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March	2		Vietnam War Began (Ends at Paris Peace Talks, Jan. 27, 1973)
	3		"Star Spangled Banner" made US National Anthem in 1934
	4	6 pm	Capital Dist. Patriot Flight Meeting at Zaloga Am Leg Post 15204
	5	8:30	Albany Cty "Honor-A-Vet" at Blanchard-Currey Post 1040-Delmar
	5	7 pm	TCCVEV's General Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	5	6:30 pm	Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520's Board Meeting
	10		Daylight's Saving Time Begins
	12	8:30 am	Honor-A-Deceased-Vet, 99 Troy Rd.'s County Ofc Bldg
	12	7 pm	American Legion Post 1520's General Mtg at Zaloga Post
	13	7 pm	Capt. Wm Dale O'Brien's Gen'L Mtg at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	15		"Ides of March" (Gaius JULIUS Caesar is assassinated in 44 B.C.)
	16	6 PM	Albany HS's JROTC Ball @ Zaloga Post 1520
	16	9 am	St. Patrick's Day Mass at Blessed Sacrament & Irish Soda Bread afterwards. Parades: Lmerick - AM & Albany - PM follows.
	16	1 PM	Schenectady Cty's "Honor-A-Vet" - St Luke Church's Pastoral Center
	17		St. Patrick's Day
	19		Operation Iraqi Freedom begins
	19		Spring Begins
	19	10:30 am	TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St.'s Office
	24		Palm Subday
	29	10 am	Nat'l VN War Vets Day (Schd'y Cty event near Mem'l site-SCCC)
	31		Easter Sunday
April	1	8:30	Albany Cty "Honor-A-Vet" at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520, for my dad Vincent Loparco, WWII Navy - Elec Tech 3rd Class. Public is invited.
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	11		Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire in 1991
	13		Cap.Dist. Patriot Flight Orientation at Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	15		Patriot's Day
	17		Capital Dist. Patriot Flight to Washington, DC - Departs
	16	10:30 am	TCCVEV's Board Mtg at Catherine St.'s Office
	21	7 pm	CBA's JROTC Awards Night @ CBA
	22		Earth Day
	26-28 Wkend		Gold Star Mothers 87th Convention - Auburn, NY

President Pollicino's Comments: Thank you to our members who volunteer for TCCVEV and for our community. Let's hope the weather is starting to be warmer for the Area. Congratulations to Justine Crowley-Duncan, as the 59th Four Chaplains Honoree. On Sunday, February 25th, she was presented with many Awards & Proclamations at Schenectady's First Reformed Church, for her good deeds & volunteering for events.. Good Luck to the Gold Star Mothers at their 87th Convention in Auburn, NY (April 26-27).

H E L P! H E L P! Capital Region needs YOU to register Family or VET Friends AND to keep the "Honor-A-Veteran" programs in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga & Schenectady Counties' active.

- A> Albany Counth's Monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" (Posthumous) Program: Dir. Scott Leslie;
Albany County Veterans Service Bureau - 100 Heritage Lane., 5th Fl, Albany, NY 12205
<1st Monday of the Month> (518) 447-7710 veteransbureau@albanycountyny.gov
- B> Rensselaer County's Monthly "Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran" (Posthumous) Program:
<2nd Monday of the Month> - 99 Troy Road, East Greenbush, NY 12061 (518) 270-2760
Dir. Kevin Miller <https://www.rensco.com/374/Honor-A-Deceased-Veteran-Ceremony>
- C> Saratoga County Vets Service Agency's Monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" (Deceased or Living)
Program: 2144 Doubleday Ave, Suite 15; Ballston Spa, NY 12020 (518) 884-4115
< 3rd Tuesday of the month at 2 PM > Dir. Frank McClement
<https://www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/veterans-service-agency/>
- D> Schenectady County Vets Service Agency's "Honor-A-Veteran" Quarterly (Deceased or
Living) Program: 797 Broadway, Schenectady, NY 12305-2704 (518) 377-2423
<https://www.schenectadycountyny.gov/veterans> Dir. Jesus Santiago
- E> East Greenbush (Town) - "Honor-A-Veteran" (Deceased or Living) <Periodic> Program:
225 Columbia Tnpk; Rensselaer, NY 12144 John Conway, Town Supvsr; (518) 477-4775
Questions, contact Bobbie Reno, East Greenbush's Town Historian at (518) 477-4869.

Notes: 1) Every Veteran is eligible to be honored with a HAV Ceremony, at these locations.
So, family members would need to file the paperwork. Must have the needed documents
(i.e. = Application, DD-214, discharged under conditions other than Dishonorable from the
U, S.Armed Forces, Birth or Residence Proof and the veteran's Obituary).

