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2021 PUBLICATION: May & June - *BONUS, the Summer (July + August) - September, too*

President's Column by Joseph Pollicino

Again, being optimistic that we can see "the light at the end of the tunnel" is so positive but let us remember - do not take for granted that the COVID-19 pandemic is done. Let's hope & pray that the rest of 2021 will be a safer and healthier and getting back to normal. TCCVEV is looking forward to China Beach & hope all goes well on 8/8/21. We need to sell many Raffle Tickets to reach our goal that enables TCCVEV and it's members, to assist Veterans & their families, projects, scholarship funds, helping our Gold Star Mothers and Blue Star Mothers. TCCVEV is very grateful for the contributions that ShopRite has given, over the years. Because of our association with ShopRite, we are able to assist in many areas from the Capital Region - such as the College Endowments to Adirondack College, Hudson Valley CC, Russell Sage and Schenectady CC.

Our members have been volunteering since TCCVEV started in 1982: Color Guard/Firing Detail, VA Hospital, Vet Track (Court System), VMC (Veterans Miracle Center), NYS Labor Dept. Events and the McKenna Military Courtesy Room at Albany Airport. Our 40th Anniversary will be upon us, very quickly & YES, we WILL be doing something special; it'll be in 2022 (maybe the Fall), but for now - we're starting to "dot the i's and cross the t's, Also, Congratulations to Cindy A. Roberts, being elected as NY State GSM' President & to Carrie Farley, Chapter #11 - here in the Capital Region. Good Luck and God Bless.

Chaplain's Corner by Rev. Charlene Robbins GSM

"If, it were not for the United States military, there would be NO United States of America"

Most eternal God, as Americans, we want to thank you for this great country. We are not proud but humbled that in your divine sovereignty; we were born or naturalized in such a nation as this. Thank you for those serving and those who have served in the military protecting this country of ours. Also, thank you for those men and women in our military services who were willing to give their lives and who gave their lives to keep this country free....men and women, we respect, relied on and remember this Memorial Day for their valor, demonstrated by their willingness to run toward danger while others ran away. the debt we owe them for our way of life is priceless.

Please take the opportunity to drive on Route 9 in Latham & Loudonville to observe the "Please Remember Me" Flags that are flying in honor of our fallen military men & women from the Capital Region. God Bless America & God Bless our Veterans. Amen.
Proverbs 16:7.7 When the LORD takes pleasure in anyone's way, He causes their enemies to make peace with them.

Capital Region County's HONOR-A-VETERAN Ceremonies

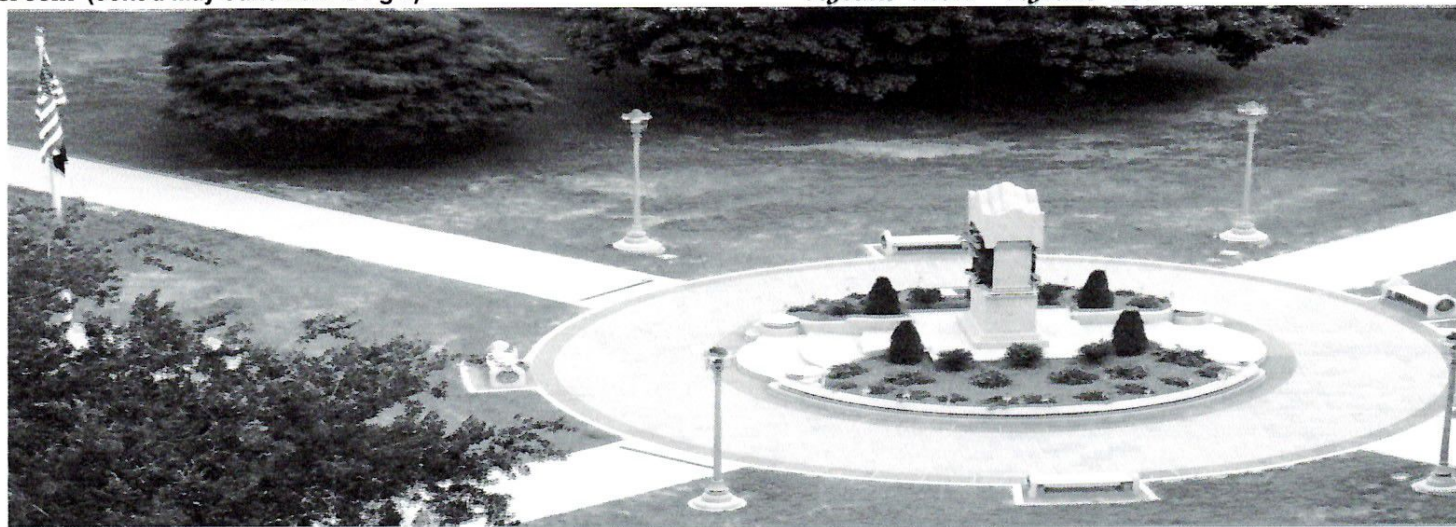
ALBANY = App. = call (518) 447-7710 or mail: Albany Cty Vets Svc. Bureau, 162 Washington Ave (7th Fl), Albany, NY 12210.
<http://www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/VeteransServicesBureau/ProgramsandServices/HonoraVeteran.aspx>

