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*Westchester
County
Chapter #49*

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Do you care?



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HOURS:
11:00 - 3:30
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WEDNESDAY - SUNDAY
AND HOLIDAYS

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Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month
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This newsletter is a publication of Chapter 49, however the opinions expressed herein are those of the contributors, and as such, they do not necessarily represent those of Chapter 49. All views are welcome for publication. Submit items of interest, including poems, short stories, photographs, etc., to the Editors at the Chapter address or call for other arrangements. Materials submitted will not be returned unless otherwise requested.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Our Chapter picnic/barbeque was a great success thanks to the following people who generously donated: Marshal Clavel, Anthony DiChicco, Augustine's farm, Al Calabreze and Lucille Bates. Also thank you to our Chapter members who donated; James Ring, Ed Filippella, Barney Puleo, Carl DiLiberto, Bob Kennedy, Rick Burns, Bob Duffy, Jim LaManna, Terry Keogh, Vinny Bonacorso, Nestor Pereira, Bob Miller, Dan Griffin, Jim McCauley, Ken Crispens and Ed Fox.

On November 20th we are holding an Agent Orange Town Hall meeting at the Gateway building of the Westchester Community College from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. So far our guest speakers are VVA National President John Rowan, VVA New York State Council President Ned Foote and VVA Agent Orange Committee member Jack McManus. Please check our web site for more details. The message that we are conveying is that there are many children and grandchildren of Vietnam vets that are being born with birth defects that is caused by exposure to Agent Orange. And we need representatives to co-sponsor S. 2738 and H.R. 5484, please send them that message. And tell as many people as you can about our Town Hall meeting on November 20th.

On November 11th we will hold our Veterans Day ceremony at Lasdon Park at 2:00PM.

Also on December 13th we will hold our annual wreaths Across America ceremony at Lasdon Park at 12:00 Please see the flyer in this newsletter.

And then on December 21st we will hold our annual Candlelight Vigil at Lasdon at Dusk.

Take care of yourself and each other

Dan Griffin

Welcome to our newest members

VA Hudson Valley Health Care System

FDR Montrose Campus
914-737-4400

Castle Point Campus
845-831-2000



www.hudsonvalley.va.gov

Castle Point Campus Evening/Saturday Clinics

Primary Care

Wednesday Evenings
4:30 - 7:30 pm (last appointment at 7:00 pm)

Saturday
8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Specialty Clinics

Wednesday Evenings
Orthopedic: 4:30 - 6:30 pm
And one Saturday a month: 8:30 am - 1:30 pm

Saturday
Gastro: 8:30 am - 12:00 pm

Mental Health

Wednesday Evenings
4:30 - 7:00 pm

Saturday
8:30 am - 12:00 pm

*****TBI and Pain Management appointments available on Friday's*****

FDR Montrose Campus & Goshen CBOC Evening/Saturday Clinics

Primary Care

Montrose Extended Hours:

Tuesday: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

Saturday: 8:00 am - 2:30 pm

Goshen Extended Hours:

Wednesday: 8:00 am - 6:30 pm

Women Veterans Program
845-831-2000, ext 5658, 2154, 5823
To schedule an appointment with your
Primary Care Provider
call 845-831-2000, ext 7666

VETERANS FLU SHOT INFORMATION

VA HEALTH CLINIC

23 SOUTH BROADWAY, WHITE PLAINS

PHONE-914-421-1951

**IF YOU HAVE SEEN YOUR PRIMARY DOCTOR WITHIN
THE PAST YEAR NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY!**

THE SCHEDULE IS AS FOLLOWS:

TUESDAY - 1-3 PM

WEDNESDAY - 8-11 AM

THURSDAY – 8-11 AM & 1-3 PM (BEST DAY)

KINGSBRIDGE (PHONE - 718-584-9000)

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY

8:30 – 12:00 NOON & 1:00 – 3:30 PM ROOM 1C06

VA MONTROSE FDR CAMPUS

2094 ALBANY POST ROAD. MONTROSE, NY

PHONE 914-737-4400

BLDG 3, ROOM 121

NO APPOINTMENT IS NECESSARY

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

9-12 AM AND 1-3 PM

TAKE ACTION



VVA supports H.R. 5484 the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2014

Vietnam Veterans of America

October 3, 2014

Legislative Alert – Ask your Representative to Support H.R. 5484 the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2014

Representative Dan Benishek, (MI-1), has introduced H.R. 5484, the Toxic Exposure Research of 2014 formerly H.R. 4816, the Toxic Exposure Research and Military Family Support Act of 2014, VVA strongly supports this bill, which reflects positively on one of our foremost legislative goals. Not only would it help achieve a measure of justice for the innocent victims of the use of toxic substances in times of war, but it offers unlimited possibilities for scientific research into the effects of these toxic chemicals.

This comprehensive legislation will construct a common mechanism and procedures that will encompass all past and future toxic wounds, as needed.

