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GENERAL MEETINGS - 1st Tuesday of EACH MONTH @ Zaloga Post at 7 pm

***** JANUARY *****

1	Wednesday	-
6	Monday	8:30 am
7	Tuesday	7 pm
11	Saturday	10 am
13	Monday	8:30 am
14	Tuesday	7 pm
15	Wednesday	7 pm
20	Monday	-
21	Tuesday	7 pm
24-26	Fri. - Sunday	-

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HAPPY NEW YEAR - May your 2020 "sight", be of a very Healthy & Prosperous one!
Albany County's HAV at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520 (US Navy - John H. Peck, Jr.)
TCCVEV's General Mtg at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
Am. Legion's 3rd Dist. Oratorical Scholarship Competition at Lishakill Middle School
Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520's General Meeting
Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien Det. 241 MCL General Meeting @ Zaloga Post 1520
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Day
TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
American Legion's Mid-Winter Conference @ Desmond Hotel

***** FEBRUARY *****

2	Sunday	Super Bowl LIV (54th) AND Groundhog Day (hope, he doesn't see his shadow for an early Spring)
3	Monday	8:30 am Albany County's HAV at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
10	Tuesday	8:30 am Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
12	Wednesday	- Abraham Lincoln's Birthday - 16th US President
12	Wednesday	7 pm Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien Det 241 MCL General Mtg at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
14	Thursday	- Valentine's Day --- Don't forget the Card, Flowers, Candy (Food optional)
17	Monday	- President's Day
21	Friday	8 am IWO JIMA (Pacific Theater) Ceremony-Breakfast @Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
22	Saturday	- George Washington's Birthday - First US President
23	Sunday	2:30 pm 56th Annual Four Chaplains Ceremony at First Reform Church of Schenectady

President's Column by Joseph Pollicino

First, I'd like to thank TCCVEV's Membership for your dedicated support to our organization and to our Community. Likewise, those who are not members, thank you for supporting TCCVEV during the year.

Many events and ceremonies were a big part of our organization: "Honor-A-Veteran", Gold Star Mothers & Blue Star Mothers - Capital Region NY 2's events; including Groovin', the Blue Jean Ball & GSM's Tea and Luncheons. As for our TCCVEV events; especially, China Beach LZ-26 and our Hot Dog Fundraiser at NYS Labor Dept. at the Campus - were BIG successes.

Our Color Guard attends the GSM ceremony at Evergreen in September & will be there for the "Firing Group" at Colonie Crossings for May' Memorial ceremony. We'll march in Albany Vets & Memorial Day Parades.

We presented ShopRite Corp. Reps. (Sean Doyle, Charles Sladek & Shannon DeFreese) the 2019 Col. Charles R. Johnson Award for its support of projects and programs that benefit veterans, at China Beach. ShopRite Corp., through its Vets Fundraising Campaign has provided funds for Vet services thru TCCVEV.

2019 is the 100th Anniversary of the American Legion - congratulations & thank you for serving the veterans. This past June, the Albany High School Marching Band was the only HS to be invited to France & to celebrate the Normandy Anniversary - what an experience. Also, the AHS's JROTC had their Awards & Cadets were selected to partake in the American Legion Boys State - we sponsor boys for that program. It makes great citizens of the boys.

It's January and we are approaching the 7th anniversary of the events in a small New England town which rippled across the nation and the world. This event and those that followed remind us of what is truly important in our lives. Not the tangible goodies of our modern world, but true peace of mind and the ability to share that peace with our families. Peace cannot be purchased. It can only be found-first, within ourselves and then reflected in our world of experience.

As in the son, *"Let there be PEACE on Earth, and let it BEGIN with Me"*.

Many may feel that this is a nice concept but not possible or at best, unlikely to occur. Perhaps, we can listen to the wisdom of President Lincoln, who said, *"Determine that the thing can and shall be done and then we shall find the way..."*. The way is for each of us, according to our own Faith, to go within, connecting with God's Love and Grace. This allows us to release and let go of the past and present hurt and replace it with forgiveness and compassion. Then, we can be inspired to take the loving actions which heal and balance the disharmony around us.

Every man and woman in uniform is filled with a 'can do' mind set.. Let's join with them and share the responsibility America's freedoms gave given us. Let's prove that the ideals symbolized by our flag, can and will be the inheritance of ALL children. We can start, not tomorrow or next week; but now, by finding that PEACE within!