RENSSELAER = App. = Lonnie (518) 270-2760 (Renss. Cty Vets Affairs' Comm Sect'y) or email: LWarrington@rensco.com.
2 Links = http://www.rensco.com/vet_hav.asp & <http://www.rensselaercounty.org/Honor%20A%20Veteran%20Ceremony.htm>

SARATOGA = App. = via Town Supervisor's Ofc. = 40 McMaster St., Ballston Spa; Contact Saratoga Cty Vets' Dir. Frank McClement, (518) 884-4115 or email veterans@saratogacountyny.com

SCHENECTADY = App. = Director, 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.



Albany County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lafayette Park

PUBLICATION: May - June - July - August - September*NO General Meetings in July & August - VIRUS could Cancel Events*

A Community Service for this SPOOKY's May Newsletter - Listing organizations and their events - check the time & dates

2021	NO Albany Memorial Day Parade	<i>*Organizations go to the Nat'l Cemetery to place flags at different days & times*</i>
MAY	1st	Please Remember Me Flags are scheduled to be raised on Route 9 in Latham & Loudonville by National Grid
4	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
11	7 pm	American Legion Post 1520 General Meeting @ Zaloga
12	7 pm	USMC Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien MCL Det 241's General Mtg at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
18	10:30am	TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
20	7pm	"E J" Knapik AMVETS Post 35-NY's Gen'l Mtg at the Guilderland Elks Lodge on Carmen Road
26	Noon'ish	Gold Star Mothers Ceremony at Labor Dept. (Campus) - a LOW KEY attendance event
26	TBD	Memorial Day Ceremony at the Colonie Crossings.....scheduled but not verified - please check
27	9'ish	USMC Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien MCL Det 241's Flags placing at the National Cemetery
27	6 pm	Flags placed at Evergreen Cemetery by Robert L. Weininger VFW Post 8692 Members
28	6:30pm	Robert L. Weininger VFW Post 8692's Memorial Ceremony
30	9'ish	USMC Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien MCL Det 241's Flags placing at Albany Rural Cemetery (check the time)
30	1pm	American Legion Post 1520's Memorial Day "Zaloga Bros." Grave Ceremony at Our Lady of Angels (next to Colonie Center)
31	10am	TCCVEV & other organizations: Placing a wreath at the Lady of Peace (at corner of New Scotland Ave. & Lake St)
31	11am	TCCVEV & other organizations: Placing a wreath & Ceremony at the Gold Star Families' Memorial
JUNE		6th is D-DAY 1944....."Beaches of Normandy, France"
1	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
8	7 pm	American Legion Post 1520 General Meeting @ Zaloga
9	7 pm	USMC Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien MCL Det 241's General Mtg at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
13	Sunday	RUN for the FALLEN; runners arrive approximately 3 - 3:30pm at Lafayette Park
14		Flag Day - Fly "Old Glory" and honor those who made the supreme sacrifice for the "Red, White & Blue"
15	10:30am	TCCVEV's BD Mtg will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520 - ALSO, Happy B'day ARMY (1775)
JULY		NO General Meeting.....4th - Independence Day - Happy Birthday America!!!!!! Check on the FIREWORKS time.
20	10:30am	TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
AUGUST		NO General Meeting.....7th - National Purple Heart Day
8	12-5pm	TCCVEV's Annual CHINA BEACH PicNic at the Polish American Citizens Club of America (110 Commerce Ave, Albany)
17	10:30am	TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
18	Wednesday	Altamont Fair Veterans' Day - FREE Admission for the Veteran.....scheduled but please check
SEPTEMBER		6th is LABOR DAY
7	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
8	7 pm	USMC Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien MCL Det 241's General Mtg at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
11		Patriot Day (Commonly Known as "Nine-Eleven") (9-11 Ceremonies throughout the area (check for the time of events)
14	7 pm	American Legion Post 1520 General Meeting @ Zaloga
17		POW-MIA Recognition Day (Annually the 3rd Friday)
21	10:30am	TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
26		Gold Star Mothers Day possibly, a Memorial Ceremony at Evergreen Cemetery (months away - verify this event)

