



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 415 June 2014 Newsletter

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Website:
<http://415vva.homestead.com/MembershipList.html>

Commonwealth Conducts Survey of Veterans Submitted by Rich Hudzinski

Excerpted from LVMAC website.

Back in 2004, the Lehigh Valley Military Affairs Council first reported the Commonwealth had serious problems in its veterans affairs system. While improvements have been made, the system still languishes.

Now, Penn State University – Harrisburg Campus, under contract to the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, is conducting a ‘veterans needs assessment.’ It is asking you to complete an online survey, if you are a Pennsylvania veteran – and furthermore, to encourage others you know to do so.

This is the final data collection step in a series of focus groups and other surveys, which include veterans service organizations, county directors of veterans affairs, and individual telephone interviews.

Please take the time to participate. You are an important part of the process. Your responses may ultimately help in determining what must be done to align the state’s veterans affairs services and responsiveness to actual needs in the 21st Century. And some of the questions themselves may reveal benefits applicable to you of which you are unaware. Otherwise, the Commonwealth will be wasting taxpayer dollars.

The site will remain active through July.

The site is:

<https://secure.csr.hbg.psu.edu/limesurvey/index.php?sid=12223&lang=en>

Rusty Wolfe was discharged over the weekend. Mike Regrut went to Old Orchard to visit him and was told by a nurse that he is no longer there. (We) have no other information and can only assume he is home with his daughter.

The chapter will host a book and DVD exchange on April July and November. Bring an item, sign out an item (up to 3 month)

AVVA Has a New Website

Check it out at <http://www.avva.org/>

Veterans Expo

Submitted by George Puzio



Pictures from Representative Julie Harhart's Veterans Expo in Walnutport, PA on May 22 of May. Chapter 415 distributed information about PTSD and answered any questions that Vietnam Veterans had. We also distributed "Paper Safes" and spoke to veterans of all wars. Those participating were Rich Hudzinski, Pete Hermany, Jo Roseberry and Lynn McMillan. The second picture is of Gerry Farris receiving a special award from Representative Harhart. There were about fifty special medals awarded to veterans ranging from Korea to Afghanistan.

Gerry Farris also sponsored a table for the Jewish War Veterans and Rich Hudzinski also represented LVMAC at the Expo.

President Obama to Award Medal of Honor to Hero Who Blocked Live Grenade



An Afghanistan war veteran who absorbed the blast of a grenade to protect a fellow Marine will receive the medal of honor next month, becoming the eighth living recipient for actions in Afghanistan or Iraq.

President Barack Obama will present the medal to retired Cpl. William "Kyle" Carpenter during a White House ceremony on June 19.

Carpenter, now 24 years old, was wounded Nov. 21, 2010, while guarding a patrol base in a small village in Helmand Province.

Read full story at:
<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/obama-award-medal-honor-hero-who-blocked-live-grenade-n109561>

Vietnam Vet Receives Purple Heart 46 Years Later

Last week, Vietnam veteran Sgt. Ken Duncan received the Purple Heart along with several other decorations more than 46 years after serving his country.



Duncan said life sort of took over after he left Vietnam and before he knew it, it was 2013 and he hadn't received several medals he was owed. Duncan went through the process of applying for the medals and during a ceremony last week was publicly recognized for his service.

Duncan's situation isn't common, but there are others just like him who years -- or decades, in Duncan's case -- later decide to apply for medals they're owed.

