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PUBLICATION for September - October 2023

August 30 Opens 182nd Columbia County Fair (runs til September 4th)  
30 Opens 203rd Schaghticoke Fair (runs til September 4th) &  
& on the 31st \* Military Appreciation Day - FREE Admission for Vets

September National Suicide Prevention Month  
2 VJ Day (Victory in Japan - 1945)  
4 Labor Day  
5 8:30 am Albany Cty Honor-A-Vet, at Blanchard-Currey Post 1040  
5 7 pm TCCVEV's returns from summer, for the 1st Gen'L Mtg  
10 National Grandparents Day  
11 8:30 am Honor-A-Deceased-Vet, 99 Troy Rd.'s Cty Ofc Bldg  
11 9-11 Ceremonies during the day  
11 Patriot Day  
17 Citizenship and Constitution Day  
19 10:30 am TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St.'s Office  
21 POW-MIA Recognition Day (my '63 HS classmate)  
23 First Day of Autumn  
30 Gold Star Mothers Day

*TCCVEV's 2nd = \* 20 Noon \* "HOT DOG" LUNCH @ LABOR Bldg 12 - CAMPUS \**  
October 2 8:30 am Albany Cty Honor-A-Vet, Blanchard-Currey Post 1040  
3 7 pm TCCVEV's General Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520  
9 Christopher Columbus Holiday  
10 8:30 am Honor-A-Deceased-Vet, 99 Troy Rd.'s Cty Ofc Bldg  
13 Navy's Birthday (1775)  
19 10:30 am TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St.'s Office  
23 Beirut Bombing (1983)  
24 United Nations Day  
25 Grenada Invasion (1983)  
31 Halloween

(FRI)  
8-LABOR PARADE  
9-(SAT) CLARK GOLF  
TOURNEY-WESTERN  
TPKE

*TCCVEV's 2nd  
BIGGEST  
FUN RAISER*



TAPS = President, Joe Pollicino's Tribute to Colonel (Ret.) USMC Mary (Vertalino) StremLOW,  
TCCVEV Life Member #29 (May 10, 1934 - September 3, 2022)

From 1989 to 1992, Mary was appointed Deputy Director of the Eastern Region of the Veterans Affairs. In 1992, Mary was then appointed Deputy Director of the Western Region of the Veterans Affairs.

Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans, met Mary in the summer of 1989 while TCCVEV was constructing the Albany County Vietnam Memorial. During discussions, Mary offered to be part of the Memorial Committee. She volunteered to take on the task of researching the names to be included on the Memorial Tablet to insure that the names submitted were, in fact, ALL Albany County residents. This laborious undertaking took on many challenges, including verification of a Canadian, Donald Davies, who entered the U.S. through Albany, NY, where he enlisted.

Mary, was very active in Tri-County direction and she was also a strong advocate for women veterans. The last time Mary was in Albany was for TCCVEV's 35th Anniversary Celebration. She will be greatly missed by Tri-County and the veteran community.

QUOTES: 1) "We few, we happy few, we Band of Brothers"

2) " 'Tis the star-spangled banner; O long may it wave.  
O'er the land of the free, and the home of the brave!"



\* Reminder: 9/20 "Hot Dog" Lunch @ Labor - Bldg 12 = FUNDRAISER for TCCVEN

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Be a Proud American - FLY "Old Glory", often.

Chaplain's Corner

by

Rev. Charlene Robbins GSM

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times. it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness....". This may seem to describe today's world, but the words were penned by Charles Dickens in 1859 in a Tale of Two Cities. A book about the days before and during the French Revolution, as France moved toward its day of independence on July 14, 1789, following America's road to freedom.

Today, the very word, "freedom", seems to be in jeopardy, as well as tradition and respect. Current headlines tempt us to blame this group or that individual, let us remember our experience is of our making, waging war on drugs, violence, poverty, etc. has only brought more of the same. Each of us, has the capacity to bring peace, freedom and respect to the "table" by first finding it within ourselves; teaching it by example, talking about solutions not problems, then, changes will occur around us.

