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### PUBLICATION for January - February 2024

Jan.	2	NONE	Albany County Honor-A-Vet
	2	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	8	8:30 am	Honor-A-Deceased-Vet, 99 Troy Rd.'s Cty Ofc Bldg
	9	7 pm	Am Legion 1520's General Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	10	7 pm	Capt. Wm Dale O'Brien's Gen'L Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	15		Martin Luther King, Jr's Day Observed
	16	10:30 am	TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St.'s Office
Feb.	3	**1943 **	Four Chaplains perished while saving many on USAT Dorchester
	5	TBD	Albany County Honor-A-Vet
	6	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	12	8:30 am	Honor-A-Deceased-Vet, 99 Troy Rd.'s Cty Ofc Bldg
	13	7 pm	Am Legion 1520's General Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	14		Valentine's Day
	14	7 pm	Capt. Wm Dale O'Brien's Gen'L Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	19		President's Day Observed (Lincoln - 16th & Washington - 22nd)
	20	10:30 am	TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St.'s Office
	23		"Old Glory" raised on Iwo Jima
	24	Info TBD	Todd Clark's Fundraiser at Rotterdam Elks, \$10 at Door
March	5	TBD	Albany County Honor-A-Vet
	5	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	10		Daylight's Saving Time Begins
	12	8:30 am	Honor-A-Deceased-Vet, 99 Troy Rd.'s Cty Ofc Bldg
	12	7 pm	Am Legion 1520's General Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	13	7 pm	Capt. Wm Dale O'Brien's Gen'L Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	17		St. Patrick's Day
	19	10:30 am	TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St.'s Office
	31		Easter Sunday

\*\* The Jewish War Veterans Post 105, will have info TBD for Schenectady's 2024 Event \*\*

President Pollicino's Comments: Happy Safe & a Healthy 2024. Hope, you and your family had a Merry Blessed Christmas. In, 2023 we lost many friends & relatives and many members and their families had health issues & even COVID. Let us take a moment to remember those who are no longer with us - may God bless them and their families.

To recap a few of TCCVEV 2023's Events: Main Fundraiser was our August China Beach and September's Labor Dept.'s "Hot Dog Lunch" with a check presentation - thank you. Also, we definitely would like to send out a "Special Thank You", to ShopRite. They been a very good supporter to our program for many years & we are sorry to see that they left our Capital Region area. We appreciate all the ways that ShopRite supported TCCVEV and its veterans.

We feel very fortunate that our members volunteer for many events & that our Honor and Color Guards are the best in the area, a dedicated "Band of Brothers".



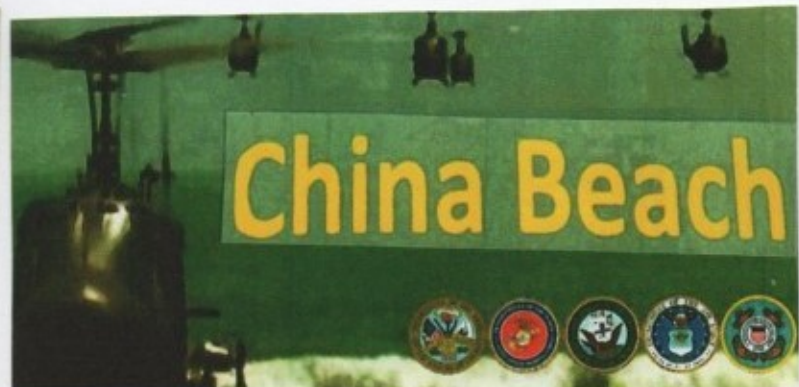
In this Capital Region, the support for Veterans and their organizations is so great with support that all are always glad to be part of the team. Patriotism, is one thing but to show your true pride for the flag and colors, is amazing!

Well, the Capital Region Veterans Memorial (a.k.a. "LEGACY"), is happening in Glenville! It's a 501 (c) (3) Tax Exempt Organization. Their mission is to create a respite in which all veterans, their families and the public can experience, a place of welcome camaraderie, remembrance and even vindication. A place of solitude, comfort and peace that allows veterans and their families to perhaps "Heal" the invisible wounds of war.

"Legacy Park", is located, behind Glenville's Wal\*Mart, on 6.6 acres of land, at Route 50 and the Dutch Apple Lane Intersection. The park will have a "Welcome Center and Veteran's Cafe. Also, a museum and a amphitheater; besides, Battlefield Crosses, memorials for each conflict since World War 1. A walkway will direct visitors to the memorials and benches. This "Legacy" Project, will be a "Landmark" destination for our area. It will include 11 surrounding counties of the Capital Region: Albany, Columbia, Fulton, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Warren and Washington. April 6, 2024 is the "Ground Breaking" Ceremony.

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The Four Chaplains Ceremony, normally held in February at First Reformed Church of Schenectady; where 1 of the 4 Chaplains was a minister at this church (Rev. Clark V. Poling). This event is hosted by the Jewish War Veterans Post 105. As of now, the honoree and event information in not definite. Note: On 2/3/1943, the USAT Dorchester was sunk by a German submarine U-223 off Newfoundland.

Albany New York Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lafayette Pk





"A Soldier's Prayer", in "Jan-Feb 2021's "Chaplain's Column" by Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins GSM

Lord, Im called to serve my country  
To do what I must do  
To protect it and to keep it free  
Its causes great & true.

So when duty calls to danger  
Please calm my every fear  
Instill in me great courage  
Be Thou forever near.