Read full story at:
<http://www.stripes.com/news/veterans/veterans-owed-medals-for-service-can-apply-online-1.283932>

Military History Anniversaries 1 thru 31 June

(A sample of the significant events in U.S. Military History)

- Jun 01 1813 – James Lawrence, the mortally-wounded commander of the USS Chesapeake, gives his final order: “Don’t give up the ship!”
- Jun 04 1939 – Holocaust: The MS St. Louis, a ship carrying 963 Jewish refugees, is denied permission to land in Florida, in the United States, after already being turned away from Cuba. Forced to return to Europe, more than 200 of its passengers later die in Nazi concentration camps.
- Jun 04 1940 – WW2: The Dunkirk evacuation ends - British forces complete evacuation of 338,000 troops from Dunkirk in France. To rally the morale of the country, Winston Churchill delivers his famous “We shall fight on the beaches” speech.
- Jun 05 1917 – WWI: Conscription begins in the United States as “Army registration day”. Ten million U.S. men begin registering for draft.
- Jun 06 1942 – WW2: Battle of Midway. U.S. Navy dive bombers sink the Japanese cruiser Mikuma and four Japanese carriers.
- Jun 06 1944 – WW2: Battle of Normandy begins. D-Day, code named Operation Overlord, commences with the landing of 155,000 Allied troops on the beaches of Normandy in France. The allied soldiers quickly break through the Atlantic Wall and push inland in the largest amphibious military operation in history.
- Jun 07 1965 – Vietnam: US troops ordered to fight offensively.
- Jun 08 1972 – Vietnam: Associated Press photographer Nick Ut takes his Pulitzer Prize-winning photo of a naked 9-year-old Phan Thi Kim Phúc running down a road after being burned by napalm.
- Jun 11 1862 – Civil War: Stonewall Jackson concludes his successful Shenandoah Valley Campaign with a victory in the Battle of Port Republic; his tactics during the campaign are now studied by militaries around the world.
- Jun 12 1944 – WW2: American paratroopers of the 101st Airborne Division secure the town of Carentan, France.
- Jun 12 1970 – After being appointed on May 15, Anna Mae Hays and Elizabeth P. Hoisington officially receive their ranks as U.S. Army Generals, becoming the first females to do so.
- Jun 14 1775 – American Revolution: The U.S. Army is founded when the Continental Congress authorizes the muster of troops.
- Jun 15 1864 – Arlington National Cemetery is established when 200 acres (0.81 km²) around Arlington Mansion (formerly owned by Confederate General Robert E. Lee) are officially set aside as a military cemetery by U.S. Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.
- Jun 22 1944 – President Roosevelt signed into law the Servicemen’s Readjustment Act of 1944, commonly known as the GI Bill of Rights.
 - Jun 25 1876 – Custer & 7th Cavalry wiped out by Sioux & Cheyenne at Battle of Little Big Horn. Casualties and losses: US 323 - Indians 138 Est.
 - Jun 25 1948 – Cold War: The Western allies begin an airlift to Berlin after the Soviet Union blockades West Berlin.
 - Jun 25 1950 – Korean War: Conflict begins with the invasion of South Korea by North Korea.
 - Jun 26 1917 – WWI: The first U.S. troops arrive in France to fight alongside Britain and France against Germany
- Jun 26 1993 – The U.S. launches a missile attack targeting Baghdad intelligence headquarters in retaliation for a thwarted assassination attempt against former President George H.W. Bush in April in Kuwait.
- Jun 27 1950 – Korean War: North Koreans troop reach Seoul, UN asks members to aid South Korea, Truman orders Air Force & Navy into Korean conflict.
- Jun 28 1919 – WWI: The Treaty of Versailles is signed in Paris, bringing fighting to an end in between Germany and the Allies of World War I.
- Jun 28 1950 – Korean War: Seoul is captured by North Korean troops. Packed with its own refugees fleeing Seoul and leaving their 5th Division stranded, South Korean forces blow up the Hangang Bridge to in attempt to slow North Korea’s offensive.
- Jun 28 1965 – Vietnam: 1st U.S. ground combat forces authorized by Pres Johnson
- Jun 29 1776 – America Revolution: First privateer battle of the War fought at Turtle Gut Inlet near Cape May, New Jersey
- Jun 29 1943 – WW2: Germany begins withdrawing U-boats from North Atlantic in anticipation of the Allied invasion of Europe
- Jun 29 1966 – Vietnam: U.S. planes bomb Hanoi & Haiphong for 1st time
- Jun 30 1944 – WW2: The Battle of Cherbourg ends with the fall of the strategically valuable port to American forces. Casualties and losses: US 22,000 - GER 28,000.



