., Schd'y)
15	Sunday	1 - 5 pm	100th Anniversary GALA @ Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
17	Tuesday	7 pm	TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
29	Sunday	2 pm	Gold Star Mothers' Memorial Svc at Evergreen Cemetery - show support!

President's Column

by Joseph Pollicino

Glad for our members support for the Memorial and Flag events, in May and June. Ceremonies, parades and flags' events at cemeteries; to name a few. We'll NEVER forget & we'll be there for support! Thank You ALL.

To support our Veterans programs. we have our 2 Fundraisers: on August 11th = China Beach AND on August 14th = "Hot Dogs' Day" - at the Harriman Campus Labor Building # 12.

To RECAP May & June's events: Gold Star Mothers' Tea at Colonie's Weininger VFW Post 8692 and their Memorial Service at Campus' Labor Department. Also, "Run for the Fallen", D.C.'s trip to wash the "Vietnam Wall" and Albany High School's Marching Band in Normandy, to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in FRANCE. Additionally, the 2nd Annual Military Appreciation Day's EXPO, at Crossgates Mall, featured Albany County Exec Dan McCoy honoring 3 "Living Veterans") - these events were very, very successful because of YOUR support.

"Thinking of You" or a "Happy Birthday" Card: Remember Gold Star Mothers' Dorothea Rockenstyre; in your prayers! This beautiful 90 year old "Mom" (soon to be 91), loves her visits; especially, from her "Boys". Send cards, to: Dorothea Rockenstyre, c/o Rm 514 - 780 Albany Shaker Rd; Albany, NY 12211.

"Bury Me With Soldiers" by Father Chales R. Fink (Rev. was a Sgt. in the 199th Light Infantry Brigade)

I've played a lot of roles in life;
I've met a lot of men.
I've done some things I'd like to think I wouldn't do again.

And though I'm young, I'm old enough
To know someday I'll die.
And to think what lies beyond,
Besides whom I would lie.

Perhaps it doesn't matter much;
Still, if I had my choice
I'd want a grave 'mongst soldiers when
At last death quells my voice

I'm sick of the hypocrisy,
Of lectures of the wise.
I'll take the man with all the flaws
Who goes, though scared, and dies.

The troops I knew were common place
They didn't want the war.
They fought because their fathers and
Their fathers had before.

They cursed and dilled and wept
God knows They're easy to deride.
But bury me with men like these;
They faced the guns and died.

It's funny when you think of it,
The way they got along.
We'd come from different worlds
To live in one no one belongs.

I didn't even like them all'
I'm sure they'd all agree.
Yet I would give my life for them,
I know some did for me.

So bury me with soldiers, please.
Though much maligned they be.
Yes, bury me with soldiers, for
I miss their company.

We'll not soon see their likes again;
We've had our fill of war.
But bury me with men like them
Till someone else does more.

As America continues the commemoration of Vietnam's 50th Anniversary; let's honor those who withstood the
"Storm" in Vietnam & at home. God Bless our Veterans and God Bless America.

Galations 5:13 "For you were called to Freedom, brothers only do not use your freedom as an opportunity
for the flesh, but through LOVE, serve one another"

CHINA BEACH, will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11th. Our Biggest Fundraiser of the Year. Please support TCCVEV.
If, you need more tickets; call: AL or DARLENE. Also, Rev. Charlene Robbins = 331-3808 or Gene = 265-0242.