And then, we can say, as Sidney Carton proclaimed, "It is a far, far better thing that I do than I have ever done"...

John 1:5 "The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it".

Isaiah 58:11 "And the Lord shall guide thee continually"...

CHINA BEACH PRIZE WINNERS: A) \$5,000 = Evie Teller, \$2,500 = Edward Dandaraw

B) 5 - \$500 Winners = 1) Pete Nardolillo, 2) Jennifer Conklin, 3) Anthony Tote;  
4) Rich Patton and 5) Brandie Yaggle

C) 50/50 Raffle Winner of \$912 was Anonymous

Capital Region HAV County's INFO: Albany = either call (518) 447-7710 or mail to Albany County Vets Svcs Bureau, 100 Heritage Lane (5th Fl.); Albany, NY 12211 \*\*Rensselaer = Kevin Miller, Vets Dir., (Lwarrington@rensco.com) 99 Troy Rd., East Greenbush, NY 12061 - Tele (518) 270-2760, has monthly ceremonies, every 2nd Monday of each month. \*\*Saratoga = Frank McClement, Vets Dir., (veterans@saratogacountyny.com), 2144 Doubleday Ave., Suite 15; Ballston Spa, NY 12020 - Tele = (518) 884-4115, has monthly events on the 3rd Tuesday in the Bd of Supvsrs's Mtg Rm (40 McMaster St.) \*\*Schenectady = Jesus Santiago, Vets Dir., (jesus.santiago@schenectadycounty.com), 797 Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12305 - Tele = (518) 377-2423, has 4 Quarterly Ceremonies on Saturdays at St. Luke's Pastoral Center, at 1241 State Street.

Note: each veteran is eligible to have this ceremony. Family members may apply at any of the 4 counties. Also, check their internet links to get apps or view INFO.

JOE - DRAWING A "WINNER"





\* BARB - CATHY - LINDA M. & LINDA L.

Middle } Gold Star  
PHOTO } Families

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"Never take for granted Freedom because it's never free"

2023 CHINA BEACH PHOTOS

PATTY JENNIFER & SEAN LYONS



MELDY & QUINCY



Membership News: Jerry D'Amelia has 37 Members paid for their dues 2023.dues. Also, he reports that we have 184 Life Members. If, there are any questions concerning your dues or membership; please Call him at (518) 281-3885 or Email him, at: [gdameli@nycap.rr.com](mailto:gdameli@nycap.rr.com)  
Reminder: check your address LABEL on the newsletter = after your name, if your # starts with a number, LESS than #23 - you are NOT paid to 2023.

**2023 Regular Dues are ONLY \$15 Annually ---- Join or RE-UP NOW! OEF & OIF Vets are Welcomed!**

**Membership is opened to Vietnam Era Veterans (1 May 1957 to 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 \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phones: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

BRANCH & PERIOD OF SERVICE \_\_\_\_\_

MILITARY UNIT SERVED WITH \_\_\_\_\_

MOS (military Occupational Specialty) \_\_\_\_\_

Date & Type of Discharge (Include DD214) \_\_\_\_\_

Referred By \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

Remember OUR Veterans      Complete the APP, mail with your **DD214** (not for Associate Mbrs) & your \$15 or \$150 check, to:

TCCVEV, P.O. Box 11100; Albany, NY 12211      "WE few, We Happy few, We Band of Brothers"      God Bless America

Any Questions for the EDITOR, Gene Loparco? Call (518) 265 - 0242 OR Email: [loparco88888@yahoo.com](mailto:loparco88888@yahoo.com)



Jerry D'Amelia & fellow TCCVEV member Joe Ballone with his wife, Nancy - using their new Tri-County's gift ramp. Mobility Works of Colonie, built the ramp.

*the "Crew"*  
*Pete, John &*  
*Joe w/ Darlene*

