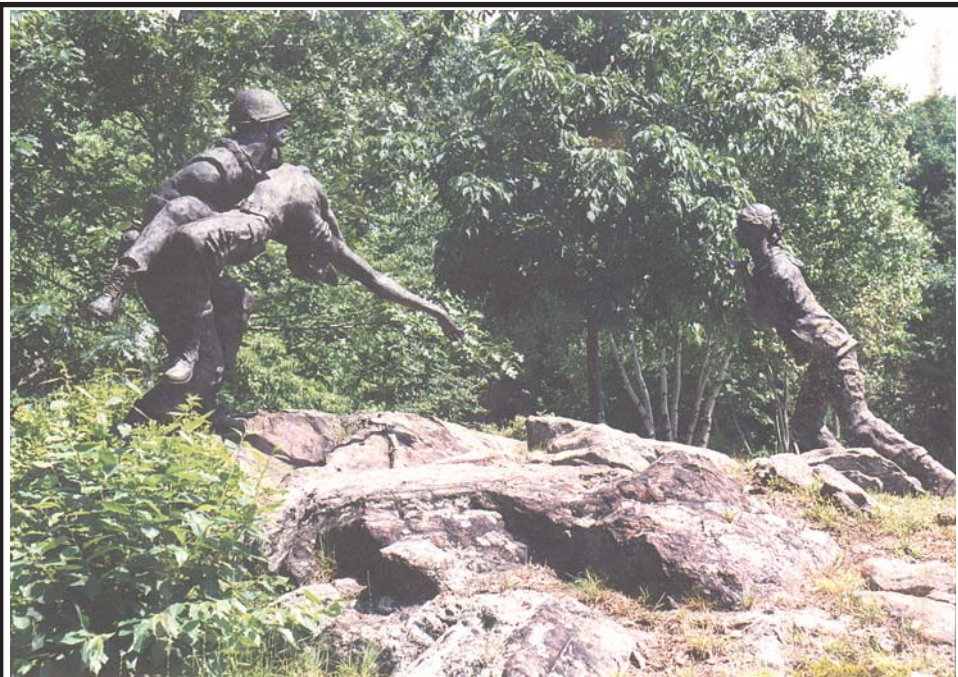


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Chapter #49*

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## WESTCHESTER COUNTY VETERANS MUSEUM

### HOURS:

11:00-3:30

914-864-7068

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7:30

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Senator Bill Cassidy (LA), a member of the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee, introduces S. 1261, the Veterans Emergency Room Relief Act of 2017. This bill would require the VA to contract with community urgent care providers and pay reasonable costs for such care provided to veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system and have received care in the system within the preceding two years.**

**Please write, call or email our Senators or your Senators in whatever state you live in to urge them to co-sponsor and support for passage of S.1261.**

**Please see the attached flyers and check the calendars in this newsletter about upcoming events.**

**Now is the time to start asking people to donate wreaths for the December 16<sup>th</sup> "Wreaths across America" ceremony. Ask them to go to our web site and order wreaths for our ceremony at Lasdon Park.**

**There is a lot of helpful information for veterans that comes out on a daily basis on the internet. After checking the source I then forward it to our membership by email; I have about one third of our membership's email addresses. Please send me your email address to [chapter49@aol.com](mailto:chapter49@aol.com).**

**Take care of yourself and each other**

**Dan Griffin**

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**Welcome to our newest members**

**William Walsh M.D. life member from Bedford Hills**



The PTSD Program  
Cordially Invites You to Our

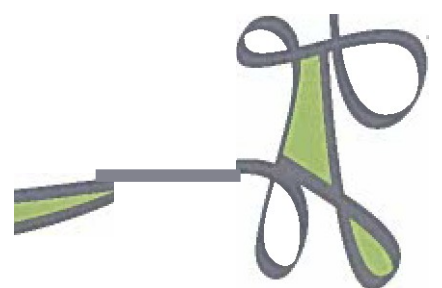
# ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

**December 10, 2017**  
**1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

VA Hudson Valley Health Care System

Montrose VA Hospital

Building 15 top floor



# Vets Must Apply Online for New VA ID Card

Honorably discharged veterans of all eras who want a new identification card from the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) will be able to apply online by registering with the VA and uploading a photo, officials said.

