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NOVEMBER

ESTIMATED = VIRUS could CONTINUE into 2021

- 3 7 PM TCCVEV's General Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 3 Election Day - VOTE; it's your right and many have died for that Freedom. Unless, you did "BALLOTS" or "EARLY VOTING".
- 11 Veterans Day & for the Activities - see Mark Rosenzweig's Schedule
- 11 NOON CHINA BEACH Raffle WILL be HELD for prizes; at Lafayette Park's Flag Pole area.
- 17 10:30 AM TCCVEV Board Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 26 Thanksgiving Day

DECEMBER 2020

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- 1 7 PM TCCVEV's General Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day
- 15 10:30 AM TCCVEV Board Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 25 Christmas Day - Have a Blessed & Happy one with your Family.
- 31 New Year's Eve

JANUARY 2021

ESTIMATED = VIRUS could CONTINUE thru 2021

- 1 HAPPY New Year.....Let's pray that 2021 will be a much Healthier & Safer Year.
- 5 7 PM TCCVEV's General Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520

PRESIDENT Joe Pollicino's MESSAGE for FREE Dental Service: The following message reads, with the American Flag as Background:
"Thank you for your service...now, it is our time to support you!"

FREE Dental Cleanings for Veterans at Hudson Valley Community College Dental Hygiene Clinic

Services include: 1) Oral Evaluation, periodontal screening, patient education, dental prophylaxis (cleaning), polishing, fluoride treatment 2) Radiographs for a low-cost including bitewings, full-mouth series, and Panorex

3) Sealants for a low-cost 4) Dental Nutritional Counseling

Call NOW for Appointments Starting in January 2021

(www.hvcc.edu/dept-academic/health/dhy-clinic)

HVCC Dental Hygiene Clinic: (518) 629 -7400

Chaplain's Column

by

Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins GSM

Over 100 years ago, Wallace Wattles penned these words, "Do not rage against corrupt politicians: if it were not for politicians we should fall into anarchy, and your opportunity would be greatly lessened. God has worked a long time and very patiently to bring us up to where we are in industry and government and He is going right on with His work. There is no doubt that He will do away with plutocrats, trust magnates, captains of industry and politicians as soon as they can be spared; but in the meantime behold they are very good. Remember that they are all helping to arrange the lines of transmission along which your good, will come to you and be grateful to them all. This will bring you into harmonious relations with the good in everything and the good in everything will move toward you." Remember the quote, if you take the God out of GOOD, you are left with "0".

Let God inspire each of us to make the choices on Election Day, as we express our gratitude for the ability to choose.

GOD BLESS America and all of the noble men and women who serve and protect.

Luke 6:27 "But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

Matthew 5:44 "But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

Today, during these days of turmoil, more than ever - we need to be Patriotic.....

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".

FROM **PAGE 1, NOVEMBER 11th's VETERANS DAY Schedule** - per Mark Rosenzweig, Chairman - City of Albany Joint Vets Committee:

Official Announcement - Veterans Day Ceremonies on November 11, 2020, in Albany, NY:

History Note: On November 11, 1918, fighting in World War I came to an end following the signing of an armistice between the Allies & Germany that called for a ceasefire effective at 11 a.m.; was known as Armistice Day - it was the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month (11/11 @ 11 am). This date later became known as Veterans Day.

ALL are welcome to these EVENTS; MUST wear MASKS & use SOCIAL DISTANCING

PART 1 11am - at the Lady of Peace in Memorial Grove, on the corner of South Lake Ave & New Scotland Ave:

- * Color Guard: Albany High School JROTC, led by Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Michael Lubinski
- * Gold Star Father Gerry Seyboth - Opening Remarks and Prayer
- * Followed by Wreath Laying American Gold Star Mothers Albany Chapter Members (Moment of Silence, Honor and Respect)
- * Followed by *Amazing Grace* on Bag Pipes by Michelle Perkinson of the New York State Department of Corrections' Emerald Society Pipe Band
- * Concludes this Ceremony, we will rejoin at 12 Noon - see **PART 2**

PART 2 12 Noon - at the Albany County Vietnam Veterans Memorial & Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Lafayette Park:

- * Vietnam Veteran and President of Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans, Joseph Pollicino - Opening Remarks
- * Followed by American Gold Star Mother Kim Vandenburg with Prayer
- * Followed by Wreath Laying at the Albany County Vietnam Veterans Memorial by Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans' members (Moment of Silence, Honor and Respect)
- * Followed by Wreath Laying at the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument by Gold Star Family Members present (Moment of Silence, Honor and Respect)
- * Followed by TAPS
- * Concludes today's formal events. ALL are welcome to visit in Lafayette Park; if, you feel comfortable. Remember to wear your MASK and use Social Distancing.

PART 3 After TAPS, Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans, at the Lafayette Park Flag Pole area; will have their China Beach Raffle Drawing; since this event was cancelled in August due to COVID-19.

