EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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May as always is very busy for Chapter 49; On Sunday May 25th my office will hold our annual Veteran Appreciation Day at Playland Park starting at 12:00. For veterans and active duty there will be free parking, free admission, free rides, free barbeque and music. The Marines will be landing again, they will land three helicopters, and they will charge out of the helicopters and set up a perimeter with fifty caliber machine guns. Chapter 49 will have t-shirts, hats, pins, etc. for sale. If you want to attend, call my office at 995-2145/2146, to receive your free parking pass.

Later on at 4:00 we will hold a barbeque at Montrose VA Hospital for the PTSD Stress Unit behind building 15.

After that we will hold our annual "watch fire" down at the picnic area, when it gets dark.

The next day on May 26th we will march in Chappaqua's Memorial Day parade; we will form up at 10:00. We meet at the grocery store parking lot near the Firehouse.

Later on we will hold our ceremonies in Lasdon Park at 3:00; at the Westchester County Vietnam Memorial.

There are two very important Agent Orange Bills that will treat children of Vietnam vets born with birth defects. Call, write, or e-mail your Congressmen and your Senators; tell them to sign onto H.R. 2519 and S.1602! So far none of our representatives have signed on to either of these very important Bills!

Take care of yourself and each other

Dan Griffin

Welcome to our new members

Luigi Marricco from Hawthorne