Personal Note: On April 1st, at Zaloga Post, my father, Vincent Loparco,Sr, will be honored as
Albany Cty's "Honor-A-Vet" recipient. He served in the US Navy during WWII, as a Electrical
Tech 3rd Class, stationed in Detroit & Boston. Also, Mechanicville's Venerable President,
Sons of Italy Lodge #155, Watervliet Elks #1500, Democratic Committeeman in Watervliet
and the National ITAM (Italian American War Veterans of America) Cmdr (JFK, invited him to
the White House for a luncheon, honoring Italy's Prime Minister, Amedore Fanfanni, on 6/12/61.)
Public is invited to this 8:30 am event. Hope, to see you there supporting my dad's ceremony.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Many returning GI's are seeking a connection with local organizations and if,
you have the opportunity to assist anyone - please, do so. Here's some (518) Capital Region INFO:

- 1) Am Legion: q) #1520 Zaloga (Alb.) = 459-1520, b) #1040 Blanchard-Currey (Delmar) = 439-9819
c) #1231 Melvin Roads (E.Grnbus) = 462-7006, d) #1530 Bucci-McTague (Albany) = 463-1475
e) #1610 North Albany = 465-4800 and f) # 1256 Colonie Post = 456-7794
- 2) AMVETS = "E J" Knapik Post 35, P.O. Box 4152; Schenectady, NY 12304 = 356-1474
- 3) DAV: a) # 88 (Schenectady = 649-7455 and b) # 85 (Troy) = 816-2797
- 4) TCCVEV (Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans) P. O.Box 11100; Albany 12211 = 465-6829
- 5) USMC Dets: a) Capt. O'Brien (Albany) = 237-17123; Schenectady = 355-2746 & Troy = 728-6494
- 6) VFW Post: a) #6776 Sheehy-Palmer (Albany) = 465-9349, b) Boyd-Hilton (Altamont) = 861-8323
c) #8444 Wm. F. Wigand (Albany) = 465-6992, d) Robert L. Weininger (Colonie) = 456-7794



"Chaplain's Column"

by

Rev. Charlene "Char" 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

AROUND the CORNER: St. Patrick's events are soon = mass at Blessed Sacrament and 2 Parades: Limerick's morning and the City of Albany's afternoon - look out for the crowds and wear Green! SOON, "Poppys" from the American Legion and VFW Members (please, SUPPORT their programs) and Spring Break for the Capital Region kids; keep an eye on their travels, as you drive in their area.

EDITOR's Comments: Have you noticed that the Capital Region STILL supports vets in many events; not only during Memorial & Veterans' months but throughout the whole year, which it should be, always. Leading the way, is our very own Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans (TCCVEV) - well over 40 years of service to the veteran & our community. It's always a, 24/7/365 Program & we're proud of it!

1) The Patriot Guard shows respect in their proud service for Gold Star Mothers, Blue Star Mothers, and many veterans and fraternal organizations. I'm proud to belong to many groups in the area.

2) Since 2013, this area has "Please Remember Me Foundation" Flags that honor & respect those 1,900 men and women, who, since World War I, made the supreme sacrifice for our freedom. These 165 flags are raised on Route 9, in Latham and Loudonville, from May to after Labor Day. Also, these flags are carried by volunteers in Albany's Veterans Day Parade in November.

3) Soon, in Glenville the Capital Region Veterans Memorial will start with dedications during the spring. The 6.6 acres is located behind Walmart & will house a museum, house for vet classes and meetings, cafe, amphitheater and "Battlefield Crosses" for all US Wars & battles; which, represent 11 counties (Albany, Columbus, Fulton, Greene, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Schoharie, Montgomery, Warren and Washington) that include over 3,000+ men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for us. Note: there are many American Legion, VFW Posts, Lodges & Riders that care enough to support vets by running fundraisers. Again, the Capital Region is #1, in the US..

4) I did not mention ALL the charitable organizations; whether, vets or fraternal. Too many to mention but rest assured - they're out there! Thank you for the groups & individuals who take that "Leap of Faith" for the good of people and our world. Here's an example: my wife, Linda will shop for the VA and VMC, every other month with monies donated by Zaloga American Legion 1520 and VFW 8692 Auxiliaries; for food, clothing or personal items - she's glad to help. God Bless them.

APOLOGY: for "Spooky" being mailed out later than usual. The Bulk Mail Unit, has a new operation and we had to learn the program for future mailings. Also, so many things going on. This newsletter will always be posted on Tri-County's internet and then, on my Facebook site and shared with many other sites. Anyone, may wish to discontinue their mailing and just check the newsletter on our Internet & Facebook sites. For those living "Out-of-State" or "Outside of our Local Mailing Zip Codes, delivery is longer. Again, apologies. Any questions, concerns or issues - drop me a line or call me.

- Quotes: 1) "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." - Neil Armstrong (7/20/69)
 2) "We should live our lives as though Christ were coming this afternoon." - Jimmy Carter
 3) "The history of the world is but the biography of great men" - Thomas Carlyle
 4) "I've been on a calendar, but never on time" - Marilyn Monroe



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

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**

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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:

"We few, We Haapy few, We Band of Brothers" TCCVEV, P.O. Box 11100, Albany, NY God Bless USA
Any questions for the Editor, Gene Loparco? Call: (518) 265-0242 or Email: loparco88888@yahoo.com

Albany New York Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Lafayette Pk