Officials [had previously told Military.com](#) that the process will include an online application, but offered no further details.

A [2015 law requires](#) the VA to issue a hard-copy photo ID to any honorably discharged veteran who applies. The card must contain the veteran's name, photo and a non-Social Security identification number, the law states.

To apply for the card, veterans must register with [Vets.gov](#), a process that authenticates users through the ID.me system, VA officials told Military.com on Oct. 16.

Doing so requires users to upload a copy of a valid government photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, and provide their Social Security number, among other information.

To complete the card application process, users will then upload a recent photo to the VA site that can be printed on the ID card, according to a lawmaker who introduced the legislation requiring the IDs. The cards will be directly mailed to the veteran.

No further information was available as to when in November applications will open, the turnaround time for the IDs or a specific address on the VA website where veterans can apply.

The ID cards are meant to offer a way for veterans to prove their service without carrying a copy of their DD214, which contains sensitive personal information such as veterans' Social Security numbers. The new IDs will not, however, qualify as official government-issued identification for air travel or other uses.

Those who receive health care from the VA or have a disability rating can get a photo ID VA health card, also known as a Veteran Health Identification Card. Military retirees also hold an ID card issued by the Defense Department.

Veterans are able to get a proof of service letter through the VA's [ebenefits](#) website. And some states will include a veteran designation on driver's licenses if requested.

The new VA ID card program begins as the military exchange system [opens online shopping](#) to honorably discharged veterans of all eras.

That benefit, which will officially launch on [Veterans Day](#), requires veterans to first be verified before they can shop. The benefit does not allow shopping at brick and mortar exchange stores or the [commissary](#) and does not include base access.