John 8:18 Let us love, not in word or speech but in truth and action.

John 8:38 The kingdom of heaven is within you. Seek ye first the kingdom and all things will be added unto you...

Computer: Check TCCVEV's website for INFO, concerning any future events, ceremonies, dues or etc. View Facebook's 4 sites: **1)** Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans (Gene IS the Administrator for this site), **2)** Capital Region NY-Veterans' News & other Veteran Organizations' Facebook sites (VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, US Marines, etc.) **3)** Gene Loparco (his personal Facebook site, which he shares his photos & info, with many sites AND **4)** a 2nd TCCVEV site, Gene is NOT the Administrator on this site. NOTE: Ck out TCCVEV's internet site: www.TCCVEV.com

QUOTATIONS: 1) *"Our deeds determine us, as much as we determine deeds."* ch. 29 - George Eliot (1819-1880)

2) *"For all sad words of tongue or pen, the saddest are these: 'It might have been!'"* - John Greenleaf Whittier

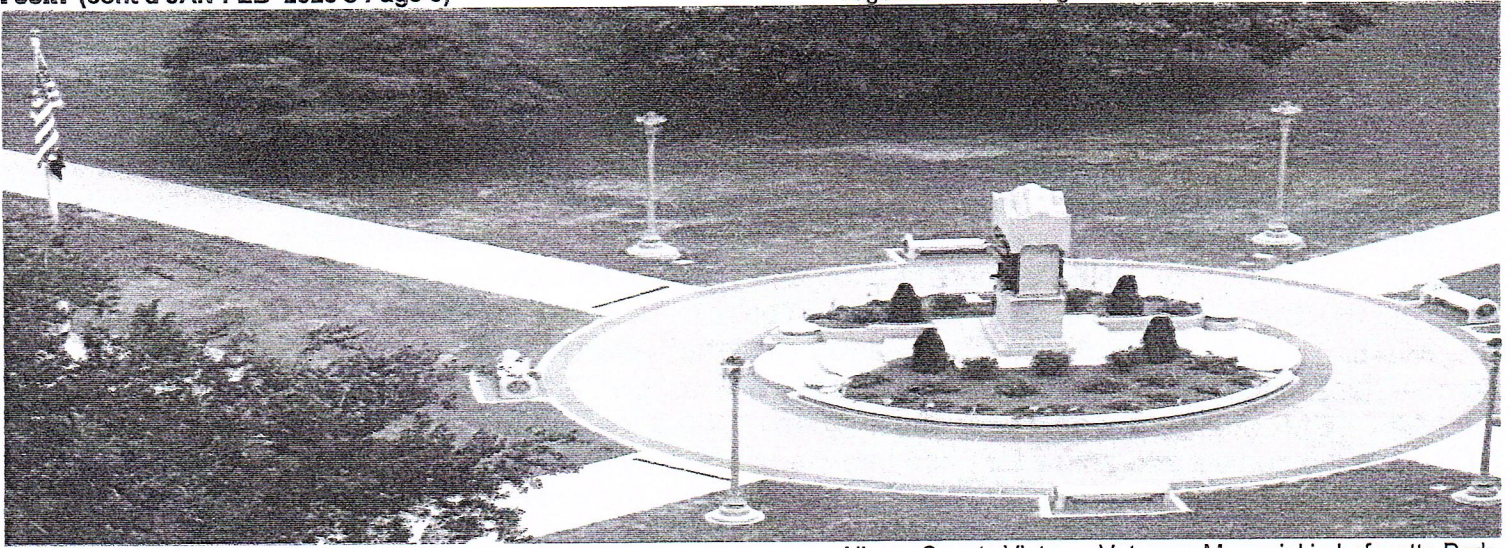
Editor's Opinion: I'd like to take this opportunity to thank a Times Union Reporter & Fellow Vietnam Brother of our TCCVEV, Terry Brown. His "DUTY CALLS" articles every Monday, informs the Capital Region of news and the "what is going on in the World of the Veteran". From promotions to awards, from personal life stories to GI's stories from the past. From 3 Generations sharing Army Paratrooper "Wings" in the Johnson Family to articles of a 100 year old Armistice newspaper donated to a Vietnam Veteran who shared the paper with Local Veteran Organizations and with the future youths of America to Santa, taking time from a busy schedule to pay his respects at the Albany County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lafayette Park.

