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SEPTEMBER

- 1 DEADLINE for the 40th Anniversary Dinner
- 5 Labor Day
- 6 8:30 am Albany County's HAV, honoring Army Vietnam, Henry Rosenzweig at Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 6 **DRIVE SAFE** --- Watch Out For the **CHILDREN.....SCHOOL** Begins
- 6 7 PM TCCVEV's General Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 10 10 am Blue Star Mothers' 9-11 Ceremony at Colonie Central HS
- 11 9-11...Patriot Day
- 12 8:30 am Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
- 16 5:30 PM TCCVEV's 40th Anniversary Dinner at Latham's Century House
- 20 10:30 am TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at Catherine St.'s Office
- 21 POW-MIA Recognition
- 21. NOON Labor Department's "Hot Dog" Luncheon FUNDRAISER at Bldg 12
- 25 Gold Star Mothers' Day Normally, there's a 2 pm Ceremony at Evergreen's Cemetery on Central Ave (Schd'y-Colonie)

OCTOBER

- 1 7 PM TCCVEV's General Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 3 8:30 am Albany County's HAV, at Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 9 11am-4pm Please Remember Me's Fundraiser at "The Crossings of Colonie". Parade starts at 1pm, sharp! If, you are carrying one of the 300 Flags.....be there for 11am AND "it's FIRST come, FIRST serve"
- 10 Columbus Day
- 11 8:30 am Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
- 14 Cuban Missile Crisis Begins in 1962
- 16 10:30 AM TCCVEV Board Meeting will be held at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
- 25 U.S. Invades Grenada in 1963
- 31 Halloween --- "Trick or Treats".....Watch Out For the **CHILDREN**

President Joe Pollicino's Column: 1) China Beach was very successful and all had a great time on a beautiful day. For 2023's China Beach on Sunday, August 13th, the price will remain the same. 2) Our other important Fundraiser, which is very important, that was re-scheduled for September 21st, (on "POW-MIA" Recognition Day) is the our "Hot Dog" Luncheon - held at the Harriman Campus' - Labor Dept. (Bldg. 12). We'll need help, just ask Joe and/or crew. 3) ShopRite came through with the Annual Presentation at their Colonie Store; that money goes a long way to aid and assist our veterans needs. 4) 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".

2022's China Beach RAFFLE WINNERS: \$5,000 = Patti Carney; \$2,500 = Rosemary Duncan Cleary
\$500 = Al Bugenhagen, \$500 = Brigitte Christensen, \$500 = Michael Darling, \$500 = Kathy Nardilillo
and lastly, \$500 = Rose Thorne AND she DONATED her \$500 Winnings to TCCVEV....Thank You, Rose!
Also, the \$700 (50-50 Raffle Winner) = Darlene Stanton & she Donated \$200 to TCCVEV....Thank You, Darlene!
Thank You, ALL for buying Raffle Tickets and to the Raffle Committee of Darlene, Al & Bill N..

Chaplain's Corner

by

Rev. Charlene Robbins GSM

On that picture perfect September morning, the events were intended to destroy America, not only the lives but the morale of the American people. Instead, as the acrid dust began to settle, a city of over 8 million people moved about in a hush of whispers, the loudest sound, the snapping of the large American Flag as it flew in the smoke filled breeze above the wreckage of the architectural wonders, known as the Twin Towers.

Instead, New Yorkers dropped the "labels" and worked together as one People - E pluribus Unum. We remember the now over 15,000 American lives interrupted by the events and consequences of 9-11; and TODAY, we continue to remember.....and as God's love courses through each of us, let us continue to reach out to support, to encourage and to reassure the families whose lives were changed forever, on this day 21 years ago. America strong, God bless America. Amen
"For I know the plans I have for you...plans to give you hope and a future" ...Jeremiah 29-11

Capital Region HAV: **ALBANY** County's "Honor-A-Vet" Application: call (518) 447-7710 or mail: Albany County Veterans Svc. Bureau, 162 Washington Ave (7th Fl), Albany, NY 12210. You may check 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 Vets 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 & 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 (next one is January 17th) but on February 28th, the ceremony will be held -1 week later, due to a change. Contact Frank McClement, County Veterans Director for any INFO pertaining to future steps @ (518) 884-4115 or email = veterans@saratogacountyny.com **SCHENECTADY** County has a quarterly HAV Ceremony and is held at St. Luke's Community Center at For additional 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 & family members may apply for the veteran at any of the 4 CAPITAL REGION Counties - call for any info, applications or general news.

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) INFO on some of the Capital District organizations:

- 1) **AMERICAN LEGION** Posts: a) #1520 Zaloga = 459-1520; b) #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. Doug Van Iderstynne = 356-1474
- 4) **DAV** (Disabled American Veterans) = 472-3638.....Rotterdam's Bob Serrotta (518) 723-3530
- 5) **MILITARY ORDER of the PURPLE HEART, Inc.** Cmdr. Scott Kyle (585) 208-6401 Scott.Kyle@purpleheartalbany.org
- 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.

