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MAR	5	2:30 PM	4 Chaplains' Event, First Reformed Church of Schenectady at 8 N Church St
	6	8:30 am	Albany County's HAV at Cohoes' E T Ruane American Legion Post 476 (93 Oneida St)
	7	7 PM	TCCVEV's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
	8	7 PM	Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien USMC Det 241's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
	11	9 am	St. Patrick's Mass at Blessed Sacrament; afterwards, beverage & soda bread in the gym. THEN.....
	11		(2) St. Patrick's Parades: 1) Limerick in Menands AND 2) Albany's on Central & Washington Avenues.
	13	8:30 am	Rensselaer County's HADV @ NEW Location = 99 Troy Rd; E Greenbush (US 4), next to Dunkin Donuts
	21	10:30 am	TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at Catherine St.'s Office
	29	7 PM	PMCBA Awards Night
APR	3	8:30 am	Albany County's HAV, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
	4	7 PM	TCCVEV's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
	9		EASTER Sunday
	10	8:30 am	Rensselaer County's HADV @ NEW Location = 99 Troy Rd; E Greenbush (US 4), next to Dunkin Donuts
	12	7 PM	Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien USMC Det 241's General Meeting, at the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
	18	10:30 am	TCCVEV's Board Meeting will be held at Catherine St.'s Office
	27	Arrive Thurs.,	In Lake George for the 86th Department of NY American Gold Star Mothers, Inc.'s Convention
	28	6 PM-Friday	GSM Memorial Service, will be held at the Strand Theater, 210 Main St., Hudson Falls, NY 12839
	** 28 & 29 **		Convention Sessions: Friday, 28th = Morning ONLY and Saturday, 29th = BOTH Morning & Afternoon Sessions
	29	6 PM- Sat.	GSM Banquet @ Holiday Inn Resort - in the Prospect Room = <u>NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR</u>

**PRESIDENT Joe Pollicino's Column:** Sorry, to know of our Vice President, Bobby Allyn's wife, Judy, passing away on Sunday, February 19th. Our prayers & thoughts go to Bobby & his family. Judy supported Bobby, since "Day 1". May Judy, "Rest In Peace" and may God watch over her, Bob, sons Mark & Matthew and all their families.

I am very happy that TCCVEV is supportive of many events and ceremonies in our local area. Our members know what to do & how to support their fellow "Brother"; whether, you are a member or not. We are always there for helping our Gold Star Mothers & Blue Star Mothers. Also, it's never surprising to me that the members & the local community donate to us for many reasons. TCCVEV is proud of our College Endowments, for Adirondack College, Hudson Valley CC, Russell Sage and Schenectady CC; it's a very worthwhile "Scholarship Program". We are very fortunate that we have the means to assist the community in many programs; with our contributions to the local projects. The goal for TCCVEV & it's members: assisting Veterans & their families, projects; help by volunteering: Color Guard/Firing Details, VA Hospital; McKenna Military Courtesy Room at Albany Airport, Vet Track (Court System), VMC (Veterans Miracle Center) & the NYS Labor Department events/ceremonies. God Blesses us, in so many ways. Spring, is almost here; "out like a Lion and in like a Lamb". In April, may you and your family have a Glorious Easter. 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

Book of Proverbs states ... To perceive the words of understanding, To receive the instruction of wisdom, The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise wisdom and instruction. Our founding fathers knew what it takes to govern with wisdom and understanding the people they represent, Our leaders need to connect with the words of the Real leaders of America, as represented by our Constitution. God bless our Veterans God bless America.

**NOTE:** Our biggest Fundraiser is **CHINA BEACH**, on August 13, 2023. We need **YOUR** help **SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS**. For additional tickets; please call Darlene Stantoh at: (518) 470-7310. Proceeds are used to assist Veterans and their families.



Remember GI's, both men and women; serving overseas or stateside - they're away from their families. Let us say a prayer for their safe return and thank ALL those serving our Country.

