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- JAN. 1 HAPPY New Year.....Let's pray that 2023 will be a much Healthier & Safer Year.
3 8:30 am Albany County's HAV at Zaloga's Am Leg Post 1520
3 7 PM TCCVEV's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
9 National Law Enforcement Day.....Thank You for Serving & Protecting our Communities
9 8:30 am Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day....."I have a DREAM!"
17 10:30 am TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at Catherine St.'s Office
27 Vietnam Peace Accord Signed in 1973 (In '68, we thought the war would be soon over....5 years later!)
- FEB. 1 1968's South Vietnam's TET Offensive
7 7 PM TCCVEV's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
13 8:30 am Rensselaer County's HADV @ Troy's LOB (DMV Bldg)
14 Valentine's Day
20 Presidents' Day (Washington - born on the 22nd & Lincoln - born on the 12th)
21 10:30 am TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at Catherine St.'s Office
22 Ash Wednesday
23 1945 Marines take Mt. Suribachi, Flag Raised at Iwo Jima, (A.P. Photographer, Joe Rosenthal's photo)

PRESIDENT Joe Pollicino's Column: He's very optimistic that 2023 will be a safer & healthier year. The goal for TCCVEV & it's members: assisting Veterans & their families, projects; helping our Gold Star Mothers & Blue Star Mothers. TCCVEV is very grateful for the contributions that ShopRite has given and our association with ShopRite, we're able to assist in many areas from the Capital Region - such as the College Endowments to Adirondack College, Hudson Valley CC, Russell Sage and Schdy CC, etc. TCCVEV started in 1982, and we volunteered: Color Guard/Firing Details, VA Hospital; McKenna Military Courtesy Room at Albany Airport, Vet Track (Court System), VMC (Veterans Miracle Cntr), NYS Labor Dept. We "Never Forget" our Veterans (Past or Present) OR our "Band of Brothers" --- we will be there!

Chaplain's Corner by Rev. Charlene Robbins GSM

Let us Pray in this important time in History.....Rev. Robbins, is using an "Hopi Prayer" for her Christmas message.

Great Spirit and all unseen, this day we pray and ask you for guidance, humbly we ask you to help us and fellow men to have recourse to peaceful ways of life, because we ask You to help us and fellow men to have recourse to peaceful ways of life, because of uncontrolled deceitfulness by humankind. Help us all to love, not hate one another. We ask you to be seen in an image of Love and Peace. Let us be seen in beauty, the colors of the rainbows. We respect our Mother, the planet and our corn fields, with our loving care, from Her breast we receive our nourishment. Let us not listen to the voices of the two-hearted, the destroyers of mind, the haters of self-made leaders, whose lusts for power and wealth will lead us into confusion and darkness. Seek visions always of world beauty, not violence not battlefields.

It is our duty to pray always for harmony between man and earth, so that the earth will bloom once more. Let us how our emblem of love and goodwill for all life and land. Pray for the House of Glass, (United Nations). Pray for within it are minds clear and pure as ice and mountain streams. Pray for the great leaders of nations in the House of Mica, who in their own quiet ways help the earth in balance. We pray the Great Spirit that one day our Mother Earth will be purified into a healthy peaceful one.

Let us Sing for strength of wisdom with all nations for the good of all people. Our hope is not yet lost, purification must be to restore the health of our Mother Earth for lasting peace and happiness, *Techqua Ikachi*.....for Land and Life!

"Together with all Nations we Hold this World in Balance". **The Hopi Elders**

(3) 2022 Money Winners: (1) China Beach Raffle: \$5,000 = Patti Carney, \$2,500 = Rosemary Duncan Cleary; FIVE - \$500 Winners: Al Bugenhagen, Brigitte Christensen, Michael Darling, Kathy Nardilillo and Rose Thorne - Donated her \$500 winnings to TCCVEV. Also, at China Beach = (2) Darlene Stanton won the 50-50 Drawing of \$700 & she Donated \$200 to TCCVEV. Thank you BOTH.
(3) 2022's Monthly 50-50 Winners (\$937): Jan. - Dan Primett = \$100, February - Al Diacitis = \$69, March - Carolyn Gannon = \$87, April - Dan Primett = \$127, May - Tom Lewis = \$103, July - Dave Barnum = \$113, < 2 months = August - (\$72) & November (\$96) = Larry Manning >, October - Pete Nardilillo = \$88 and December - Dan Boel = \$82.

SPOOKY (cont'd Jan-Feb 2023's Pg 2) TAPS: 2 Life Mbrs passed away: Robert T McDonald & Ed Changa - May they Rest In Peace

***** NOTE: The stamped envelope that you received with SPOOKY, has 2 China Beach Raffle Tickets. This event is TCCVEV's major FUNDRAISER and Darlene could use your help in selling - she does a wonderful job, herself. Contact her, if you need more tickets to sell. If, you can't BUY the 2, or SELL the 2 or want to RETURN the 2...the small envelope is for your use. Address the small envelope and please return to: TCCVEV, P.O. Box 11100; ALBANY, NY 12211. THANK YOU for your support. *****

Capital Region HAV: ALBANY City's "Honor-A-Vet" Application: call (518) 447-7710; RENSSELAER City's "Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran": Application: call Lonnie (518) 270-2760. SARATOGA City - Contact Frank McClement, (518) 884-4115. SCHENECTADY City's HAV: call Bill Frank at (518) 377-2423
NOTE: Every veteran is eligible to have this ceremony. Family members may apply for the veteran at any of the four (4) Capital Region Counties - call them.



