



SPOOKY

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NOV	2		Local Area Vets attend the Army vs AF game at West Point
	3		Daylight Savings - go BACK one hour, it's extra sleep time
	4	8:30 am	Albany Cty "Honor-A-Vet" - at Albany's Ontario St.'s AOH
	4	11 am	Beltrone's Annual Veterans Luncheon
	5		Election Day - go out and vote, many died for this freedom.
	5	7 pm	TCCVEV's Gen'l Mtg - Joseph E. Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	10		Happy Birthday U.S. Marine Corps - Semper Fi!
	11	11 am	Albany's Vets Day Parade, Grand Marshal, James A. Dandles
	12	8:30 am	Honor-A-Deceased-Vet, 99 Troy Rd., Renss Cty.'s Ofc Bldg
	13	7 pm	Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien USMC Det 241's Gen'l Mtg @ Zaloga
	15	9am-4pm	Pro-Bono at Albany Law School for Veterans
	19	10:30 am	TCCVEV's Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
	28		Thanksgiving Day
DEC	2	8:30 am	Albany Cty "Honor-A-Vet" - TBD
	3	7 pm	TCCVEV's Gen'l Mtg - Joseph E. Zaloga Am Leg Post 1520
	7	9 am	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony & Breakfast - Zaloga
	9	8:30 am	Honor-A-Deceased-Vet, 99 Troy Rd., Renss Cty.'s Ofc Bldg
	11	7 pm	Capt. Wm. D. O'Brien USMC Det 241's Gen'l Mtg @ Zaloga
	14		Army - Navy Game
	14		National Wreaths Across America Day-Saratoga Nat'l Cem.
	17	10:30 am	TCCVEV's Board Meeting at Catherine St.'s Office
	21		Winter Begins
	25		Christmas Day
	31		New Year's Eve.....drive carefully!

President Pollicino's Comments: It's the end of the year and TCCVEV accomplished many things in 2024. Two successful Fundraisers: China Beach in August and in September, NYS Labor Department's "Hot Dog" Luncheon, at their campus location. Our members are always ready to assist in many community events, that's why TCCVEV is a super TEAM, I sincerely thank you. I hope that everyone enjoys Thanksgiving and Christmas with family and friends. Our prayers to out to sick members & their families. Also, those who passed away; especially, a great person and friend, Melody Burns on August 8th). Rest in Peace.

Also, thank you to Shop Rite for their generous Donations.



"Charlie" = 4/27/16 Johnson's Testimonial Dinner



Chaplain's Corner by Rev. Charlene "Char" Robbins, GSM

In the past 248 Years, men and women from all walks of life have proudly worn the uniform of America's military. They served with commitment, honor and courage, running toward dangers of the battlefield rather than away. They stand for the flag and kneel for the Cross (God). They have shown a resilience and a relentlessness in the face of challenges unimagined by those of us on the home front. Let's pause.....in gratitude for their actions preserving and protecting America's ideals of freedom, liberty and justice. Remember it's because of America's Military that there is a United States of America!

As we approach Veterans Day, take the time to thank a veteran, offer a kindness to them, and be sure to support those in leadership roles, who support veterans---of all eras. Let's have their back, as they have watched ours. God bless America's military.

"Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you".....2 Corinthians 13:11

- H E L P!** Capital Region needs YOU to register Family or VET Friends and to keep active, the "Honor-A-Veteran" programs in Albany, Rensselaer, Saratoga & Schenectady Counties'.
- A > Albany County's Monthly "Honor-A-Veteran" (Posthumous) Program: Director, 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 DIR. = Vacant (518) 270-2760 <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 > Director, 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> Director, Cheyenne Lovell
 - 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. Family members would need to file the paperwork. They 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).

GRAND MARSHAL for Albany's 2024 Veterans Day Parade is James A. Dandles, a Army Vietnam Veteran. He's a dedicated member of 369th Veterans Organization & a member of North Albany's American Legion Post 1610. He & wife Cora, will be driven by TCCVEV's "Spooky" Editor, Gene Loparco, in front of "The Grand Marshals Division" of the Gold Star Mothers, the 369th Veterans Organization and the Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans.

Spooky (N-D '24 Pg 4) "Many have died for the Red, White, Blue-be proud, Fly "Old Glory"
Dues for 2024 are now past due. If you haven't paid, please send them in & stay in good standing. Thanks to 34 Mbrs that have. Dues for 2025 are soon. LIFE Mbrship stands at 182 - this shows the strength of TCCVEV & the dedication of our members. Please, consider becoming a LIFE Mbr, just 1 payment of \$150 & no more dues, FOREVER. (Nice reasons: Fathers' Day, Anniversary or Birthday. Since our last issue, we have 3 new LIFE Members: Larry J. Rutledge, Bill Schaaf and Peter Edelman. If, you have any questions regarding Dues status, membership, Change of Addresses (if you moved, we've had "Mail Returns"& it's costly - need to update info). Please call Jerry D'Amelia, at (518) 281 - 3885 or E-mail Jerry, at: dameliamarilyn@gmail.com



TAPS: We've lost member, Anthony Tanczedi. Our sympathy goes out to his family.

SICK CALL: Several of our members are sick, please remember them in your prayers: Jim Brown, Al Diacitis, John LaFalce, Ray Lindh, Frank Loparco and Tom Regan..