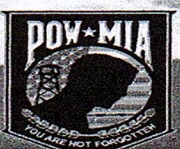


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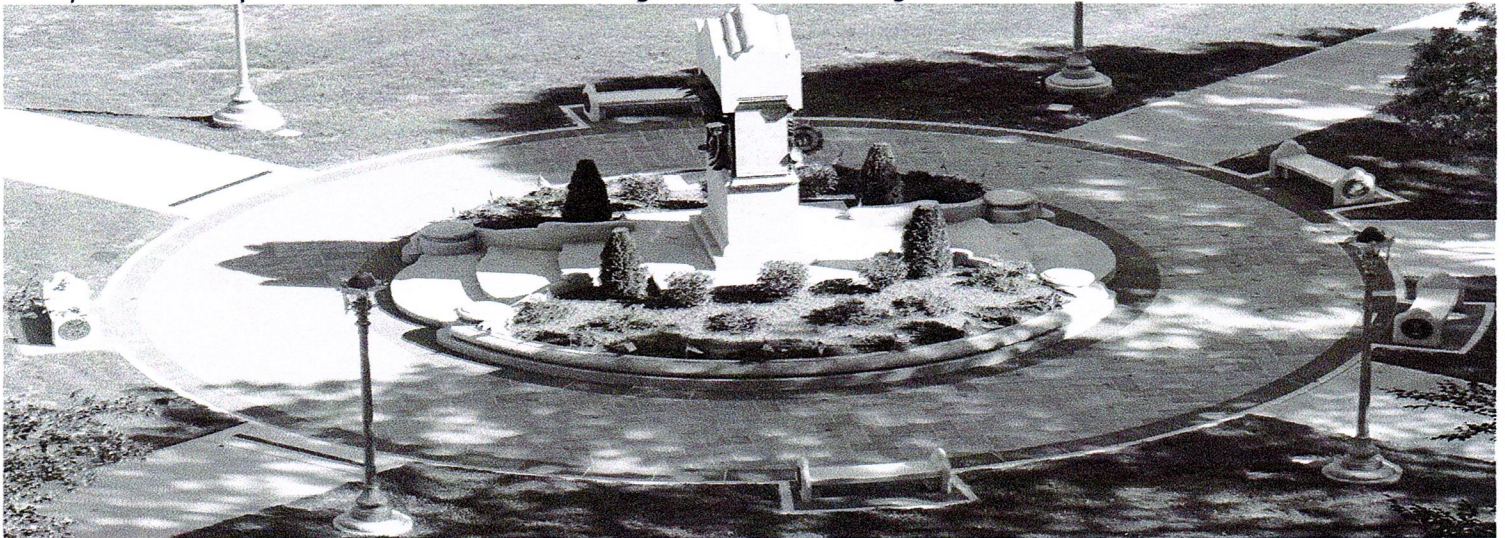
For Tickets Call
Al - (518) 466-8771
Darlene - (518) 470-7310

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

1st Prize - \$5,000.00 2nd Prize \$3,000.00 4 - 3rd Prizes \$500.00 ea.
No need to be present to win! Responsible For All Taxes



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!

Please Remember Me FOUNDATION's Reminder = **Don't forget** to view the 160 "Please Remember Me" Flags, along Loudonville & Latham's Route 9. Each flag represents 10 men & women who made the supreme sacrifice and never returned home to their families. Since WWI, approximately 1,900 Capital Region men and women made the supreme sacrifice. Let's Honor and Remember those who died for this freedom; which is NEVER free.

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 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 **SCHENECTADY** County = Director, Bill Frank at (518) 377-2423 or email: William.Frank@schenectadycountry.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.

Editor's Opinion: Times Union Reporter & Fellow Vietnam Brother, Terry Brown-has a Monday article named, "Capital Region - Duty Calls", posted in the TU. He informs and educates this community on "what's new" with a veteran or a Veteran Organization. This is the news we want to see from this Region; "News of the Veteran". For Too long, many have said that the TU doesn't inform the public but I've seen it changed favorably the past 3 or 4 years. Thank You, Terry. P.S. The 3 Johnson Generations (Charlie, Sam & Bradley) of "Wings" piece, was super.

Special News from the Capital Region: Are you aware there is an initiative in the Capital Region (so called, as it will encompass the 11 Surrounding Counties = Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington), called the "LEGACY PROJECT".

It will be a "Landmark" destination for our Capital Region and will include a Welcome Center and Veterans Café. This Café will be an integral part of the facility and is intended to be a place where Veterans, their families and the public can relax, make friends and obtain information.