**Capital Region HAV: ALBANY** County's "Honor-A-Vet" Application: call (518) 447-7710 or mail: Albany County Veterans Svcs. Bureau, 100 Heritage Lane (5th Fl), Albany, NY 12211. You may check the following internet LINK for ceremony information and applications, at: <http://www.albanycounty.com/Government/Departments/VeteransServicesBureau/ProgramsandServices/HonoraVeteran.aspx> or/ & Email Ken, at [Kenneth.secor@albanycountyny.gov](mailto:Kenneth.secor@albanycountyny.gov) **RENSSELAER** County's "Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran" Application: call Lonnie W., at (518) 270-2760 (Rensselaer County Vets Affairs' Committee Secretary) or email Lonnie at: [LWarrington@rensko.com](mailto:LWarrington@rensko.com). View the 2 Links: 1) <http://www.rensselaercounty.org/Honor%20A%20Veteran%20Ceremony.htm> and 2) [http://www.rensko.com/vet\\_hav.asp](http://www.rensko.com/vet_hav.asp)

**NOTE:** Rensselaer County Vets Svc Agency Offices have moved to a new Location: 99 Troy Rd; (East Greenbush (12061), on Route US 4), in the old Rose & Kiernan Ins. Bldg., next to "Dunkin Donuts". **SARATOGA** Cty'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 at (518) 884-4115 or Email Frank at: [veterans@saratogacountyny.com](mailto:veterans@saratogacountyny.com) **SCHENECTADY** County has 4 quarterly HAV ceremonies (either Posthumously or Living Veterans), on Saturdays, at St. Luke's Social Center, 1241 State St., Schenectady (12304). Additional INFO; contact Cty Veterans Director, Bill Frank at (518) 377-2423 or Email: [William.Frank@schenectadycounty.com](mailto: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.

**Editor's Opinion:** MAY, is just around the corner. There will be many memorial events in the area; especially, in Albany: laying of wreaths at local cemeteries (National Cemetery, too), the Parade and laying of wreaths in Lafayette Park at the 2 memorials (Vietnam & Gold Star Family). Take part & volunteer in marching of just supporting the events by attending.

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

- 1) **AMERICAN LEGION** Posts: a) #1520 Joseph E. 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
- 2) **AMVETS** (American Veterans) - Post 35 in Schenectady = Cmdr. Fred Clark II = 356-1474
- 3) **DAV** (Disabled American Veterans) = 472-3638
- 4) **TCCVEV** (Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans) - see: SPOOKY's Front page for ALL the information
- 5) **USMC Detachments:** a) Albany (Capt. O'Brien) = 237-1712; b) Schenectady (Electric City) = 355-2746 c) Troy 728-6494
- 6) **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.

**Quotable Quote:** From William Shakespeare's St. Crispin's Day speech of *Henry V.*, 1598.

".... We few, we happy few, we Band of Brothers; For he to-day that sheds his blood with me, Shall be my brother....."



Col. Charlie Johnson



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HEAD-  
STONE  
IN  
SARATOGA





Sympathies to: 1) our Vice President, Bobby Allyn's wife, Judith "Judy" , as went to Heaven on Sunday, February 19th; 2) Life Member John Brannock's sister, Rosemary and 3) Life Member & Gold Star Sister, Patty (Gilbert) Wagner's husband, David, a USAF and Vietnam Vet. May they Rest In Peace, with our prayers and thoughts going out to ALL the families.

**Membership News:** 2023 Dues are due, Join now or Re-Up. **26** Members have already paid for 2023. Life Membership has grown to **185** Members. JUST 1 payment of \$150 & you're done with dues. Maybe, a Birthday, Christmas, etc. gift, to you. 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: # **22**-1234; the PREFIX # **22**, indicates the Last Year, you paid your dues = YOU are NOT paid for 2023. Any "Dues or Life Membership" status request; please, contact, Jerry D'Amelia, at: [gdameli1@nycap.rr.com](mailto: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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 and MAIL the above application; along, with your **DD214** (not for Associate Members) & your \$15 for Regular OR a \$150 check, for LIFE Membership to: **TCCVEV**, P.O. Box 11100, Albany, NY 12211

**God Bless Americal**

**Remember OUR Veteran!**



*Saratoga  
National  
Cemetery*



# 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**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$5,000.00    2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$2,500.00    5 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Prizes \$500.00 ea.**



*Help us sell Raffle Tixs, call Darlene 470-7310*

*VN Moms: Dorothea R. & Marie L.*

*Lafayette Park ~ Albany*

