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GENERAL MEETINGS - 1st Tuesday of Each Month @ Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520 at 7 pm

***** MARCH *****

2	Monday	8:30 am
3	Tuesday	7 pm
7	Saturday	1 pm
7	Saturday	
9	Monday	8:30 am
10	Tuesday	7 pm
11	Wednesday	7 pm
14	Saturday	9 am
14	Saturday	
14	Saturday	9 am - 2 pm
17	Tuesday	
17	Tuesday	2:30 pm
17	Tuesday	7 pm
25	Wednesday	
27	Friday	Noon
28	Saturday	6 pm
29	Sunday	

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Albany County's HAV at Zaloga's American Legion Post 1520
TCCVEV's General Mtg at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
Schenectady County's HAV @ St. Luke's Pastoral Cntr on State St.
Wreaths Across America wreaths will be taken down at Saratoga Nat'l Cemetery
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
Blessed Sacrament's St. Patrick Day's Mass & refreshments in the Gym
TWO (2) St. Patrick's Day Parades: LIMERICKS in Menands & Albany's Parade
NYS "Remembering Our Fallen Wall" @ Greenville HS
St. Patrick's Day
Saratoga County's HAV at 40 McMaster St., Ballston Spa - Supervisor's Mtg Rm
TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
Medal of Honor Day
VA - on the 11th Floor - Annual Vietnam Veterans WELCOME HOME Event
Albany HS's JROTC "Ball" at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
National Vietnam Veterans Day

***** APRIL *****

5	Sunday	
5	Sunday	2 - 4 pm
6	Monday	8:30 am
8	Wednesday	7 pm
12	Sunday	
13	Tuesday	8:30 am
17-19	Fri-Sat-Sun.	
21	Tuesday	2:30 pm
21	Tuesday	7 pm
25	Saturday	6 pm

PALM Sunday
Ernie Pyle's (One-Man Show) LEGACY Fundraiser at Glenville's Lighthouse
Albany County's HAV at Zaloga's American Legion Post 1520
Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien Det 241 MCL General Mtg at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
EASTER Sunday
Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
Gold Star Mothers' Convention in Buffalo
Saratoga County's HAV at 40 McMaster St., Ballston Spa - Supervisor's Mtg Rm
TCCVEV's Executive Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
Blue Jean Ball at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520 - Hosted by Blue Star Mothers

President's Column

by

Joseph Pollicino

First, I'd like to congratulate our Vice President, Robert "Bobby" Allyn for being selected as Albany's 2020 Memorial Day's Grand Marshall. Many of our TCCVEV members volunteer their time for many projects and programs in the Capital Region. We are very proud of Bobby and all our members that do so much FOR the Community and IN the community. We are blessed to have a great group! It all started when we were young & has continued to TODAY. Secondly, please be careful of your health due to these new viruses & at our age, we depend on our doctors to keep us going. Well, can't wait til Spring; didn't have an opportunity to head to Florida, like others have but we're keeping busy in the Capital Region with many events & projects. That's what it's all about! Thank God that TCCVEV has many hard working & caring members. Without them, we'd be just another Vet Organization that doesn't do anything. *Peace.*

Sometimes we really do need to be reminded of the effort and sacrifice put forth, so that we can live our lives as we do today. Our men and women in service, past and present are of mobility beyond compare. They give ALL they have to see the challenge at hand to its conclusion. God bless our veterans and our active military for their integrity and dedication!

At last March is here and our thoughts turn to early Spring, warmer weather and the observance of life being renewed all around us. For just a moment, pause, allow your mind to drift back to the winter of 1777-1778. Picture our nation's father, George Washington, whose birthday we celebrated on February 22nd, with deep etchings of concern across his weary face. This concern would be about the revolution, which appeared to be in its darkest days. This concern would be about his troop, lacking adequate provisions, clothing and shelter to protect them from the howling winds and bone chilling temperatures. This concern would be about the future of this land, he held most dear.

Once dubbed, the "Bullet Proof President", because of his uncanny "good fortune" to return from battle unscathed, while his horses succumbed and his jacket bore testament to the bullets that hailed around him. Was it luck or faith? Known to be a man of God, Washington most certainly acknowledged and prayed to God-for inspiration and guidance.

One of the noted and most challenged experiences accredited to Providence for Washington, was recorded in the National Tribune in 1850. The experience occurred after Washington prayed at Valley Forge. Later, in his tent, he beheld a "vision" of an angel and the future of America. The last words heard from this Presence were, "Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, his land and the Union."