NOTE No matter what events are shown, with or without TIMES - it could be cancelled due to COVID-19. So, check with the newspapers, TV, your post or lodge, fellow members or veterans for verification of changes. Nothing is guaranteed. Check TCCVEV's Facebook and internet sites; also, Gene Loparco's FACEBOOK & other Links/Sites. This virus warrants us to double check ALL events & times-to be safe!

Reminder: MAY 15th is National Armed Forces DAY

China Beach

For Tickets Call
Darlene ~ (518) 470-7310
Al ~ (518) 466-8771

To benefit returning Veterans & Veterans of all eras and their families
Drawing held Sunday ~ August 8, 2021 at the Polish American Citizens Club of America
110 Commerce Avenue, Albany, New York - 12 Noon - 5 PM (Rain or Shine)
Tickets \$20.00, (kids 6-12) \$10.00, Kids 5 and under free (Includes food and beverages).

1st Prize - \$5,000.00 2nd Prize \$2,500.00 5-3rd Prizes \$500.00 ea.
No need to be present to win! Responsible For All Taxes

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POW/MIA
YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

TCCVEV needs your assistance....the loss of donations have kept TCCVEV's account lower than normal; but we still have to assist our members, vets, the Scholarship Funds, Gold Star Mothers, Blue Star Mothers, the VA & the VMC.

Presently, the number of "Sold or Returned" tickets, are being purchased and are very very LOW due to the virus. Friends returning to work can possibly sell some tickets - that would help TCCVEV immensely. So, we have extra time to sell Tickets because this is a very important fundraiser for Tri-County. ***\$10 Tix cost for \$10,000 in Prizes***.

If, YOU need additional tickets, CALL: Darlene Stanton = (518) 470-7310 OR Al Diaceti = (518) 466-8771.

We realized that we mailed 2 tickets with the January's "SPOOKY" Newsletter but who knew that COVID-19 would continue and have an impact on Albany County, NY State, the United States Federal Government, the WORLD and TCCVEV's programs for supporting the Community, etc.! Adding the Raffle Tickets, will help Tri-County's Programs.

Enclosed with the newsletter, there's the TWO Raffle Tickets, a 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.

NOTE: China Beach Raffle's drawing will be Sunday, August 8th, at the Polish American Citizens Club of America

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

5 Quotes: 1) "Too bad all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving cabs or cutting hair" - George Burns, 2) "What you do not want done to yourself do not do to others" Confucius, 3) "Well, I made it" - Charles Lindbergh (replying, after the America to France (May 20-21, 1927 flight), 4) "Veni, vidi, vici" ("I came, I saw, I conquered") - Julius Caesar and the last quotation 5) "...We Few, we happy few, we Band of Brothers" - my favorite. Guess who said it!

Editor's Comments: During this pandemic, how has it changed YOUR life & the family - friends around you? Has it made you realize that life is precious & don't take it for granted? Appreciate life & do more? Pray more? Food for thought!

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



TAPS: Saddened to report the passing of a **NON-Member**, Joe Nardolillo - brother to Pete, Bill & John. Rest in Peace!

Membership News: 39 Members have already paid their 2021 dues. This is really a good start for the year, but, we still have a long way to go. Please keep the momentum going and send yours, NOW. Remember, Life Membership, which is **186**, it makes a great gift (one \$150 payment and you are done with dues.....FOREVER!).

NOTE: Check your address LABEL on this newsletter. After your name, if your #, starts with a number, less than # **21** - you are **NOT** paid for 2021. (Example: # **20**-1234; the PREFIX #, **20**, indicates the LAST YEAR (2020), you paid your dues). Also, any "DUES" or "Life Membership" status - please contact Jerry D'Amelia (Membership Chairman), at: gdameli1@nycap.rr.com or JERRY 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!

Congrats!



Best of Luck!

GSM Chapter # 11 President: Carrie Farley

2021-2023 NY Dept. GSM President: Cindy Roberts