

# SPOOKY



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### SEPTEMBER

New terms: SOCIAL DISTANCING & wear masks.

- 1 7 PM General Meeting held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 7 Labor Day
- 11 Patriot Day (Commonly Known as "Nine-Eleven")
- 15 TCCVEV Board Meeting: Location TBD - Board Members - please check "IF & WHEN & WHERE" - to make sure.
- 18 POW-MIA Recognition Day (Recognized on the Third Friday of September)
- 27 Gold Star Mothers Day of Remembrance (Last Sunday in September) - Normally a 2 PM Memorial Service at Evergreen Cemetery

### OCTOBER

REMEMBER = it could CHANGE due to the VIRUS

- 6 7 PM General Meeting held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 12 Christopher Columbus Day
- 20 TCCVEV Board Meeting: Location TBD - Board Members - please check "IF & WHEN & WHERE" - to make sure.

### NOVEMBER

ESTIMATE = VIRUS could CONTINUE into 2021

- 3 7 PM General Meeting held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 3 Election Day
- 11 Veterans Day
- 11 Gold Star Mothers LUNCHEON, is Planned at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520.....
- 11.....Raffle for the CHINA BEACH prizes; WILL be HELD - at the Zaloga Post OR at the TCCVEV's Office, but SOMEWHERE.
- 17 TCCVEV Board Meeting: Location TBD - Board Members - please check "IF & WHEN & WHERE" - to make sure.
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

**PRESIDENT Joe Pollicino's COMMENTS:** CHINA BEACH and Labor Dept's "Campus Hot Dog Luncheon" were CANCELLED due to the virus. These losses of donations has kept our account lower than normal; but we still have to assist our Members, Veterans, the Scholarship Funds, Gold Star Mothers, Blue Star Mothers, the VA and the VMC. **NOTE:** Since MARCH, due to the Coronavirus; all Veteran events; including, Albany & Rensselaer Counties' "Honor-A-Veteran" Ceremonies were Postponed or Cancelled UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. but the ABOVE Events - are Temporarily Planned. But the COVID-19, can change these Events, anytime. We're at the mercy of this virus and OUR schedule falls under County, NY State & Federal guidelines and rules. So, please, CHECK the event with your POST or ORGANIZATION for gatherings: American Legion, Elks, USMC, VFW or ETC. \*\*\* CHINA BEACH Raffle's drawing WILL be on Veterans Day (11/11) after the GSM' Luncheon (if, there's one). If, NO Luncheon; the RAFFLE Drawing, will take place SOMEWHERE, on Veterans Day; whether at the Zaloga Post or TCCVEV's Office. \*\*\*

### Chaplain's Column

by

Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins GSM

Heavenly Father, we thank you that we live in a Nation governed by the Rule of Law. For that reason, we pray for all persons involved in the Law Enforcement of our Nation; both our military and our Police Officers. We pray for their protection both at home and abroad. We know that minutes can change crisis into hope, when we take the time to pray--for God is always listening. Rev. John Witherspoon, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, is quoted as saying "if your case is just, if your principles are pure, and your conduct is prudent, you need not fear the multitudes of opposing hosts." "Remember ever and always, that our country was founded by the stern old Puritans, who made the deck of the *Mayflower* an altar of the living God and whose first act On touching the soil of the New World was to offer on bended knees thanksgiving to Almighty God." (Henry Wilson, 18th Vice President under President Ulysses S. Grant). Our prayer today, to all of our nation's officers and veterans, is to thank God for keeping you safe and out of harm's way. We ask God to comfort the families of the officers and veterans fallen in the "Line of Duty" and fill their hearts with peace. **AMEN** Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called "The children of God".



Please Remember Me **FOUNDATION** Flags are still flying on Route 9 in Loudonville and Latham. Each flag represents **TEN** veterans that never returned home. These **165** flags are for the **1,898** men and women from the Capital Region, since World War 1 that made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom. Since 2013, National Grid employees, have volunteered in raising these flags and **ALL** flags will remain displayed until after Labor Day, when they are lowered and stored for the Winter.

**Membership News:** RE-UP or JOIN NOW....."Paid 2020 Membership" in Tri-County has just **45** Members & considering what we're going through - this isn't bad. Life Membership remains at **184**, let's show support by sending in your 2020 dues. 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:** 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: # **18**-1234; the PREFIX #, **18**, indicates the LAST YEAR (2018), you paid your dues). Also, any "DUES" or "Life Membership" status - please contact JERRY D'Amelia (Membership Chairman), at: [gdameli1@nycap.rr.com](mailto:gdameli1@nycap.rr.com) or CALL him at: (518) 281-3885. < 2020 Regular **DUES** are \$15, Annually -- OEF & OIF Veterans are 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](mailto:Loparco8888@yahoo.com)