Zippos Lighters? How Is That Important?

Submitted by Jo Rosenberry

It is certainly interesting to have the connection that I have with the AVVA website. As the Webmaster, I get many interesting questions and comments, but this one – this one is one for the books!



I was contacted a couple of months ago by a lady named Ruth Mathys, who used to live in the United States, but now resides in Switzerland! The first thing that I thought was: "WOW. They read our website in Switzerland?"

The second thing was, that I was totally intrigued by the fact that someone was writing to try to find ways of getting some old Zippo lighters back to the families of several Vietnam soldiers and/or Marines.



Let me take you back for a moment. Ruth's co-worker took a trip to Vietnam in 1994. When he came back, he had a small bag full of old Zippo lighters he had acquired while there.

These lighters had obviously been either out in the weather for many years, or had been found buried somewhere. In any

case, they certainly seemed like something the troops had left behind, due to inscriptions and names engraved on them.

The friend gave the lighters to Ruth, as she was interested in veteran related things in her town at the time. Ruth was determined that she was going to find a way to locate family members and attempt to return these items to where she felt they belonged.

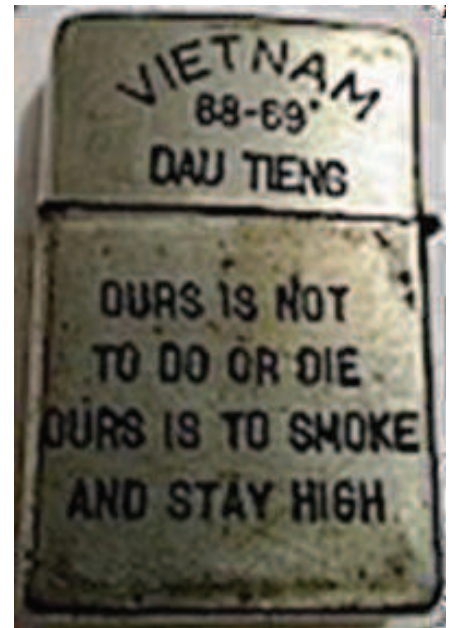
In 1995, Ruth contacted the Reader's Digest Magazine, who referred her to the National Personnel Records Center, and the National Archives in Washington DC.

She wrote to them both. Ruth received a response from Susan Francis, at the National Archives, referring her to Gayle Gamise of the Vietnam Veterans of America, who advised her to try the "Veteran" locator. She also sent Ruth a list of the names that she did have, and where they are found on The Wall!.

It took some time but, after a few follow up contacts, Ms. Tracie Houston, from the VVA National Office, advised Ruth to try placing an add in the VVA Veteran [magazine] Locator.

Ruth tried this, as she felt so strongly about attempting to find a place for these lighters; their owner's family (ideally), or at least some honorable disposition for them. She could not bring herself to just dispose of them.

Due to a change in employment, Ruth stopped pursuing this project for some years, and set the lighters and the documents aside in her home. Remember, the Internet did not really exist until a couple of years after she started her search, and it took a few years for it to build into what it is now.



Earlier this year, Ruth stumbled on the lighters again, stashed away in her home. She decided to start another search, and somehow, ended up contacting me! Need I say: this is now my mission, to help Ruth figure out what can be done with these pieces of Vietnam era memorabilia.



In case family could not be found, I contacted the VVMF to see if they might like to display them in the new Education Center at the Wall, but I have received no response from them thus far. I intend to see what can be done to try to find someone who recognizes one or more of these lighters, and barring the ability to find family, I will help Ruth find a suitable place for these lighters to rest.

We actually have an idea we are working on for a dignified resolution for these lighters, and if it works out, it might be the best thing that could happen to them. They belong (as far as we are concerned) in a place of relative honor; a remembrance of those who held them in their hands, as they passed through the doors of hell on their way to heaven's gate.
(If by any chance, you recognize any of these lighters, please email webmaster@avva.org)



Local Documentary Looking for Local Film

submitted by Ken Howard

Liz Reph from Lou Reda Productions in Easton sent this to our attention.

