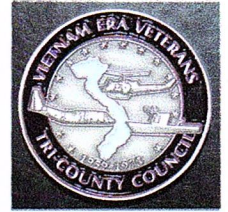


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***** SEPTEMBER *****

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3	Tuesday	8:30 am
3	Tuesday	7 pm
6	Friday	6 pm
9	Monday	8:30 am
10	Tuesday	7 pm
11	Wednesday	
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13	Friday	6 pm
14	Saturday	1 pm
15	Sunday	9 am
15	Sunday	1 - 5 pm
17	Tuesday	7 pm
22	Sunday	2 pm
25	Wednesday	6 pm
29	Sunday	2 pm
29	Sunday	6 pm

- General Meetings resume

Labor Day
 Albany County's HAV at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
 TCCVEV's General Mtg at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
 Albany's LABOR Parade starts at Hawk St (Rockenstyre Way) & Central Ave
 Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
 Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien Det 241 MCL General Mtg at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
 911 Ceremonies throughout the Capital Region - SUPPORT Those CEREMONIES
 Blue Star Mothers' 911 Ceremony @ Colonie HS
 Uncle Sam's 61st Anniversary Ceremony @ Oakwood Cemetery
 Schenectady County's HAV at St. Luke's Pastoral Center (State St., Schd'y)
 T2T Albany Corning Tower Climb @ Keeran Shum way (call her at 522-3133)
 100th Anniversary GALA @ Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520 (Mbrs & public invited)
 TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
 "22 A Day" Benefil Walk/Run at Lawwon Lake, Feura Bush, NY
 Bolton Landing's 50th Vietnam Annv. Event (Nick Laiacona 538-2564 to register)
 Gold Star Mothers' Memorial Svc at Evergreen Cemetery - show support!
 Gold Star Mothers' Memorial Svc at Lafayette Park's Gold Star Family Memorial

***** OCTOBER *****

5	Saturday	8 am
5	Saturday	
7	Monday	8:30 am
9	Wednesday	7 pm
14	Monday	
15	Tuesday	8:30 am
26	Saturday	9 am

Schenectady's Homeless Vets Stand Down @ Schenectady Armory
 Honor Flight's DC Trip (check on the Day's Itinerary)
 Albany County's HAV at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
 Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien Det 241 MCL General Mtg at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
 Christopher Columbus Holiday
 Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
 Walkathon in Saratoga (all INFO will be announced)

President's Column by Joseph Pollicino

Hope, this was an enjoyable summer; TCCVEV had successful events. First, on August 11th, our China Beach LZ-26 & with the presentation of the Col. Johnson's Award to ShopRite; everyone was proud & pleased with the selection.. Representatives Charles Sladek, Sean Doyle and Shannon DeFreese were honored to receive this award & happy to be associated through the years with TCCVEV. ShopRite has donated approximately \$250,000 to our Veterans and Community Programs. Also, NYS Senator Neil Breslin presented member Larry Wiest with his NYS Senate Hall of Fame Proclamation (Larry was overseas at the time). A special thank you to Kevin Hicks, Sr. for assisting in being a part of the TCCVEV & ShopRite connection. NOTE: 1) It was very nice that GSM Virginia Calvo accepted our invitation to join the China Beach Family. Her son, USMC Pfc. William Michael Bagshaw was Killed In Action on 2/26/28, just days after arriving in VietNam (age 18) - less than 30 days after "TET Offensive" started. God Bless him & RIP. 2) Ticket sales were good & it was a smart idea to mail out one Raffle Ticket, with SPOOKY via the Post Office - to each person or organization on our mailing list with a stamp.

Second, on August 14th, our 32nd Annual "Hot Dogs' Day" at NYS's Dept. of Labor was another successful event. Commissioner Rebecca Reardon presented Pres. Joe Pollicino with a \$7,000+ check for our Vets programs. Besides food, money was raised via the "Dunkin' Contest". Contrary to Rumors, photographer/Editor Gene Loparco will NOT do 2020's dunking - volunteered by wife, Linda.

Summer is fading and soon the brilliant colors of autumn will decorate our days. With this season of harvests and abundance, comes time for reflection and remembrance, especially September. This month brings Americans great pause. Just 18 years ago, the valor and courage of Americans came to light not only with the response of our military men and women but also our first responders-police, fire fighters and medical personnel. Thousands lost their lives on that beautiful September morning, thousands more in the ongoing wars and illnesses that followed. The world literally watching as Americans showed their true colors of valor, resilience and resourcefulness on that day and in the months that followed.

In words attributed to George Washington's Valley Forge vision 'let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his Land and the Union'. The essence of these words continue to echo in every oath taken by service and government personnel to this day. Let us remember, that we are one people, blessed and united by the belief in God. Let us remember, that in all creeds, we call ourselves children of God. Therefore, let us truly demonstrate 'in God we trust' by looking for light in each other, by kindness, encouraging words and lending a helping hand, as we did that day 18 years ago.

Let us pray that 'we the people' becomes our experience not just rhetoric. It is our birthright, it is our duty. May God bless America today, tomorrow and always.

1 Corinthians 14:33. 'For God is not a God of disorder but of peace'

1 John 5. 'The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it'.

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.renselaercounty.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@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.

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.