VVA urges you to go to our Legislative Action Center site at <http://capwiz.com/vva/home/> and Take Action NOW by entering your zip code and sending the prepared letter to your U.S. Representative, asking them to please join their colleagues Brownley, (CA-26), Conyers, (MI-13) Honda (CA-17), Higgings (NY-26) and Rahall (WV-3) to co-sponsor H.R. 5484, the Toxic Exposure Research Act of 2014.

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is the nation's only congressional chartered veterans service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA's founding principle is "Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another."

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October 3, 2014

Legislative Alert

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If you no longer wish to receive e-mail from us, please click [here](#).

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WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

LASDON PARK

DECEMBER 13th

12:00 PM

**We will present wreaths at our Vietnam Memorial and at each one
of the statues on the “Trail of Honor”**



NOVEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5	6 meeting Armonk 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 Agent Orange Town Hall meeting 7:00 PM	21	22
23 30	24	25 pizza Party FDR stress Unit 5:30	26	27 Thanksgiving	28	29

DECEMBER 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 meeting Armonk 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 wreaths Lasdon 12:00
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Candle Light vigil dusk	22	23	24	25 Christmas	26	27
28	29	30	31 New years eve			

JANUARY 2015

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

FEBRUARY 2015

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



★ MEMBERSHIP ★



WE NEED YOU IN THE VIET-NAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND FEES

MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ALL WHO SHARE OUR CONCERNS, BOTH MEN AND WOMEN, FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS, AND FAMILIES, VETERAN OR NOT. WE ENCOURAGE ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP. INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY VIET-NAM ERA VETERAN WHO SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY IN THE U.S. ARMED FORCES DURING THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1, 1959 TO MAY 7, 1975.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP:

- ★ INDIVIDUAL MEMBER (IND) - A VIET-NAM ERA VETERAN WHO PAYS MEMBERSHIP FEES ANNUALLY.
- ★ ASSOCIATE MEMBER (ASO) - A NON VIET-NAM ERA VETERAN WHO PAYS MEMBERSHIP FEES ANNUALLY.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

- ★ LIFE MEMBER (PAID) - A VIET-NAM ERA VETERAN WHOS LIFE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL.
- ★ ASSOCIATED LIFE MEMBER (PAID) - AN ASSOCIATED MEMBER WHOS LIFE MEMBERSHIP HAS BEEN PAID IN FULL.
- ★ LIFE MEMBER PLANNED PAYMENT (LMPP) - A VIET-NAM ERA VETERAN WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE PLANNED PAYMENT (LMPP) FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.
- ★ ASSOCIATED LIFE MEMBER PLANNED PAYMENT (ALPP) - AN ASSOCIATED MEMBER WITH THE AGREEMENT OF THE PLANNED PAYMENT (ALPP) FOR ASSOCIATE LIFE MEMBERSHIP.
- ★ THE PLANNED PAYMENT REQUIRES COMPLETION WITHIN A PERIOD OF TWELVE MONTHS.
- ★ FEES: ANNUAL FEES OF \$ 20.00 FOR INDIVIDUAL OR ASSOCIATED MEMBERSHIP OR MAKE A PAYMENT OF 50.00 FOR A THREE YEAR MEMBERSHIP AND SAVE \$ 10.00.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP FEES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

CURRENT AGE:

49 AND UNDER.....	\$ 250.00
50 TO 55.....	\$ 225.00
56 TO 60.....	\$ 200.00
61 TO 65.....	\$ 175.00
66 AND OVER.....	\$ 150.00

PLEASE NOTE:

- ★ PROOF OF AGE MUST BE SUBMITTED ON ALL APPLICATIONS FOR LIFE MEMBERSHIP.
- ★ COPY OF FORM DD 214 MUST BE SUBMITTED FOR VIET-NAM ERA VETERANS.

* MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION *

- ☐ I AM A VIET-NAM VETERAN / FEE: \$20.00 of 50.00 / Copy of DD 214 is Required
- ☐ I AM A NON-VIET-NAM VETERAN AND PLEASE ENROL ME AS AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF VVA / FEE: \$20.00 or 50.00
- ☐ RENEWAL of MEMBERSHIP / FEE: \$20.00 or \$50.00
- ☐ I Wish to Contribute and be kept informed
(Enclosed is my Annual Contribution) \$ _____
- ☐ ADDRESS CHANGE (Indicate Chages Below)

LIFE MEMBERSHIP:

- ☐ VIET-NAM ERA VETERAN
- ☐ ASSOCIATE MEMBER

* see note above

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ DATE of BIRTH _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

Please make Cheque or Money Order Payable to: V.V.A Chapter #49
To: Membership Chair, V.V.A. Chapter #49 PO Box 224, Pleasantville, NY 10570

Questions?: Call the Chapter. Phone/Fax (914) 682-4949
Meetings of the Viet-Nam Veterans of America, Chapter #49
are held the first Thursday of each Month @ 7:30pm.

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