## **WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

**LASDON PARK**

**DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup>**

**The ceremony starts at 12:00 sharp**

**We will present wreaths at our Vietnam Memorial and at each one**

**Of the statues on the “Trail of Honor”**

**Afterward at each of the plaques at the  
“walk of Honor “at the Kensico Dam**





## **Candle Light Vigil**

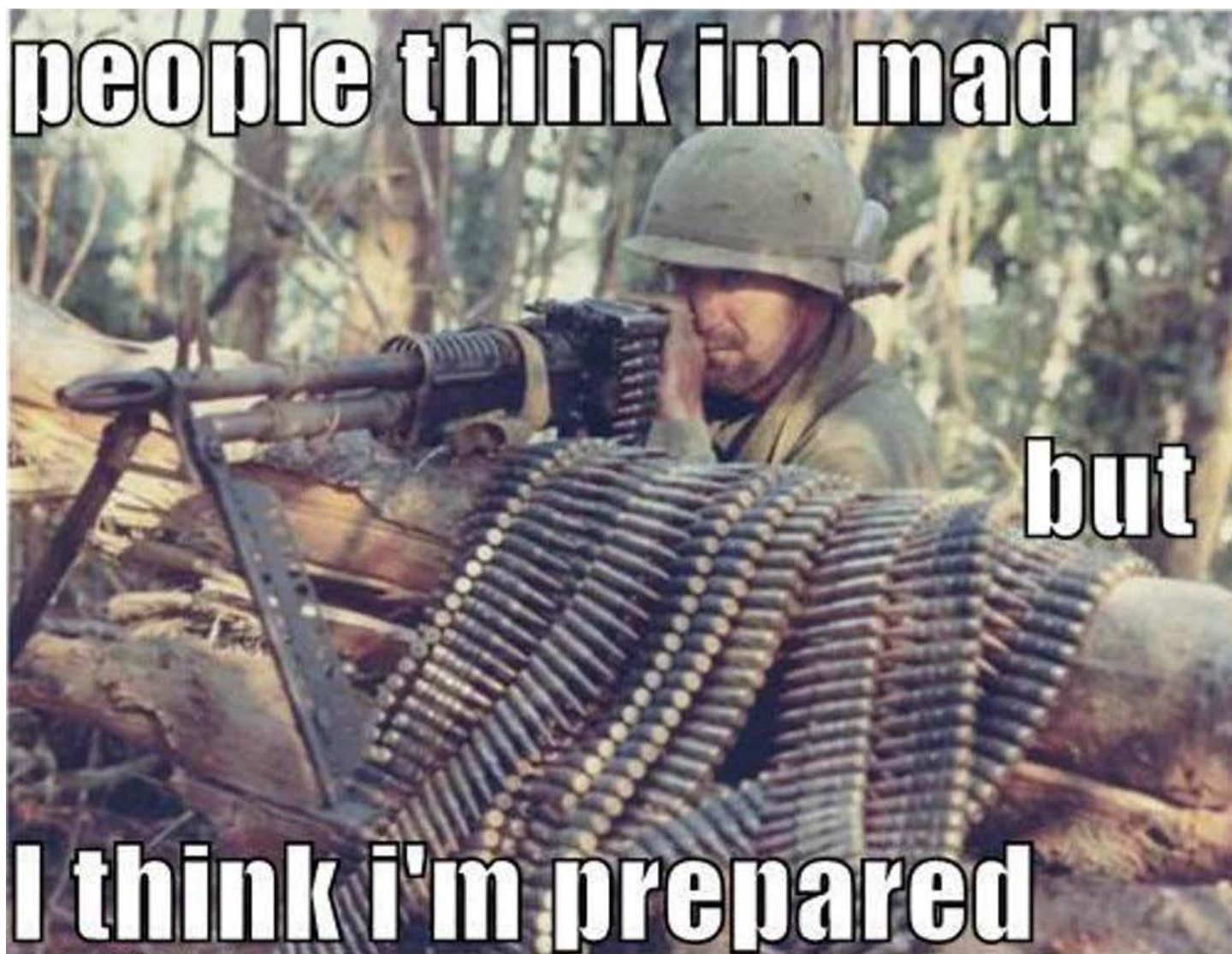
**Lasdon Park**

**December 17th**

**4:30 PM**

**This is our Christmas for the 217 men and 8 women who did not come home from Vietnam.**

**people think im mad**



**but**

**I think i'm prepared**

NOVEMBER 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9 music Eastview School 8:00	10	11 veteran's Day Lasdon Park 2:00 PM
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 pizza Party FDR Stress Unit 5:30 PM	29	30		

DECEMBER 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Stress unit Xmas party 1:00	11	12	13	14	15	16 @ 12:00 Wreaths across Lasdon park
17 candle light vigil Lasdon park Dusk	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
31 New years Eve						

## JANUARY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 New Years Day	3	4 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 pizza Party FDR Stress Unit 5:30	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 meeting Board 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 pizza party FDR Stress Unit 5:00 PM	28			



# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

## WE NEED YOU IN THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA



### MEMBERSHIP TYPES and ELIGIBILITY

**Individual Membership** is open to any Vietnam-era Veteran who served on active duty in the U.S. armed forces between January 1, 1959 and May 7, 1975.

**Associate Membership** in the VVA is open to all who share our concerns – both men and women, friends, supporters, and families – Veteran or not.

**Life Membership / Associate Life Membership** is available to all who wish to demonstrate a greater commitment to the ideals and work of the V.V.A. (Economically a great deal!)

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*check one*

*circle dues amount if applicable*

\_\_\_\_\_ Vietnam-era Veteran Application:      1 year - \$20      3 years - \$50      Life Membership - \$100  
Individual Membership  
(must provide a copy of applicant's DD-214)

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Associate Membership

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-Member Financial Contribution:      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Report of Address Change:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please make checks payable to: V.V.A. Chapter #49**



**Send application and check to:**

**Membership Chair, V.V.A. Chapter #49 PO Box 224, Pleasantville, NY 10570**

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