“We are a documentary film production company. We are starting research for a film about the Vietnam War and the Philipsburg / Easton area. I’m trying to locate home movies that local people filmed around here (could be anything - high school graduations, family events, general town footage - whatever, I’m looking for anything and everything from the mid 1950s to the mid 1970s)”.

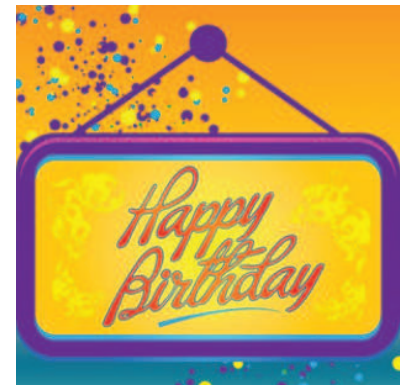
Liz Reph can be contacted at Lou Reda Productions 219 Spring Garden St. Easton, PA 18042 ph- 610-258-2957

Veterans’ Birthday Project

submitted by Ken Howard

We have some great news about an AVVA Project being started by our chapter; “L. V. Vets Birthday Project”.

Two new members of AVVA, Beth Masiado & her sister Linda Schuler will be contacting local nursing homes and mailing birthdays cards to Veterans.



One of our VVA members is donating over birthday 50 cards and envelopes to get the project started. This is a wonderful project and we deeply appreciate Beth and Linda starting this project.

For some of our vets in nursing homes this may be the only card they receive on their birthday. If you know of any Veterans in a local nursing home, please contact Beth by email, bmasiado@msn.com.

Widow Wins VA Claim 24 Years After Filing

reprinted from Air Force Times

Three weeks before 39-year-old Ronald McNutt died of cancer in 1987, he began talking about his military service in Vietnam with his wife, Bettye. The former soldier recalled swimming in rivers contaminated with runoff from Agent Orange and cooking on makeshift grills cobbled from the drums that had held the toxic herbicide.

Bettye McNutt had never heard of Agent Orange, and she didn't understand why Ronald was sharing these stories. But months after he passed away, she began digging into the subject, and armed with research — and a diary detailing her husband's war service — she filed a service-related dependency and indemnity compensation claim.

That was May 19, 1990.

On May 7, 2014, as McNutt was driving near her Olive Branch, Mississippi, home, she got a call from her attorney, who had startling news: After seven denials and appeals, having been told by Veterans Affairs Department officials that her husband's cancer was not caused by Agent Orange and 24 years of struggling to provide for herself and the couple's only son, the VA Board of Veterans Appeals had approved her claim.

When she was read the board's conclusion, that Ronald McNutt's condition was "caused directly, not presumptively, by exposure to Agent Orange," she wept.

"When I think of all the things I went through ... I finally feel relief. I've been in survival mode for so long, it's going to take me a while for it to sink in," Bettye McNutt said.

McNutt's case is likely not the longest pending veteran's claim, but the widow, who testified last December before the House Veterans' Affairs Committee about VA's disability claims backlog, said she came forward to call attention to

long-standing problems with the claims system.

"Dealing with the VA is a game of nerves," McNutt said. "What I'd like to say to others is: 'Don't accept the denial. Keep on.'"



Army infantryman Ronald McNutt, shown during his Vietnam deployment in 1968-69, died at age 39 of cancer caused by Agent Orange. His widow recently won a 24-year battle with VA over compensation for her husband's death. (Courtesy of Bettye McNutt)

McNutt said that after her husband's death, her son suffered from severe emotional grief and nightmares and they struggled for years in poverty, sometimes going without power or heat because she couldn't pay the bills. She said she often relied on the kindness of friends to make sure she and her son had food.

Now she is set to receive compensation from VA — \$1,000 for each of the 288 months that have passed since she filed her initial claim in 1990.