And as I face each battle  
Always thankful I will be  
That you have been  
the unseen guest...  
Walking next to me



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

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GET WELL CARDS: sent to 3 of our members,would be a nice jesture. Not too healthy, these days.

- 1) Rev. Charlene Robbins GSM = P.O. Box 14951, Albany, NY 12212
- 2) Darlene Stanton = c/o Collar City Nursing Rehab, 100 Turnpike Rd.;Troy, NY 12180
- 3) Frank Loparco = 3770 E. Crellin Circle, Las Vegas, NV 89120.....THANK YOU

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WATERVLIT ARSENAL, is an arsenal of the US Army, located in Watervliet, NY, on the west bank of the Hudson River. It is the oldest continuously active arsenal in the US & today produces much of the artillery for the army, as well as gun tubes for cannons, mortars & tanks. Began operations during the War of 1812 & since their humble beginning on July 14, 1813, products have helped hundreds of thousands of service men and women fight and win our nation's battles and come home safely.

Colonel Alain Fisher, a Operation Enduring Freedom Veteram became the 63rd Commander of the Watervliet Arsenal on July 22, 2022. He holds many college degrees and Army Titles with many awards; such as the Bronze Star (with 2 bronze oak leaf clusters), Meritorious Service & Commendation Medals, to name a few. Also, Colonel Fisher speaks at both Albany County's "Honor-A-Veteran" AND Rensselaer County's "Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran" Ceremonies plus many other events, in the community.

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Please Remember Me Foundaion's Officers, Tom Regan & Gene Loparco (BOTH Board Mbrs) and their Committee Members had a successful 2023: May's "Brooks BBQ"; raising the 165 Flags on Route 9, in Latham & Loudonville by the Linemen of National Grid until Labor Day and the generous support of the Trustco Bank. Also, thanks to Steve at Lincoln Storage in Colonie, ALL our Gettysburg Flags are safe. We're happy with the support of the community and glad of their awareness of our project.

Colonel "Charlie" Johnson's Testimonial Dinner on April 27, 2016





MEMBERSHIP NEWS: 42 Members paid for 2023 dues & 12 already paid for 2024. Also, there are 184 Life Members. If, there are any questions concerning your dues or membership; please, contact Jerry D'Amelia AT (518) 281-3885 OR email Jerry: [gdamelia@nycap.rr.com](mailto:gdamelia@nycap.rr.com) Remember to check your address LABEL, for 2 issues 1) your correct mailing address & 2) to verify your membership status by checking your # after your name. If, your # starts less than # 24, YOU aren't paid presently.

CAPITAL REGION VETERANS....we need your assistance to keep Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga and Schenectady Counties' "HONOR-A-VETERAN" programs continueing to have ceremonies. In June 1993, U.S. Congressman, Michael R. McNulty and Albany County Executive, Michael J. Hoblock, Jr. established this program with a committee that would select eligible veterans for these "Posthumous Ceremonies".

A> ALBANY COUNTY's Monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" (Posthumous) Program:

Albany County Veterans Service Bureau; 162 Washington Ave, 7th Floor, Albany, NY 12210  
<1st Monday, Monthly> (518) 447-7710 [veteransbureau@albanycountyny.gov](mailto:veteransbureau@albanycountyny.gov)

B> RENSSELAER COUNTY's Monthly "Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran" (Posthumous) Program  
<2nd Monday of the Month> - Submission of Application TO:

Rensselaer County Veterans Service Agency; 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush, NY 12061  
(518-270-2760). <https://www.rensco.com/374/Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran-Ceremony>

C> SARATOGA COUNTY's Monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" (Deceased or Living) Program:

<3rd Tuesday of each month at 2 PM> - Submission of Application TO:  
Saratoga County Veterans Service Agency, 2144 Doubleday Ave, Suite 15; Ballston Spa, NY 12020

<https://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/veterans-service-agency/> (518) 884-4115

D> SCHENECTADY COUNTY "Honor-A-Veteran" Quarterly (Deceased or Living) Program:

Submission of Application TO: Schenectady County Veterans Service Agency (518) 377-2423  
797 Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12305-2704 <https://www.schenectadycountyny.gov/veterans>

E> EAST GREENBUSH (TOWN) - "Honor-A-Veteran" (Deceased or Living) <Periodic> Program:

John Conway, Town Supervisor; 225 Columbia Turnpike; Rensselaer, NY 12144 (518) 477-4775  
For Questions, contact Bobbie Reno, E.G. Town Historian at (518) 477-4869.

Notes: 1) Every Veteran is eligible to be honored with a HAV Ceremony, at these locations. So, (i.e. Family members, etc.) would need to file the paperwork. You must have the needed documents (i.e. = DD-214, discharged under conditions other than Dishonorable from the UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, Birth or Residence Proof AND the Obituary).....

2) PRESENTLY, at this mailing, the 4 County Veteran Directors, are: Albany = VACANT-no name, Rensselaer = Kevin Miller; Schenectady = Jesus Santiago and Saratoga = Frank McClement.

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EDITOR's "Special Project":.....Thank You, ahead of time - if, you're able to comply.

TCCVEV members or NOT = I'd like to know your Name, Branch of Service, RANK, Years Served and if, "Served Overseas" - Country or countries. Please, Email me: [loparco88888@yahoo.com](mailto:loparco88888@yahoo.com)

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QUOTES: "For all sad words of tongue or pen, The saddest are these: 'It might have been!'"

- John Greenleaf Whittier

"I don't make jokes---I just watch the government and report the facts.".... Will Rogers







**2025** 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

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