The essence of these words has been echoed in every oath for our military and government personnel to this day. So, why the discord today? Have we forgotten that we are one people, blessed by diversity and resourcefulness and united under the belief in that something greater than we, called God, Providence or the Divine.

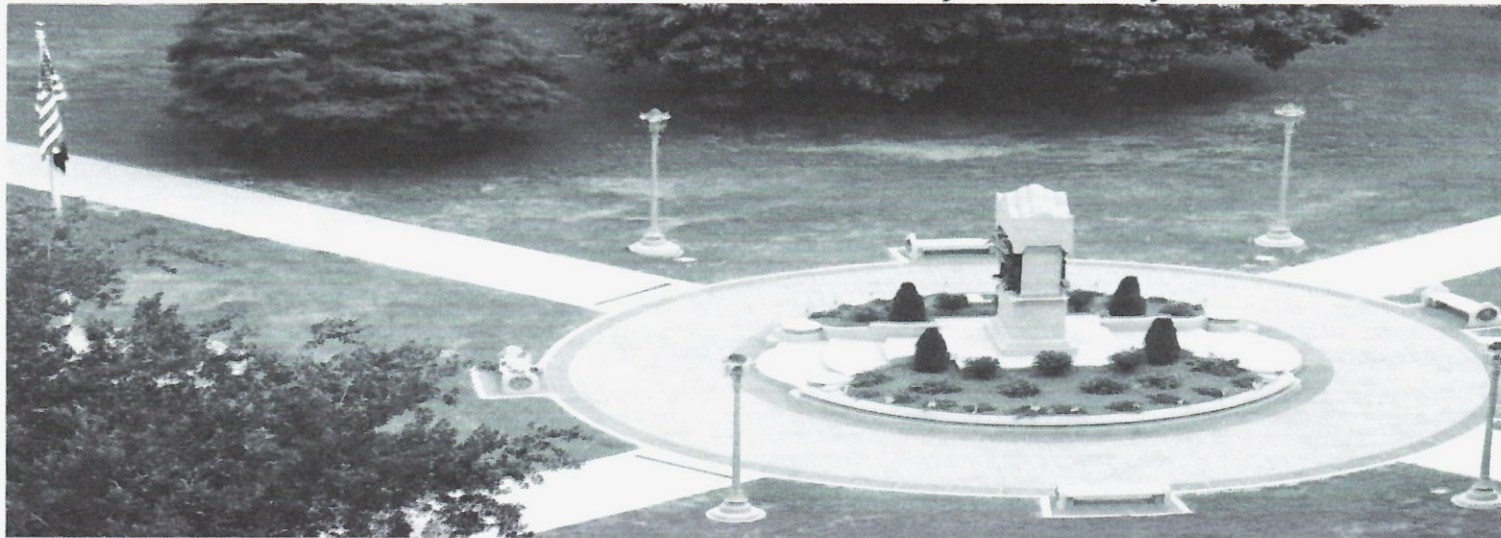
Let us remember that in all creeds, we call ourselves the children of God. Let us demonstrate, "In God We Trust", by looking for the Light in each other and not criticizing or judging the shortcomings. Let us pray that "We, the People" become our experience not just a theory. It is our birthright, it is our Duty.

God Bless America and God Bless Veterans, who served or are serving our Country

Editor's Opinion: We've had events last month (February) that more veterans should have attended. 1) Monday, "President's Day" - Feb. 17th, U.S. Sen. Schumer's visit to the Zaloga American Legion Post 1520 for a Press Conference that was for our fellow Vietnam Brothers ("...We Few, we happy few, we Band of Brothers") who had or have experienced AGENT ORANGE sickness & ailments. He wanted the VA to do more. Yes, he might be on the wrong aisle of the "Political Stance" but this wasn't a Democratic or Republican issue - it was a VIETNAM Veteran's ISSUE. 2) On Friday the 21st, The Annual Pacific Theater (Iwo Jima) Event at Zaloga Am. Legion Post 1520 was attended by 70 or so but the attendance should be more. Four "Iwo Jima" Survivors, as guest, were the center of attention - why not? They deserve it! Remember when there were many more; like, at the Pearl Harbor ceremony of previous years - I remember, many.....now, few or none. 3) On Sunday, Feb. 23rd, our own TCCVEV member, Bill Schaaf was the 55th "Four Chaplain" Honoree at Schenectady's First Reformed Church. He was selected for his many accomplishments with the Patriotic Guard Riders, Wreaths Across America, his Community service, etc. Many attended but again, there should've been more! YES, if you're working or can't make it - that's understandable. That's one thing but if your schedule permits, attend these events. Just saying! My opinion!