She said the fight was about justice for her own family as well as other Agent Orange victims. But she candidly acknowledges that she's also looking forward to no longer worrying about whether she will lose her job.

"I can drive a car that has less than 250,000 miles and I can go home without worrying about having the utilities cut off," said McNutt, now 69.

She waged much of her claims fight on her own, but decided to seek the help of an attorney about four years ago. Attorney Glenn Bergmann said after the ruling it had been "an honor" to help McNutt.

"VA finally agreed with the clear medical evidence that toxic exposure to Agent Orange in 1968 and 1969, while serving in the Army in Vietnam caused Ronald McNutt's tragic and early death from colon cancer," Bergmann said. "This case should serve as an example to other veterans and survivors to never give up the fight."

In a response to questions on the case, VA spokeswoman Meagan Lutz cited a speech President Abraham Lincoln gave in 1865.

“Lincoln delivered his prescription for our nations’ recovery, including, ‘to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow, and his orphan. ...’ Lincoln’s words became the VA’s official motto in 1959,” Lutz said.

In March, the VA’s claims backlog hovered around 368,000 cases, down from a peak of 611,000 in late March 2013. The department has pledged to eradicate its backlog of claims older than 125 days by the end of 2015.

VA officials have blamed more complex cases and a 2010 major revision in Agent Orange-related claims for the rise in the backlog.

But they also credit improved technology, new processing techniques and mandatory overtime for claims processors in helping drive down the backlog total.

Staff writer Leo Shane III contributed to this report.

Lawsuit Alleges Veteran Beaten to Death by VA Hospital Police

A lawsuit filed against the United States by Norma Montano alleges that Jonathan Montano, her 65-year-old husband of 44 years, was beaten to death by Veterans Administration hospital guards after he waited hours for dialysis treatment, the Courthouse News Service reported Sunday.

The lawsuit says Montano suffered a stroke and died on June 11, 2011 after his carotid artery was stomped by guards at the hospital. Worse yet, the lawsuit alleges hospital staff lied about what happened.

According to Montano, her husband grew tired of waiting for treatment and decided to go to another VA facility, but was told by nursing staff not to leave.

“Jonathan Montano told the nurse that he was leaving and was going to the VA Hospital in Long Beach, California, [and that] he wanted to leave the needle apparatus [a shunt] in his arm, so they wouldn’t have to put a new one in at the Long Beach VA Hospital,” the complaint says.

When Montano insisted on leaving, VA staff at the Loma Linda, Calif., facility, called VA police.

Read full story at:
<http://www.examiner.com/article/lawsuit-alleges-veteran-beaten-to-death-by-va-hospital-police>

VA Treatment Records at Fort Collins Falsified, Probe Finds

A VA investigation of one of its outpatient clinics in Colorado reveals how ingrained delays in medical care may be for an agency struggling to rapidly treat nearly 9 million veterans a year amid allegations that dozens have died because of delays.

Clerks at the Department of Veterans Affairs clinic in Fort Collins were instructed last year how to falsify appointment records so it appeared the small staff of doctors was seeing patients within the agency’s goal of 14 days, according to the investigation.

A copy of the findings by the VA’s Office of Medical Inspector was provided to USA TODAY.

Many of the 6,300 veterans treated at the outpatient clinic waited months to be seen. If the clerical staff allowed records to reflect that veterans waited longer than 14 days, they were punished by being placed on a “bad boy list,” the report shows.

“Employees reported that scheduling was ‘fixed,’ “ the findings say.

Red full story at:
<http://www.stripes.com/news/veterans/va-treatment-records-at-fort-collins-falsified-probe-finds-1.281575>

Military Humor

When little Reggie was inducted into the Army, he was advised to act tough.

“That’s the only way to command respect in the Army,” his friends said.

