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November 2 10 am Albany Cty's "Living Veteran" Ceremony @ Crossgates NY 110 Grill
7 Election Day - VOTE
7 7 pm TCCVEV's General Meeting @ Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
8 7 pm Capt. Wm D O'Brien USMC 241 Det's B'day Event @ Zaloga 1520
9 1 pm Cook Park "Banner" Event. (Former Vil. Mayor, Frank Leak is one)
11 11:11am Veterans Day - Albany's Parade (PI Rembr Me meets at 10, opp BK)
13 8:30am Renss Cty's "Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran" @ 99 Troy Rd,-Renss. Ofc
21 10:30am TCCVEV's Board Meeting at our Catherine St. Office
23 Happy Thanksgiving, we are thankful for everything in our life
25 7:30pm GROOVIN' (2 for 1 Tix = Vets-1st Responders) @ the Egg 473-1845
28-29 VET-CON @ Desmond in Colonie

December 2 1 nm Schd'v Ctv's "Honor-A-Veteran" Ceremony @ At Luke's Center
5 7 pm TCCVEV's General Meeting @ Zaloga American Legion Post 1520
11 8:30am Renss Cty's "Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran" @ 99 Troy Rd,-Renss. Ofc
19 10:30am TCCVEV's Board Meeting at our Catherine St. Office
25 Merry Blessed Christmas, may God bless you and your families.

PRESIDENT's Comment: With the upcoming holidays for veterans and the seasonal ones; I'd like to wish everyone a safe and healthy gathering. Let's fly "Old Glory", when possible and thank you for your support

to Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans (TCCVEV). Especially, to ShopRite Stores, we know that they'll be leaving this area after 10 years but ShopRite did more than have great prices with good products.

They supported us, every year with their generous donations. Our Editor, Gene Loparco has included a few important photos for many events from the past year and beyond. Again, thank you, ALL.

Chaplain's Corner

by

Rev. Charlene Robbins GSM

One of our greatest leaders, Abraham Lincoln, failed many times in his political career. But he persisted because of his FAITH and confidence in a supreme Power to lead and guide him. His focus was not on his

failures but his destination-his vision! It was said that he walked 40 miles to hear a lecture, came from parents who were illiterate and very poor, and yet, through the power of God, he achieved his dream and left an odelible mark on our beloved country.

Beethoven was deaf, DaVinci came from poverty, Edison was kicked out of school, Einstein was rejected by several schools and Newton was the son of a farmer who passed before his birth. These men are a few

examples of the power of Belief and the Knowing that we are never alone and always, with the asking, guided by a Divine Awarebess of our inner Grace.

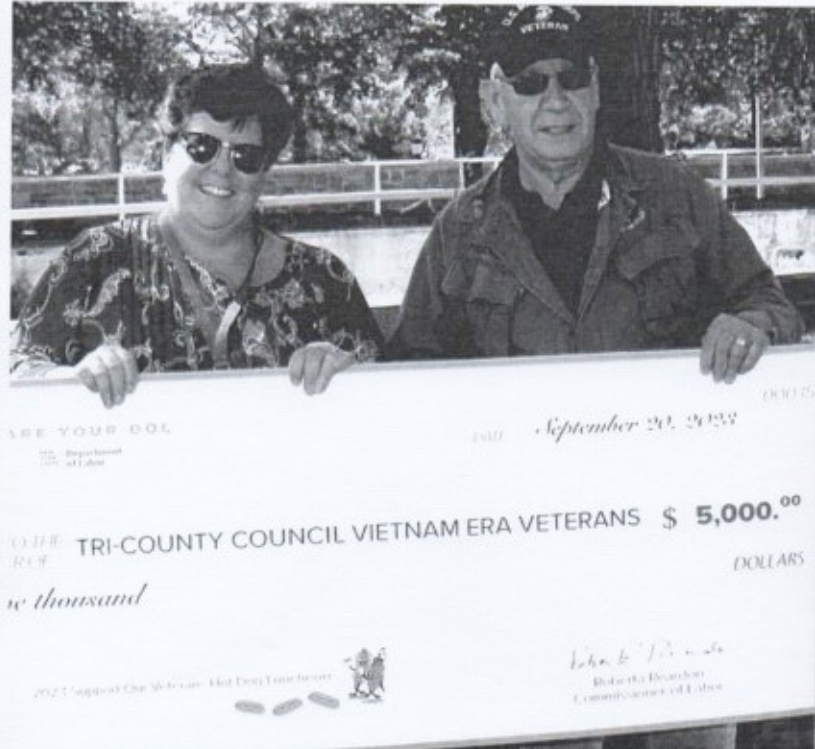
What amazing accomplishments could be achieved, if we would simply re-focus on the possibilities not the problems. Einstein was quoted as saying, "the solution is always in the problem" and as we are aware of such problems, we have the ability to resolve them because "God doesn't give us what we can handle, God handles what we are given".

Use this season of the brilliant colors of positive change to not only express gratitude for our blessings but to

set your intentions and be part of the solution to transform our country into one of unity, peace and prosperity.

"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" Proverbs 23:7

"Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" Romans 12:2



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Membership News: Jerry D'Amelia has ~~40~~ 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
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.

Capital Region: ALBANY County's "Honor-A-Vet" Application: Contact _____, Albany Cty Veterans Svc. Bureau, _____ at (518) 447-7710; _____ mail: 100 Heritage Lane, 5th Floor, Albany, NY 12211. You may check the following Albany County 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 (Rensselaer Cty Vets Svc Agency's Specialist) at (518) 270-2760 or email: lwarrington@rensco.com. View the following 2 Rensselaer County internet Links for additional 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 at (518) 884-4115 or email at: veterans@saratogacountyny.com
SCHENECTADY County's "HAV" Program for Deceased or Living Veterans, is held Quarterly at St. Luke's Pastoral Center, 1247 State St., Schenectady. For INFO; contact County Veterans Officer, Jesus Santiago at (518) 377-2423 or email Jesus at: jesus.santiago@schenectadycounty.com
EAST GREENBUSH The TOWN has continued their "HAV" Program for Deceased or Living Veterans. Scheduled events at 10 am, when advertised. Contact Bobbie Reno, Town Historian at (518) 477-4869.
NOTE: Every veteran is eligible to have this ceremony & family members may apply for the veteran at any CAPITAL REGION location.

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

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COMMENTS _____

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"WE few, We Happy few, We Band of Brothers"

God Bless America

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