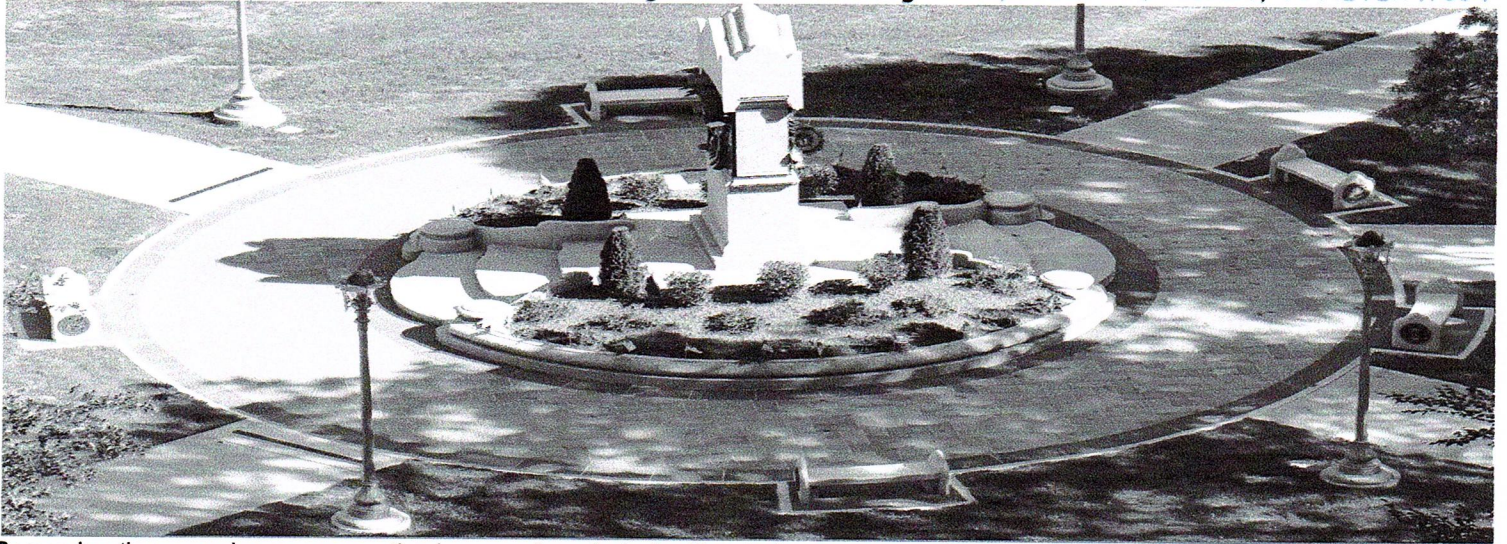
Additional Museum INFO:

"The Forgotten Warriors Museum" (Cape May County, Airport, NJ) - Vietnam & Korean War Veterans' Memorabilia (Next Door to the Airport Museum. Has many artifacts and uniforms of many branches of the service. The owner was in the hospital & his daughter, Patty took care of the business until he comes home - also, his Grandchildren. A "Team" effort.

QUOTATIONS : "It ain't over 'til it's over" and "It's déjà vu all over again"- Lawrence "Yogi" Berra - NY Yankees

"We few, we Happy few; we Band of Brothers, for he today that sheds his blood with me Shall be my brother" - One of the well-known lines from the St. Crispin's Day Speech of Shakespeare's *Henry V*.

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



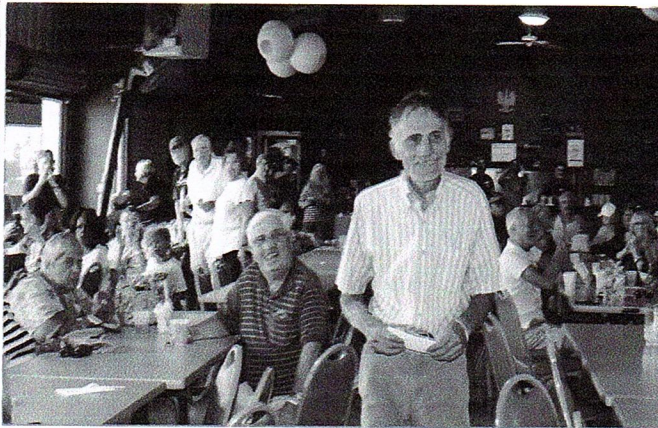
Remember those serving overseas - they're away from their families. Let's say a prayer for their safe return & thank ALL serving our Country.
REMEMBER to be PROUD of "OLD GLORY", many died for those "Red-White-Blue" colors!

Photos: 1) GSM Virginia Calvo, 2) \$5K Winner: Tom Marinello, 3) Pres. Joe Pollicino, Sean Doyle, Charles Sladak, Shannon Defreeze & Kevin Hicks, Sr., 4) Gold Star Families and 5) NYS Sen. Neil Breslin with Larry Wiest

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China Beach Raffle Winners: 1st Prize of \$5,000 = Tom Marinello; 2nd Prize of \$3,000 = Richard Dexter;
FOUR \$500 3rd Place Winners: 1) Paul Brooks 2) Danny Piazza 3) Harvey Snyder AND 4) James Dean

Membership News: 2019 DUES are now due. Paid 2018 memberships is now **61** (with Robert Goo joining) & to achieve our goal of 100 by December, we need 39 more paid. 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 **183** with our newest one, Roland "Bud" Abare. This is indicative of a healthy organization & I sincerely hope; our members will continue this upward trend. Remember, Life Memberships make a great gift. 1 Payment of \$150.00 & you're done with dues. 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 #, starts with a number, less than # **18** - you are **NOT** paid for 2018. Example: # **17**-2356; the PREFIX #, **17**, indicates the LAST YEAR, 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.

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

God Bless America!

Remember OUR Veteran!

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