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General Meetings are the 1st Tuesday of Each Month

MAY 2 8:30 am Albany Cty's HAV Ceremony at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
3 7 PM TCCVEV's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
6 Military Spouse's Appreciation Day
9 8:30 am Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
10 7 PM Joseph E. Zaloga's General Meeting at their American Legion Post 1520
11 7 PM Capt. O'Brien USMC General Meeting at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
17 10:30 am TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at Catherine St.'s Office
22 9 am Flags placed by TCCVEV, at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, in Colonie
25 NOON GSM' Memorial Service at the Campus Labor Department Bldg.
25 4 pm Veterans Memorial Day Parade at the Crossing of Colonie
25 5:30 pm Memorial Day Ceremony at the Crossing of Colonie
26 6 pm Rotterdam Memorial Day Parade
28 9 am Flags placed by TCCVEV, at Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont
28 9 am Flags placed by TCCVEV, at National Cemetery, in Saratoga
28 2 pm WWII Pyle's Performance at Proctor's Rotterdam Memorial Parade
29 1 pm Rensselaer Memorial Day Parade, honoring TCCVEV Organization
30 9:30 am Albany's Memorial Day Parade
30 After Parade Wreath Laying in Lafayette Park

*May 8th:
Mother's Day*

*MAY 21ST
Armed Forces Day*

*Grand Marshalls - Cindy Roberts & Mary Jenke
(GSM's) (NYS President)*

JUNE 6 8:30 am Albany Cty's HAV Ceremony at the Blanchard-Currey Post 1040 in Delmar
7 7 PM TCCVEV's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
9 6 PM Albany HS JROTC Awards, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
12 2:30 pm Run for the Fallen runners, will arrive in Albany's Lafayette Park
13 8:30 am Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
14 Flag Day ----- U.S. Army's Birthday: 24TH
21 10:30 am TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at Catherine St.'s Office
26 8:30 am Boys State bus leaves from the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520

*June 19th:
Father's Day*

JULY 4 Happy Independence Day! NO General Meetings during the SUMMER Months
5 8:30 am Albany Cty's HAV Ceremony at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
11 8:30 am Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)

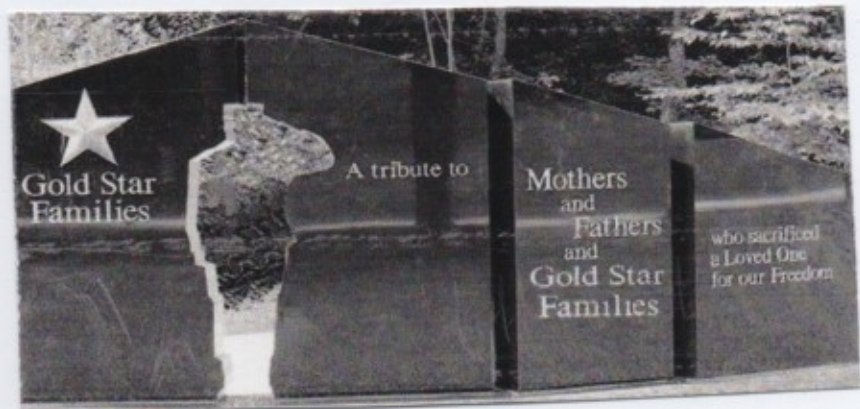
AUG 14 NOON China Beach
27 6 pm BSM' Blue Jean Ball, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520

SEPT 5 Labor Day General Meetings - Resume - the 1st Tuesday of Each Month
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12 8:30 am Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
16 5:30 pm TCCVEV's 40th Annv. Dinner at Latham's Century House
20 10:30 am TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at Catherine St.'s Office
25 Gold Star Mothers and Family DAY

PRESIDENT Joe Pollicino's Column: We lost a fellow brother, great friend, super person & someone who always was there to help.....in any way, he did everything! Burt Thorne (6/12/45-4/16/22); Former TCCVEV 2000-2001's President and Board Member and Albany's 2016 Memorial Day Parade's Grand Marshal - it was an honor for him. Note: Per Burt's request - NO VIEWING but on Monday, the 25th, Tri-County Council VN Era Vets' Members with Burt's Family and Friends paid their last respects at Saratoga's National Cemetery, on a beautiful warm sunny day. The service was perfect and the Chaplain's prayers, inspiring. Saratoga's Honor Guard, their Ritual with TAPS; was greatly appreciated, as well as the U.S.A.F. Military presence, with their Flag Ritual and their folding & presentation of the flag to Rose. A parade of 25 vehicles headed to the funeral service, it was an awesome site. Prayers to Rose, Kevin, Andrea and to ALL his family. May God Bless them and may they find comfort with Burt's many memories. Rest in Peace!

Besides, the placing of flags and wreaths during the month of May, the "POPPY Month"; in remembering veterans; we show respect and honor, too. The Gold Star Mothers engage in many events, such as the Memorial Service at The "Campus" Labor Dept.'s Bldg., on May 25th, at NOON. Also, after the Albany's Memorial Day Parade, in Lafayette Park; Gold Star Mothers and TCCVEV members will be laying two wreaths, at the Albany County Vietnam Veterans Memorial and the Gold Star Family's Memorials.

A REMINDER: China Beach is our Primary Fundraiser, proceeds to go the assistance of the veteran, if anyone would like to help TCCVEV sell CHINA BEACH Beach tickets at work, at organizations that you belong to or even your friends and family.....PLEASE, CALL: Darlene Stanton at (518) 470 - 7310 or Al Diacetes at (518) 466 - 8771.....Tri-County appreciates your assistance - Thank You!