L-R: JERRY D'AMELIA, REV. CHARLENE ROBBINS GSM, GEORGE LAMORA and PETE NARDILILLO (WITH SHOVEL) AT SARATOGA'S NAT'L CEM.; VISITING FELLOW TCCVEV MBR'S BURT THORNE'S HEADSTONE. WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA WAS THERE ON SAT., 17TH.



Membership News: 2023 Dues are due, Join now or Re-Up. 12 Members have already paid for 2023 & PAID Mbrship is 44, a good start. Life Membership has grown to 187 Members. JUST 1 payment of \$150 & you're done with dues. Maybe, a Birthday, Christmas, etc. gift, to U. NOTE: — Check your address label on this newsletter. After your name, if your number, starts with a number, less than 23 - you are NOT paid for 2023. Ex: # 21-2356; the PREFIX # 21, indicates the LAST YEAR, you paid your dues. Any "DUES" status or "Life Membership" request; please contact, Jerry D'Amelia, at: gdameli1@nycap.rr.com or CALL: (518) 281-3885.

2015 Regular DUES are \$15, Annually — JOIN or RE-UP NOW! OEF & OIF Vets 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 _____

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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) & your \$15 or \$150 check, to: TCCVEV, P.O. Box 11100, Albany, NY 12211 God Bless America! Remember OUR Veteran!
Many made the supreme sacrifice for the following....."Never take for granted, FREEDOM; because, it's NEVER free".

Please
HELP
us Sell
TICKETS

China Beach LZ-30



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 13, 2023 at the Polish American Citizens Club of America
110 Commerce Avenue, Albany, New York - 12 Noon - 5 PM (Rain or Shine)
Tickets \$25.00, (kids 6-12) \$13.00, Kids 5 and under free (Includes food and beverages).
Food Served from 1pm to 4pm
\$10.00 Per Raffle Ticket - Only 4,000 Tickets Available
1st Prize - \$5,000.00 2nd Prize \$2,500.00 5 - 3rd Prizes \$500.00 ea.



HAPPY 2023 ~ HOPE YOU
are SAFE & HEALTHY



November 24, 2022
Thanksgiving Day

To all Joe Johnson's buddies at Tri County Council Vietnam Era Veterans:

Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! I have just returned from a week in Charlottesville, Virginia where I am still very carefully sorting all sorts of Col. Charlie Johnson's special memories. You can probably imagine how many of those special memories included TCCVEV!!

I think of your wonderful gang so frequently for so many reasons. Fortunately, there are bundles of good pictures of the work that you all accomplished on some pretty impressive projects when Charlie Johnson "marched" among you. I do think that, other than his time in the Army, he was never happier than when he was on some critical mission that involved members of TCCVEV or the causes in which TCCVEV believed.

In my mail when I returned from Charlottesville was an acknowledgement from Northwest Mississippi Community College that a gift had been sent to the Joe Johnson Endowed Scholarship by your very fine organization. It made me smile. It made my heart proud. Charlie Johnson knew "good people" when he met them, and he clearly found a cadre of good people when he joined forces with the Vietnam Era veterans of the Capital Region. Your hearts are enormous; your generosity is phenomenal; your loyalty is unquestionable.

I thought you might like a look at Joe Johnson, so I am enclosing a recent picture. He now sports a beard, which he grew during the last year of Charlie's life. Charlie must have said at least 92 times in those last months, "why didn't we let him grow this beard decades ago???" You can imagine that the shaving routine is ever so much easier! And, the hat covers the reality that he is almost bald:) I hope you notice that he still has the same smile and the same good nature that he has always had. He has had COVID not once, but twice—and never experienced a symptom! His father's son for sure.

What you might not know is that Joe gets to go to the luncheon each year during which they introduce the person who holds his scholarship. He gets his fancy duds on and goes to meet "his girl," as he calls her. (Fortunately, there have only been good lucking girls who have received the scholarship thus far!!) I do believe that he really understands what the scholarship means: he is helping someone get an education. And, thanks to generous folks like you, he is...

I love that Thanksgiving has gently become an entire season of gratitude. I love that people use the opportunity to say thank you for all manner of things big and small. I love that it gives me the excuse to thank each of you for what you were to Charlie and me over the years. Know that I am grateful; be assured that Charlie is smiling down on you.

With a heart filled with gratitude,

Quay

This letter, is from Col. Charlie Johnson's widow, Trudy. How 'bout that photo of Joe, too?