NEW News: At China Beach, spoke with Elaine (Ladouceur) Falzano (Marie's Former Daughter-in-Law, Francesca (Pontore) Cesare and Diane Parisi. These 3 are members of the "Gold Star Wives of America, Inc. - Upstate Empire Chapter. If, anyone is interested in obtaining information: Elainefalzano@gmail.com or call - (518) 424-3890. God Bless and "Good Luck".

Editor's Comments: A "thank you" to Membership Chairman, Jerry D'Amelia for doing the Labeling of envelopes and delivering them to our home, every time. And to my wife, Linda for the many hours of folding and enclosing approximately 350 SPOOKY newsletters with me. What a TEAM! Any changes, get in touch with me or Jerry.

SAVE THE DATE: Please Remember Me FOUNDATION will celebrate their 10th YEAR, and hold a Family Fundraiser, on Sunday, OCTOBER 9th, at "The Crossings of Colonie: (Opp. the TU Bldg. and Colonie Library on Albany Shaker Rd. The parade, will START at 1pm, SHARP! The "Yankee Doodle Band" will lead the TCCVEV Honor Guard, Gold Star Mothers & Families and over 300 Flag Bearers (that MET at 11am for their flags and instructions. It's going to be, "**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE**". Roger Wyland will Emcee & Darrin Scott Kibbey will broadcast "Siena Live" with patriotic songs. Over 1,000 flags with wooden handles will be distributed & may march with the others. ALL Flag Bearers will surround the pond. 3,000 Visitors may attend. A possible "Fly-Over" is expected. We're honoring the Gold Star Mothers, Fathers & Families who their "Loved Ones", made the supreme sacrifice. Flyers will be distributed to the and posters will be raised in Trustco Banks. The PUBLIC is invited to attend, carry flags, chat with the families and just enjoy the day with other citizens, showing PATRIOTISM.

Reminder: Active Members of our U.S. Service - both men & women; serving overseas or state-side; may God Bless them, wherever they are serving. They are away from home; let us keep them in our thoughts & prayers, for a safe return & thank ALL those serving our Country.



SEPT. 14, 2014 VN MEMORIAL DEDICATION



TAPS: Saddened to report the passing of 2 Life Members, since our last Spooky: Martin J. Brennan and Rick Weeks.
May they rest in peace and may God Bless them and their families.

Memembership News: 2022 TCCVEV Dues are PAST DUE. RE-UP OR JOIN NOW

2022 PAID MEMBERSHIP stands at 40. Thanks to all of you who have sent your dues in. "Welcome to our newest Life Member", Robert W. Smith - this brings our TOTAL to 188 Members. We encourage our members to consider Life Membership because they make great gifts for Anniversary, Birthdays, Christmas and just about anything. Give yourself, "the gift of Life Membership".

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 you paid your dues (2021). Also, any "Dues" or "Life Membership" Questions, please contact JERRY D'Amelia (Membership Chairman), at: gdameli1@nycap.rr.com or call: (518) 281-3885. < 2022 Reg. **Dues** = \$15 (Annually) -- OEF & OIF Vets are Welcomed! I am always ready to help Mbrs!

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

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God Bless America! Remember OUR Veteran!





1 of 2 CHATHAM HS's REUNION AT China Beach





Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans' 40th Anniversary Dinner

Will be held at Latham's Century House, on Friday, **SEPTEMBER 16, 2022.**

Cocktail hour, begins at 5:30; TCCVEV will provide **ONLY** Beer, Wine & Soda - Cash Bar will be available.
Dinner Served at 7 PM. There will be music provided by our China Beach's DJ.
Century House will make available, a "Block" of Rooms @ \$139 per night for GUESTS.

The following are (3) menu choices:

- 1) BEEF Short Ribs with roasted asparagus, truffle herb mashed potatoes
- 2) CHICKEN Oscar with century dated asparagus, lobster and new potatoes hollandaise
- 3) Ginger Miso SALMON with chef's rice and roasted asparagus

*** NOTE: There will be a limited vegetarian menu that will be offered upon request!

Tickets = **\$60 Per Person** (Must **PAY** in **Advance**).

DEADLINE: is **THURSDAY, September 1st**

Current DINNER LIMIT is 200, but depending on COVID restrictions-that number, may increase or decrease slightly.

NO Paying at the Door: NO ONE will be admitted - WITHOUT a TICKET.....NO EXCEPTIONS.

Additional INFO, may be sent to members VIA Emails, Facebook and or SPOOKY.

ALSO, any questions: 1) Leave a Voice Message on the TCCVEV's Office phone (518) 465 - 6829
or 2) you can contact the following members: Joe P., Bob A., John D., George L., Gene L. or Tom R.

CUT ALONG the ABOVE DOTTED LINE and MAIL IN the COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM
BELOW with Your PAYMENT, to: TCCVEV, P.O. Box 11100, Albany, NY 12211

(Please make checks PAYABLE to: TCCVEV and in "MEMO", Please ENTER "Anniversary Dinner").

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Tele = Cell - Home - Work #: _____

DINNER SELECTION: _____ BEEF _____ CHICKEN _____ SALMON

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____