2024 Regular Dues are \$15 Annually - Join or RE-Up now! OEF & OIF Vets are welcomed!
Membership is opened to Vietnam Era Veterans (from 1 May 1957 to 7 May 1975)
Anyone who served SINCE, 7 May 1975 or is still serving on Active Duty in the US Military
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS are NOT Requested to have Served in the Military

CIRCLE ONE: NEW RENEWAL ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP \$150

NAME _____

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 _____

Complete the APP, mail with your DD214 (not for Assoc. Mbrs) & your \$15 or \$150 CK, to:
TCCVEV, PO Box 11100; Albany, NY 12211 "We few, We Happy few, We Band of Brothers"
Questions for Editor, Gene? Call: (518) 265 - 0242 or Email: loparco88888@yahoo.com
Remember our Veterans, Home & Abroad! God Bless America! God Bless the Veterans!





Veteran Needs



Clothing *ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE NEW

- Men's Sneakers (sizes 9-12)
- Boots (Winter) sz's 13-14
- Sweatpants (sizes Medium and 2XLarge)
- Sweatshirts (sizes XLarge and 3XLarge)
- Men's Boxers and Briefs (Med/Large/ XL)
- Belts

Food

- Snack items (cookies, chips, pretzels, gummies, etc.) in single serve packaging
- Ramen, Rice, Canned Fruit, Canned Chicken/Tuna & Canned Beans
- Cereal, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Pasta Sauce, Mac & Cheese, Oatmeal, Spaghetti/Macaroni Noodles

Toiletries

- Toothpaste, Shampoo, Conditioner, Nail Clippers
- Men's/Women's disposable razors(3 blades), thermal top/bottoms, shaving cream, Body Wash, Body Lotion, Chap Stick.

Small Denomination Gift Cards (\$15 - \$25)

Price Chopper, Hannaford, Shop-rite, etc.
FOR EMERGENCY PURCHASES OF FOOD

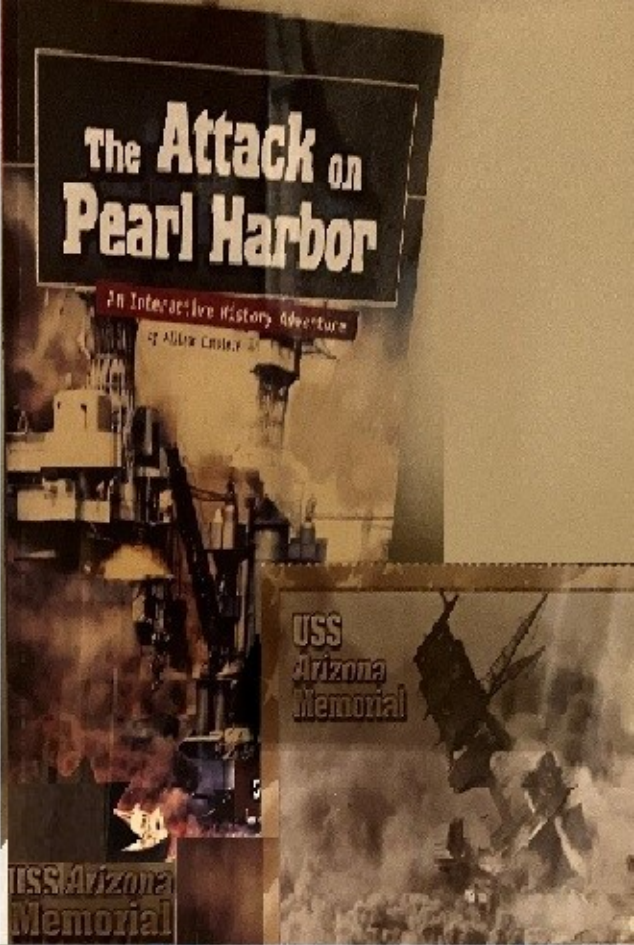
Checks Payable to:

Albany Stratton VA Medical Center
On the memo line, please add: Voluntary Services

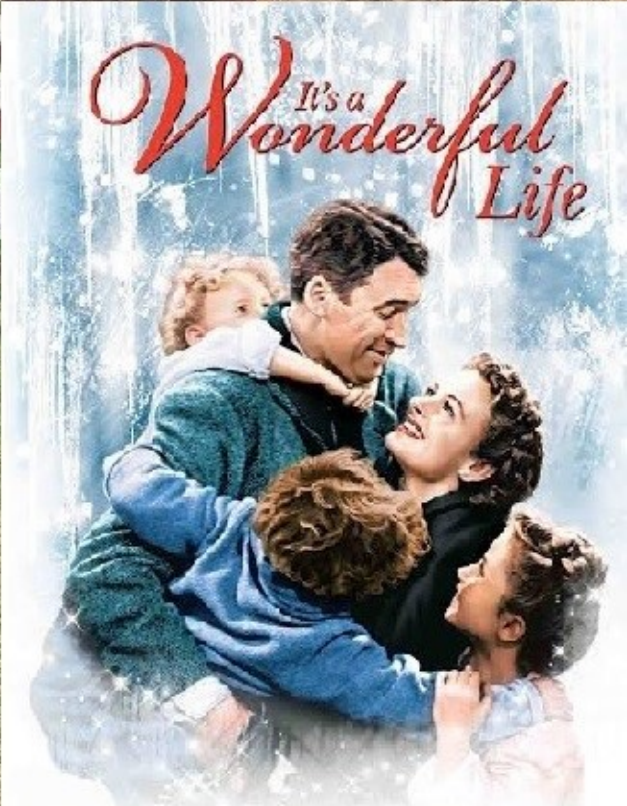
Thank You for supporting our Veterans!

For additional information please contact:

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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL OUR FALLEN HEROES!





*& a Happy
New Year!*