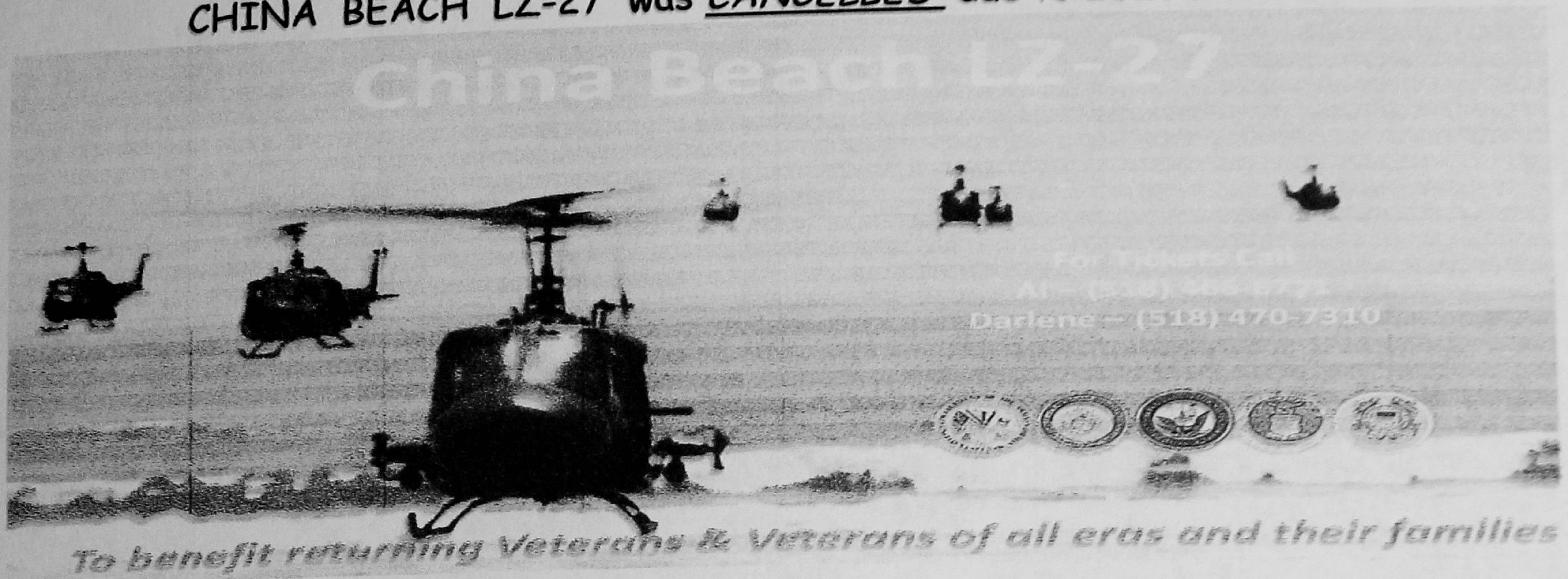
**God Bless America!**

**Remember OUR Veteran!**





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The loss of donations have kept TCCVEV's account lower then normal; but we still have to assist our Members, Veterans, the Scholarship Funds, Gold Star Mothers, Blue Star Mothers, the VA & the VMC.

So, we have EXTRA time to sell TICKETS because this is a very important fundraiser for Tri-County. If, YOU need additional tickets, CALL: Al Diacetis = (518) 466-8771 or Darlene Stanton = (518) 470-7310.

TCCVEV really needs YOUR help in selling tickets. Presently, the number of "Sold or Retuned" tickets, are being purchased and are very very LOW due to the virus. Also, the returns are arriving SLOWLY. FRIENDS returning to work can possibly sell some tickets - that would help TCCVEV immensely.

NOTE: That's why we decided to ENCLOSE & mail out **ONE** more ticket to ALL our "Post Office Mailers".

We REALIZED that we mailed 2 tickets with the January's "SPOOKY" Newsletter; PRIOR to the VIRUS. Who knew that COVID-19 would have an impact on Albany County, NY State, the United States Federal Government, the WORLD, TCCVEV's programs for supporting the Community, etc.!

Again, with adding **ONE** more ticket, in this "SPOOKY" Newsletter - it will help Tri-County's Programs.

Enclosed in the newsletter, there's an small envelope to return ALL "Ticket STUBs with your check" OR "Unwanted &/or Unsold" tickets (just FOLD these Ticket(s) in HALF - add a stamp & address it to:  
TCCVEV, P.O. Box 11100; Albany, NY 12211.

*WE thank you for your consideration and donations during this virus period.*

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## TRI-COUNTY COUNCIL VIETNAM ERA VETERANS

### RAFFLE



1st Prize	\$5,000.00
2nd Prize	\$2,500.00
4 - 3rd Prizes	\$500.00 ea.
TOTAL PRIZE MONEY \$9,500	



Drawing: **NOV. 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020 = Vets Day** CHINA BEACH XXVII

Ticket Info: Al @ 518-466-8771 or Darlene Straton @ 518-470-7310

All Proceeds Will Benefit Veterans and Their Families of All Conflicts

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DONATION  
**\$10.00**

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LIMITED TO 4000 TICKETS \* WINNER RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL TAXES \* NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN!





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**CHINA BEACHES**