There is a potential SIX acre site in Glenville to create this Project. There will be monuments to represent EACH major conflict. Each monument will be accompanied by the historical facts associated with that WAR, so people will understand the history behind the conflict.

NOTE: Personally, I think this project will be successful.

Computer: Check TCCVEV's website for INFO, concerning any future events, ceremonies, dues or etc. View FB's 4 sites: 1) Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans (Gene IS the Administrator for this site), 2) *Gene Loparco*, 3) *Capital Region NY-Veterans' News* AND 4) a 2nd **TCCVEV** site = Gene is NOT the Administrator for this site.

QUOTABLE QUOTES: "Failure must BE but a CHALLENGE to others". - Amelia Earhart

TAPS: Brothers Howard J. Johnson, Jr. , did much for our TCCVEV & the Veteran Community AND Stephen Pentlen. Rest in Peace. Also, Tuskegee Airman, who served in WWII, Korean & VN Wars (Lt. Col flew over 142 missions - age 99, one of the last pilots). May God Bless them all.

Memembership News: 2019 DUES are now due.! Paid 2019 membership is 55. We were off to a good start - so let's keep it going. 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 **182**. 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 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 _____

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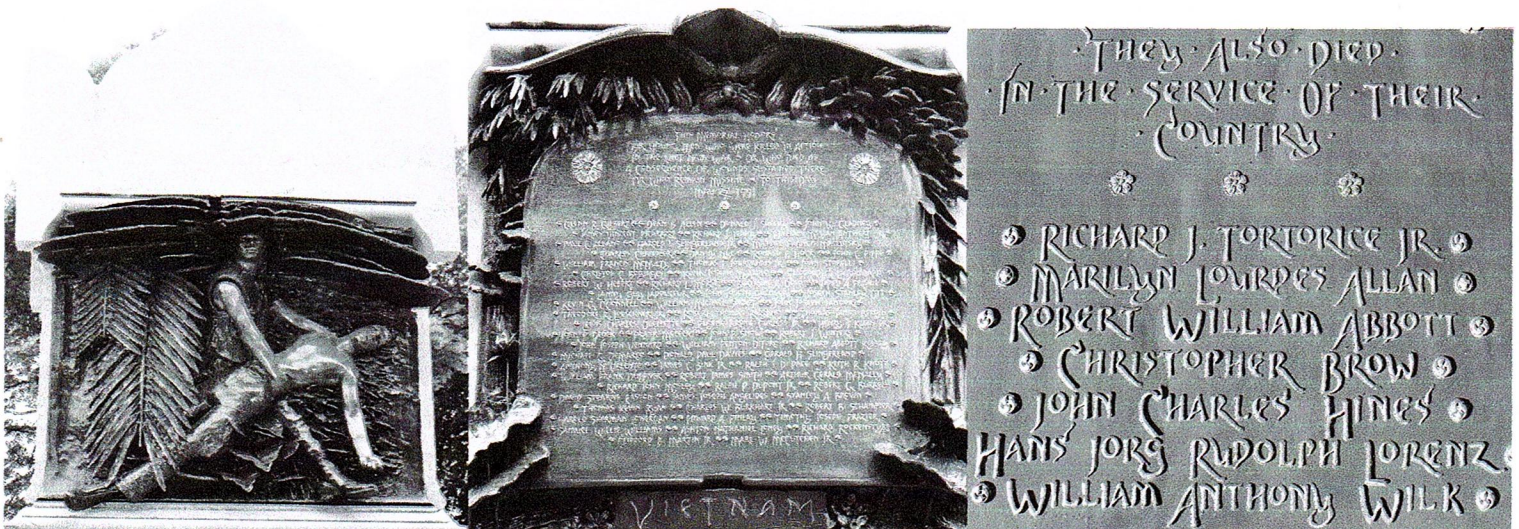
Date & Type of Discharge (Include DD214) _____

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!