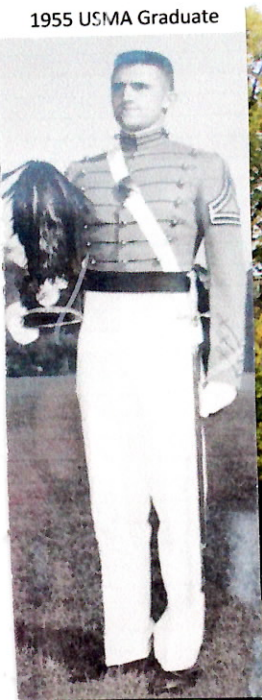
"God Bless America and God Bless Veterans, who served or are serving our Country"

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: 1) The Colonie Senior Svc Centers will honor Veterans during its annual Vets Recognition Luncheon at 11:20 AM, Monday November 9th, during a Drive-Thru at the Beltrone Living Center, 6 Winners Circle, Colonie. The Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520 Members will assist with festivities and lunch distribution. Veterans are invited to take part at no charge and to bring a guest. To make Reservations: (518) 459-2857 Ext 303 by Noon, November 6th. Info, per TU's "Duty Calls" article.

2) ALL "Honor-A-Veteran" ceremonies (Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady) have been cancelled due to the virus. 3) Actually, many Veteran & Fraternal Organizations are just starting to entertain their General Meetings due to the virus. Let's pray that this will change in 2021.

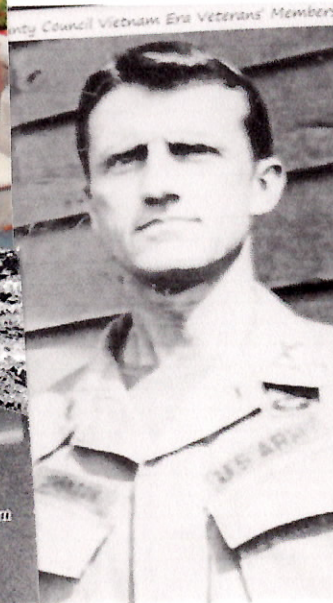
4) If, you need ADDITIONAL China Beach LZ-27 RAFFLE Tickets, CALL Al Diacetis, at: (518) 466 - 8771. He'll deliver them, if he has to - this is a TCCVEV Fundraiser and the virus has cancelled or postponed the EVENTS that we had lined up for 2020. So, PLEASE consider these tickets - you have until 11/11 at noon.

1955 USMA Graduate

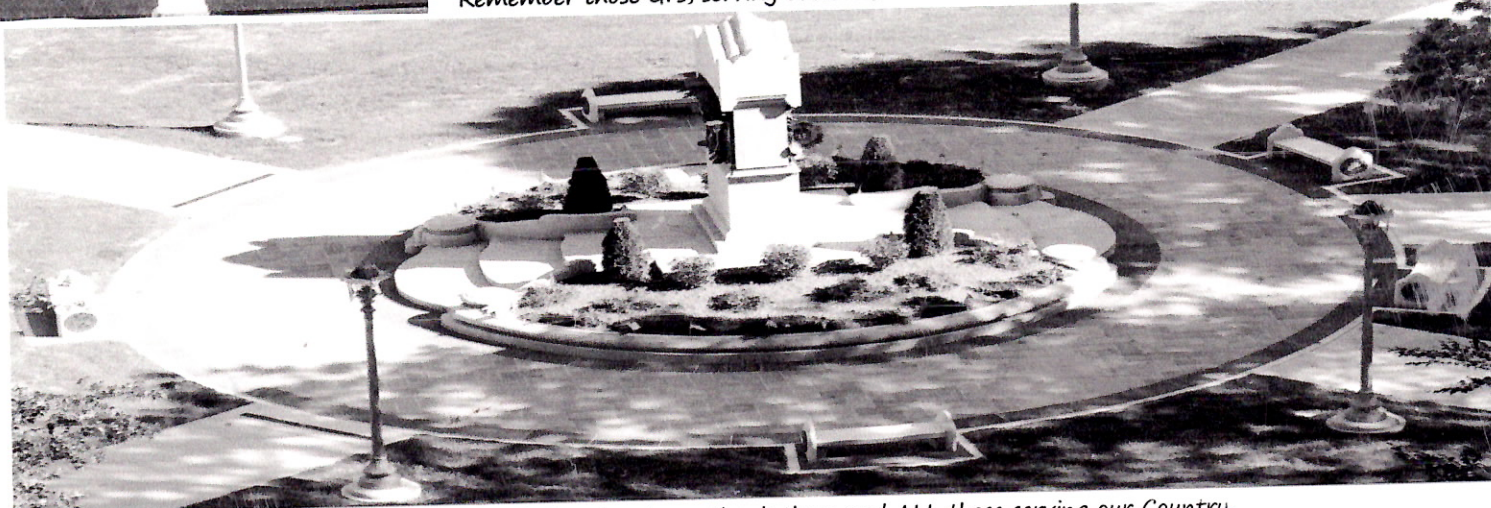


VIETNAM Colonel

US Army Colonel Charlie Johnson (Ret.)



Remember those GI's, serving overseas; both men & women, they're away from their families.



Let us say a prayer for their safe return; thank them and ALL those serving our Country.



TAPS: Saddened to report the passing of Member and good friend, Leo J. Hines - Rest in Peace.

Our sympathy to Gene & Linda Loparco on the loss of Gene's sister, Mary Grace Loparco, a volunteer at Please Remember Me.

Memembership News:

Paid Membership is 51 and considering what we are all going through, I think this is good. Please put yourself in good standing, write your check, fill out the form below & send in your dues - you're done for another year. LIFE Membership, which stands at 185, makes a great gift. One payment of \$150 and you're done with dues. Tri-County has a NEW Member: Andrew R. Vickery - "Welcome". Also, we have 3 NEW Life Members: William H. Frank, Jr., William Kosek and Joe Savoie.

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 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 & 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!