Again, Thank You, Terry Brown for your "Personal Touch" in your articles; for me, you and the Times Union takes the time to share Veterans' news in the Capital Region - and that means the world to us. Peace, Gene.

TAPS for 2019: God Bless 6 members who passed away: William Grattan, ; Howard J. Johnson, Jr., Evan Hendricks, Stephen Pentlen, Henry Rosenzweig, "Hank" Wagoner (Christmas Day) AND 3 family relatives of our Members: Jerry D'Amelia, Sr.'s son, Gerald, Jr, Kevin Hicks, Sr.'s mother, Alice Hicks and Melody Burns' husband, Victor C. Olivett. Also, Gold Star Mothers' Dorothea Rockenstyre AND 2 Albany Parade 101 Year Old Grand Marshalls: John McCoy and Verla Wagoner.

To the TCCVEV families that had a passing, we send our sympathy & pray for all the families. God Bless them.





Albany County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lafayette Park

Capital Region's HONOR-A-VETERAN Ceremony

ALBANY County's "Honor-A-Veteran" = 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 Veterans Affairs' Committee Secretary) or email Lonnie at: LWarrington@rensko.com. View the following two internet Links for their county's information: 1) http://www.rensco.com/vet_hav.asp AND 2) <http://www.rensselaercounty.org/Honor%20A%20Veteran%20Ceremony.htm>

SARATOGA County's "Honor-Deceased-Veteran" = Application: 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 Saratoga County Veterans' Director Frank McClement, for any information pertaining to future steps at (518) 884-4115 or email FRANK at veterans@saratogacountyny.com

SCHENECTADY County's "Honor-A-Veteran" = Application: contact Schenectady County Veterans' Director, Bill Frank at (518) 377-2423 or email BILL at William.Frank@schenectadycounty.com
 Mailing Address: 797 Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12305-2704

NOTE: Every Honorably Discharged Veteran is eligible to have this ceremony & family members may apply for the veteran at any of the 4 CAPITAL REGION Counties - call for any info, application or news.

God Bless America and God Bless Veterans, serving our Country.

Important Notice:

Many returning GI's are seeking a connection with local organizations. Here's some (518) Capital District groups' INFO:

- 1) AMERICAN LEGION Posts: a) #1520 Zaloga = 459-1520; b) #1040 Blanchard (Delmar) = 439-9819;
 c) Melvin Roads #1231 (Rensselaer) = 462-7006, d) Bucci-McTague #1530 = 463-1475 & e) N Albany #1610 = 465-4800
- 2) AMVETS (American Veterans) - Post 35 in Rotterdam = Cmdr. Fred Clark III but call Doug Van Iderstyne = 356-1474
- 3) DAV (Disabled American Veterans) = 472-3638
- 4) MILITARY ORDER of the PURPLE HEART, Inc.
- 5) TCCVEV (Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans) see: SPOOKY's Front page for ALL the information
- 6) USMC Detachments: a) Albany (Capt. O'Brien) = 237-1712; b) Schenectady (Electric City) = 355-2746 c) Troy 728-6494
- 7) VFW Area Posts: a) #6776 Sheehy-Palmer = 465-9349; b) #7062 Boyd Hilton (Altamont) = 861-8323;
 c) #8444 Wm. F. Wigand (Central Ave, Albany) = 465-6992; & d) #8692 Robert L. Weininger (Colonie) = 456-7794.

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

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

RE-UP or JOIN NOW. Paid 2019 Membership in Tri-County will end at 66 for 2019. It's better than in 2018 and I hope we will do even better in 2020 - which is off to a good start with 8 "Early Birds". Life Membership stands at 183 with the addition of new Life Member, William Crapser.

Please put yourself in good standing - write your check, fill out the form below and send in your dues - YOU are done with it for another year. 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 = Birthday, Christmas, Father's Day. ONE Payment of \$150 and you're done with dues. So, write your check; filling out the form below and send in your dues. You're done with it, for another year.

NOTE: 1) 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 (2018), you paid your dues; 2) Any "DUES" or "Life Membership" status OR 3) we do NOT have the current addresses for three Life Members, they are: Mike Warner, Raymond A. White and Robert S. Turner. Any info that JERRY can use or check, in the above 3 issues - please contact JERRY D'Amelia (Membership Chairman), 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!