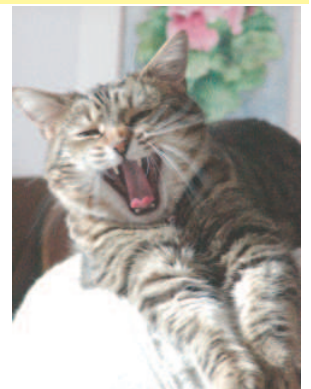
So Reggie did his best to carry out the advice. He swaggered all around camp, bragging, blustering and talking out of the corner of his mouth.

“Show me a sergeant and I’ll show you a dope,” Reggie shouted.

No sooner had he spoken than a brawny, battle-hardened figure appeared.

“I am a sergeant!” he bellowed.

“I am a dope,” whispered Reggie.



Senior Discounts

Submitted by Ken Howard

Changes to Discounts are possible. Check with company.
YOU must ASK for your discount !

RESTAURANTS

Applebee's: 15% off with Golden Apple Card (60+)
Arby's: 10% off (55 +)
Ben & Jerry's: 10% off (60+)
Bennigan's: discount varies by location (60+)
Bob's Big Boy: discount varies by location (60+)
Boston Market: 10% off (65+)
Burger King: 10% off (60+)
Chick-Fil-A: 10% off or free small drink or coffee (55+)
Chili's: 10% off (55+)
CiCi's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
Denny's: 10% off, 20% off for AARP members (55 +)
Dunkin' Donuts: 10% off or free coffee (55+)
Einstein's Bagels: 10% off baker's dozen of bagels (60+)
Fuddrucker's: 10% off any senior platter (55+)
Gatti's Pizza: 10% off (60+)
Golden Corral: 10% off (60+)
Hardee's: \$0.33 beverages everyday (65+)
IHOP: 10% off (55+)
Jack in the Box: up to 20% off (55+)
KFC: free small drink with any meal (55+)
Krispy Kreme: 10% off (50+)
Long John Silver's: various discounts at locations (55+)
McDonald's: discounts on coffee everyday (55+)
Mrs. Fields: 10% off at participating locations (60+)
Shoney's: 10% off
Sonic: 10% off or free beverage (60+)
Steak 'n Shake: 10% off every Monday & Tuesday (50+)
Subway: 10% off (60+)
Sweet Tomatoes: 10% off (62+)
Taco Bell : 5% off; free beverages for seniors (65+)
TCBY: 10% off (55+)
Tea Room Cafe: 10% off (50+)
Village Inn: 10% off (60+)
Waffle House: 10% off every Monday (60+)
Wendy's: 10% off (55 +)
Whataburger: 10% off (62+)
White Castle: 10% off (62+)

RETAIL & APPAREL

Banana Republic: 30% off (50 +)
Bealls: 20% off first Tuesday of each month (50 +)
Belk's: 15% off first Tuesday of every month (55 +)
Big Lots: 30% off
Bon-Ton Department Stores: 15% off on senior discount days (55 +)
C.J. Banks: 10% off every Wednesday (50+)
Clarks : 10% off (62+)
Dress Barn: 20% off (55+)
Goodwill: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
Hallmark: 10% off one day a week (date varies by location)
Kmart: 40% off (Wednesdays only) (50+)

Kohl's: 15% off (60+) Modell's Sporting Goods: 30% off
Rite Aid: 10% off on Tuesdays & 10% off prescriptions
Ross Stores: 10% off every Tuesday (55+)
The Salvation Army Thrift Stores: up to 50% off (55+)
Stein Mart: 20% off red dot/clearance items first Monday of every month (55 +)

GROCERY

Albertson's: 10% off first Wednesday of each month (55 +)
American Discount Stores: 10% off every Monday (50 +)
Compare Foods Supermarket: 10% off every Wednesday (60+)
DeCicco Family Markets: 5% off every Wednesday (60+)
Food Lion: 60% off every Monday (60+)
Fry's Supermarket: free Fry's VIP Club Membership & 10% off every Monday (55 +)
Great Valu Food Store: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
Gristedes Supermarket: 10% off every Tuesday (60+)
Harris Teeter: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
Hy-Vee: 5% off one day a week (date varies by location)
Kroger: 10% off (date varies by location)
Morton Williams Supermarket: 5% off every Tuesday (60+)
The Plant Shed: 10% off every Tuesday (50 +)
Publix: 15% off every Wednesday (55 +)
Rogers Marketplace: 5% off every Thursday (60+)
Uncle Guisepp's Marketplace: 15% off (62+)