TAPS: Saddened to report the passing of Life Member and good friend, "Hank" Wagoner - Rest in Peace and may God Bless "Hank" and his families & friends.





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 Cty Veterans Svc. Bureau, 162 Washington Ave (7th Fl), Albany, NY 12210. You may check the following internet LINK for ceremony info & applications, at: <http://www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/VeteransServicesBureau/ProgramsandServices/HonoraVeteran.aspx>

RENSSELAER CTY's "Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran" = Application: either call Lonnie (518) 270-2760 (Rensselaer Cty Vets Affairs' Committee Sect'y) or email Lonnie at: LWarrington@rensco.com. View the following two internet Links for their Cty's info: 1) http://www.rensco.com/vet_hav.asp AND 2) <http://www.renselaercounty.org/Honor%20A%20Veteran%20Ceremony.htm>

SARATOGA CTY's "Honor-Deceased-Veteran" = Application: through the Town Supervisor's Office. Ceremony is held on the 3rd Tues. at 40 McMaster St., Ballston Spa; in the Bd of Supervisors Mtg Rm. Contact Saratoga Cty Vets' Dir. Frank McClement, for any info pertaining to future steps at (518) 884-4115 or email FRANK at veterans@saratogacountyny.com

SCHENECTADY County's "Honor-A-Veteran" = Application: contact Schenectady Cty Vets' Dir., Bill Frank at (518) 377-2423 or email 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.

Computer: Check our internet site: www.TCCVEV.com - for INFO, concerning any future events, ceremonies, dues or etc. Additionally, view FaceBook's sites: **1)** Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans, **2)** *Gene Loparco (he shares photos & info, with many other sites)*, **3)** Capital Region NY-Veterans' News and **4)** Other Veteran Organizations' - FaceBook sites (like, American Legion, AMVETS, US Marines, VFW, etc.)

An IRISH Blessing: May God give you for every storm, a rainbow, for every tear, a smile, for every care, a promise and a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends, a faithful friend to share. For every sign, a sweet song and an answer, for each prayer.

INFO REQUEST: TCCVEV needs your Email address verified for 50-50 Tickets & other INFO - send to Gene.

Important Notice: Many returning GI's are seeking a connection with local organizations.

Here's some (518) Capital District groups' INFO: 1) **MILITARY ORDER of the PURPLE HEART, Inc.**
 2) **AM LEG Posts:** a) #1256 Colonie = 456-7794 b) #1520 Zaloga (Alb) = 459-1520; c) #1040 Blanchard (Delmar) = 439-9819; c) Melvin Roads #1231 (Rensselaer) = 462-7006, d) Bucci-McTague #1530 = 463-1475 & e) N Albany #1610 = 465-4800
 3) **AMVETS (American Veterans)** - Post 35 in Rotterdam = Cmdr. Fred Clark III but call Doug Van Iderstyne = 356-1474
 4) **DAV (Disabled American Veterans)** = 472-3638
 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"

2019 Dues are NOW "Past Due"! RE-UP or JOIN NOW.....What began as a good start for "Paid 2020 Membership" in Tri-County has slowed to a crawl And is just **21** Members & coming in SLOWLY.

Let's reverse this trend, as our members have done in the past & send please send in your 2020 dues.

Please, put yourself in Good Standing - fill out the form below and write your check & send it in. Now, you are done with it - for another year. Remember, Life Membership, which stands at **183**; makes a great gift - like, for Birthdays, Father's Day, Grandfather's Day, choose any Holiday or Anniversary, ETC.

ONE payment of \$150 and YOU are finished with paying annual dues.

Our newest Life Member is JOHN W. COFFEY - welcome to TCCVEV.

NOTE: 1) Check your address label on this newsletter. After your name, if your #, starts with a number, less than # **20** - you are **NOT** paid for 2020. Example: # **19**-2356; the PREFIX #, **19**, indicates the LAST YEAR (2019), you paid your dues; OR 2) Any "DUES" or "Life Membership" status questions.

Any info that JERRY can use or check, in the above 2 issues - please contact JERRY D'Anelia (Membership Chairman), at: gdameli1@nycap.rr.com or CALL: (518) 281-3885.

2020 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!