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.

Chaplain's Column

by

Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins GSM

Over one of the doors, in the Library of Congress in Washington, DC is written; "Man is in one world and hath another to attend him", reminding us that we are not alone. We have God's Grace and Love sustaining us at all times. With the recent loss of one of our own, Airman Burt Thorne, a man beloved and befriended by all; we turn back to the knowledge that we are all in God's hands. The pain of our loss is eased in knowing that, it's not goodbye but farewell until we meet again.

In this season of rebirth, renewal and resurrection; even as we celebrate with different traditions, let us REMEMBER that WE ARE MOVING from DARKNESS to the LIGHT, literally and symbolically. We are part of God's family and can work together to heal the wounds of loss, restoring the peace that passes all understanding. Allow yourself to feel....really feel that same joyous wonder, as a child anticipates discovering the decorated eggs on Easter morning. See the world through the eyes of this innocence, filled with promise, adventure and glee.

Now is the time to 'FEEL' the love and lend a hand, share a smile or pray a simple prayer; thanking God for our Veterans, our Heroic Fallen and their families and America. May the Sacred Blessings of this season fill your hearts with joy.

Corinthians 13:13 "Now abide Faith, Hope and Love, these three; but the greatest of these is Love"

John 8:18 "Let us Love, not in word or speech but in Truth and Action"

From Treasurer, John DelBalso's Desk: "If, YOU would like to be NOTIFIED of upcoming TCCVEV events or changes via TEXT MESSAGE - Please CONTACT John DelBalso at: Jdelb@aol.com - with YOUR cell number AND request."

Capital Region: ALBANY County's "Honor-A-Vet" Application: call (518) 447-7710 or mail: Albany Cty Veterans Svc. Bureau, 162 Washington Ave (7th Fl), Albany, NY 12210. You may CK 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: call Lonnie (518) 270-2760 (Rensselaer County Veterans Affairs' Committee Sec'ty) or email Lonnie at: LWarrington@rensco.com. View the following 2 internet Links for info:

1) http://www.rensco.com/vet_hav.asp and 2) <http://www.rensselaercounty.org/Honor%20A%20Veteran%20Ceremony.htm>

SARATOGA County's monthly HAV Ceremony is held on the 3rd Tuesday at 40 McMaster St., Ballston Spa - in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room = Contact Frank McClement, County Veterans Director for any INFO pertaining to future steps @ (518) 884-4115 or email = veterans@saratogacountyny.com **SCHENECTADY** For INFO; contact County Veterans Director, Bill Frank at (518) 377-2423 or email Bill at: William.Frank@schenectadycounty.com NOTE: Every veteran is eligible to have this ceremony and family members may apply for the veteran at any of the 4 CAPITAL REGION Counties - call for any info, applications or general news.

NOTE: due to COVID, all Events could be postponed or cancelled; check with the county Directors OR veteran organizations for changes.

Important Notice: Many returning GI's are seeking a connection with local organizations and if, YOU have the opportunity to assist ANYONE - please, do so. Here's some (518) Capital District organization's INFO:

- 1) AMERICAN LEGION Posts: a) #1520 Zaloga = 459-1520; b) #1040 Blanchard-Currey (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 = contact = Doug Van Iderstynne = 356-1474
- 6) TCCVEV (Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans) - see: SPOOKY's Front page for ALL the information
- 7) USMC Detachments: a) Albany (Capt. O'Brien) = 237-1712; b) Schenectady (Electric City) = 355-2746 c) Troy 728-6494
- 8) VFW Area Posts: a) #6776 Sheehy-Palmer = 465-9349; b) #7062 Boyd Hilton (Altamont) = 861-8323;
- c) #8444 Wm. F. Wigand = 465-6992; and d) #8692 Robert L. Weininger (Colonie) = 456-7794.

Editor's Opinions-Comments: Hope all enjoy SPOOKY! I try to keep it interesting besides informative. Also, my challenge is the selection of the right photos. Email me (loparco8888@yahoo.com) for any comments. Thank you, Jerry D'Amelia for doing the labeling & to my wife, Linda for always folding 350 newsletters with me. What a TEAM!



TAPS: Our sympathy to the families of 4 Life Members: Burt Thorne, who passed away on April 16th; the Ronald Brand, Bob Kraft and Jim Pratt Families. God Bless them and may they ALL Rest in Peace. May their families find comfort, too.

Membership News:

54 Members have already paid for 2021 and this is a good start. This is just about where we were at this time last year, and considering what's been happening; we're doing okay. **2022 Dues are NOW Due - 14 Members have already paid for 2022** and this is a good start. Please send yours in, NOW. Remember, Life Membership, which is now at **190 LIFE Members**, makes a great gift - Birthday, Christmas, Father's Day or ANY Day. One payment of \$150 and you're done with dues.....FOREVER!

NOTE: Check your address LABEL on this newsletter. After your name, if your #, starts with a number, less than # 22 - you are **NOT** paid for 2022. (Example: # 21-1234; the PREFIX #, 21, indicates the LAST YEAR (2021), you paid your dues). Also, any "Dues" or "Life Membership" status - contact Jerry D'Amelia (Membership Chairman), at: gdameli1@nycap.rr.com or CALL Jerry at: (518) 281-3885. < 2022 Regular **DUES** are \$15, Annually -- OEF & OIF Veterans are Welcomed! >

***** DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT ADDRESS --- LET US KNOW.....THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT *****

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!