TRAVEL

Airlines:
Alaska Airlines: 50% off (65+)
American Airlines: various discounts for 50% off non-peak periods (Tuesdays - Thursdays) (62+) and up (call before booking for discount)
Continental Airlines: no initiation fee for Continental Presidents Club & special fares for select destinations
Southwest Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
United Airlines: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)
U.S. Airways: various discounts for ages 65 and up (call before booking for discount)

RAIL Amtrak: 15% off (62+)

BUS Greyhound: 15% off (62+)

Trailways Transportation System: various discounts for ages 50+

CAR RENTAL Alamo Car Rental: up to 25% off for AARP members

Avis: up to 25% off for AARP members

Budget Rental Cars: 40% off; up to 50% off for AARP members (50+)

Dollar Rent-A-Car: 10% off (50+) Enterprise Rent-A-Car: 5% off for AARP members Hertz: up to 25% off for AARP members

National Rent-A-Car: up to 30% off for AARP members

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Senior Discounts continued

OVERNIGHT ACCOMODATIONS

Holiday Inn: 20-40% off depending on location (62+)
Best Western: 40% off (55+)
Cambria Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
Waldorf Astoria - NYC \$5,000 off nightly rate for Presidential Suite (55 +)
Clarion Motels: 20%-30% off (60+)
Comfort Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Comfort Suites: 20%-30% off (60+)
Econo Lodge: 40% off (60+)
Hampton Inns & Suites: 40% off when booked 72 hours in advance
Hyatt Hotels: 25%-50% off (62+)
InterContinental Hotels Group: various discounts at all hotels (65+)
Mainstay Suites: 10% off with Mature Traveler's Discount (50+); 20%-30% off (60+)
Marriott Hotels: 25% off (62+)
Motel 6: Stay Free Sunday nights (60+)
Myrtle Beach Resort: 30% off (55 +)
Quality Inn: 40%-50% off (60+)
Rodeway Inn: 20%-30% off (60+)
Sleep Inn: 40% off (60+)

ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT ::

AMC Theaters: up to 30% off (55 +)
Bally Total Fitness: \$100 off memberships (62+)
Busch Gardens Tampa, FL: \$13 off one-day tickets (50 +)
Carmike Cinemas: 35% off (65+)
Cinemark/Century Theaters: up to 35% off
Massage Envy - NYC 20% off all "Happy Endings" (62 +)
U.S. National Parks: \$10 lifetime pass; 50% off additional services including camping (62+)
Regal Cinemas: 50% off Ripley's Believe it or Not: @ off one-day ticket (55 +)
SeaWorld, Orlando , FL : \$3 off one-day tickets (50 +)

CELL PHONE DISCOUNTS :

AT&T: Special Senior Nation 200 Plan \$19.99/month (65+)
Jitterbug: \$10/month cell phone service (50 +)
Verizon Wireless: Verizon Nationwide 65 Plus Plan \$29.99/month (65+).

MISCELLANEOUS:

Great Clips: \$8 off hair cuts (60+)
Supercuts: \$8 off haircuts (60+)

NOW, go out there and claim your discounts - - and remember -- YOU must ASK for discount ---- no ask, no discount.
Please pass this one on!!!!

Looking for a Good, Civic-Minded Lawyer

The Board asks the chapter membership to assist us in finding a legal advisor, for the Chapter is want of a attorney for its advisory board. This is for your benefit as a chapter member and why we are asking for your assistance.

It is a pro bono position, but the duty is very light. Occasionally matters crop up requiring advice. Most issues revolve around nonprofit status and protection of that status. In addition to knowledge of the IRS regulations, familiarity with the laws of Pennsylvania in regard to 501(c)19 nonprofits and reporting requirements is desirable. There is also a need to store important documents at a new registered office.

If you know of someone willing, please contact Rich Hudzinski, 2nd Vice President, at 610-797-6297 or rich.hudzinski@verizon.net.



Oct. 29, 2013, Senator Richard Blumenthal (D CT) introduced S. 1602 a bill to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs a national center for the diagnosis, treatment, and research of health conditions of the descendants of veterans exposed to toxic substances during service in the Armed Forces, to provide certain services to those descendants, to establish an advisory board on exposure to toxic substances, and for other purposes. Please Sign the Petition to United States Veterans Administration!

<https://www.causes.com/honoravet>

And Faces of Agent Orange Video: Faces of Agent Orange Holds Briefing for S.1602

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5PVtsF4o-3Q>



1st Annual Car & Bike Show

Southeastern Veterans Center

1 Veterans Drive, Spring City, PA 19468

Saturday August 9, 2014

From 10 – 2 PM

Registration of vehicles begins at 8AM

How to Show your Car or Bike

No Registration Fee! Donations will be accepted at time of registration. Please arrive between 8 & 9 AM. Enter by Penhurst Rd and look for the registration tent. You will be directed to your show area.

All Proceeds to Benefit the Veterans Fund at the SEVC

What is the Veterans Fund at the SEVC?

The Veterans fund at SEVC is a restricted fund used exclusively for activities and events for the residents of the center.

Any questions - please contact Ken Schweitzer at k.schweitzer@hotmail.com Or Barry Amole at blamole@comcast.net

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VVA Chester County Chapter 436

VVA Pottstown Keystone Chapter 565



Second Brigade MC Chapter G



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc

Application for Membership

We are looking for all Veterans who served during the Vietnam Era

Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, or in **any duty location** between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975.

ATTENTION New members and new life members:
You must submit a copy of your DD- 214 form along with this application and dues payment.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____ Gender: _____

(OPTIONAL) Chapter Number: _____ Sponsor: _____

I am already a VVA member and want to become a Life Member. My VVA member number is _____

Type of Membership:

Individual Member 1yr: \$20

Individual Member 3yrs: \$50

Life Member Time Payment Plan:
\$50 down, \$25/mo. until paid in full

Life Membership:

Age 56-60yrs: \$200

AGE 61-65yrs \$175

Age 66-71yrs: \$150

Age 72+ : \$100

Payment Method: Check Money Order Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover)

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

Return your completed application, payment, and a copy of your DD-214 to:

Vietnam Veterans of America
PO Box 64299 · Baltimore · MD · 21264

Add Local Chapter information here

Please note: The chapter number of 415 must be entered on any application or the person will end up as an At-Large member.



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Application for Membership

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Make your check or Money Order Payable to AVVA
Mail to: Monument Bank – AVVA Lock Box | 8602 Colesville Rd
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Join State: _____ Chapter: _____ At-Large? _____

VVA Member? Yes ___ No ___ If no, are you eligible for VVA Membership? Yes ___ No ___

New Member? _____ Renewal? _____ Member #, if known: _____

Name: _____ Sex: M ___ F ___

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Home) _____ Phone (Cell) _____

Emails (please print clearly) _____

Annual Member Dues: (Choose either 1 year member or 3 year member)

1 year: \$20.00 _____ 3 Year: \$50.00 (saves \$10) _____

Life Member Options: (Check all that apply)

NOTE: Paying less than \$250.00 requires proof of age

Paid in Full **Payment Plan:** requires \$50 down, and \$25 per month until paid in full.

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|---|-------|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 49 years and under | \$250 | <input type="checkbox"/> Age 50 to 55 years | \$225 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 56 to 60 years | \$200 | <input type="checkbox"/> Age 61 to 65 years | \$175 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age 66 to 71 years | \$150 | <input type="checkbox"/> Age 72 years and over | \$100 |

DO NOT SEND CASH

Payment Method

Check Money Order Visa American Express Master Card Discover

Card #: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____