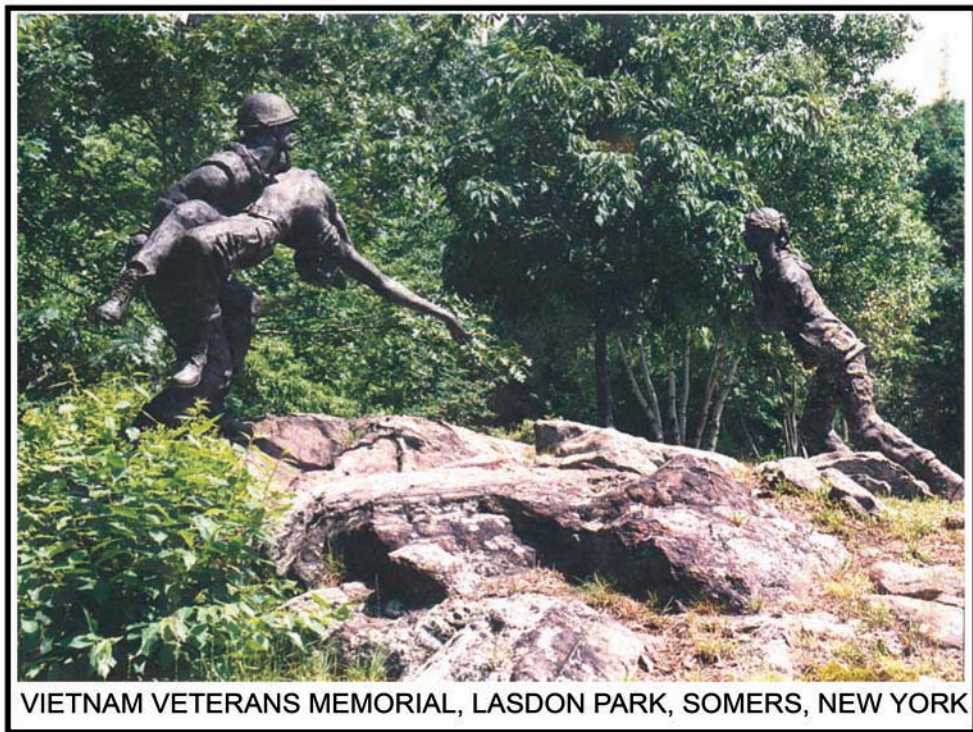


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7:30

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

For our Wreaths Across America ceremonies, we need ninety wreaths. I sent out an email to our chapter members stating that we were forty-five short; well, our Chapter members came through quickly. In a couple of days, we had 181 wreaths, enough for two years! We had a good turn out at Lasdon Park and at the Kensico Dam.

Then the next day we held our Candlelight Vigil, we also had a good turnout despite the bitter cold.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is an application and instructions for our Scholarship. Chapter member's children and grandchildren who do not live in Westchester County, are still eligible for our Scholarship.

Take care of yourself and each other.

Dan Griffin

Welcome to our newest members.

Vincent Acasta from South Salem

Rod Carlson from White plains

Kenneth Levine from River Vale, NJ

Rick Ritacco from Wilton, CT

POPEYE THE SAILOR MAN - WHO KNEW?



His real name was Frank "Rocky" Fiegel.

He was born in 1868 in Poland and, as a child, immigrated to the United States with his parents, who settled down in a small town in Illinois.

As a young man, Rocky went to sea.

After a 20 year career as a sailor in the Merchant Marines, Fiegel retired.

He was later hired by Wiebusch's Tavern in the city of Chester, Illinois as a 'Bouncer' to maintain order in the rowdy bar.

Rocky quickly developed a reputation for always being involved in fighting (and usually winning). As a result, he had a deformed eye ("Pop-eye").

He also 'always' smoked his pipe, so he always spoke out of one side of his mouth.

In his spare time as a Bouncer, Rocky would entertain the customers by regaling them with exciting stories of adventures he claimed to have had over his career as a sailor crossing the 'Seven Seas.'

The creator of Popeye, Elzie Crisler Segar, grew up in Chester and, as a young man, met Rocky at the tavern and would sit for hours listening to the old sailor's amazing 'sea stories.'

Years later, Segar became a cartoonist and developed a comic strip called 'Thimble Theater.'

He honoured Fiegel by asking if he could model his new comic strip character, 'Popeye the Sailor Man,' after him. Naturally Fiegel was flattered and agreed.

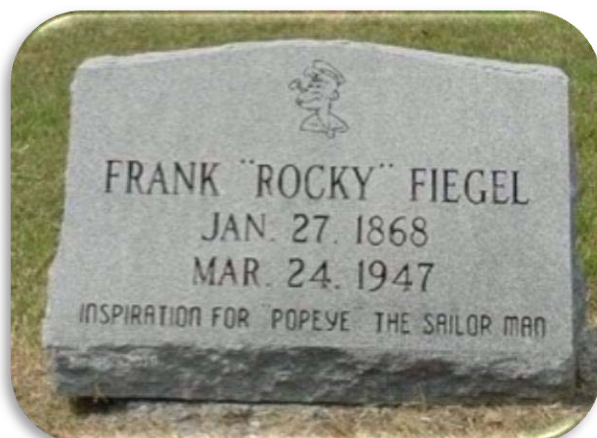
Segar claimed that 'Olive Oyl,' along with other characters, was also loosely based on an actual person. She was Dora Paskel, owner of a small grocery store in Chester.

She apparently actually looked much like the Olive Oyl character in his comics.

He claimed she even dressed much the same way.

Through the years, Segar kept in touch with Rocky and always helped him with money; giving him a small percentage of what he earned from his 'Popeye' illustrations.

WHO didn't love the cartoons??? We watched them religiously ... so funny, so moral ... each story had a good ending ... wonder if kids these days even KNOW who Popeye is??? Who knew he was a real man?? Awesome!!!



*VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
WESTCHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER #49
SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM*

Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #49, awards six scholarships of \$1,000.00 each year to high school graduates in Westchester County. The awards are granted to assist with a college or vocational school education. These scholarships honor six outstanding individuals from our area and are named the Pete Lambert Memorial Scholarship, the Congressman Hamilton Fish Jr. Memorial Scholarship, the Peter T. McCauley Memorial Scholarship, the Anthony Shine Memorial Scholarship, the Jonathan Shine Memorial Scholarship, and the William Suddereth Memorial Scholarship.

ELIGIBILITY: Students who will complete high school in Westchester County this year, are the child or a grandchild of an active-duty service veteran, and plan to attend an accredited college/university or vocational/technical school are eligible to compete for the scholarships. **Please note** that service in the Reserves or National Guard does not constitute veteran status unless you were activated for more than 90 days for purposes other than training. **Also note** that the child/grandchild of any veteran is eligible; service does not have to be during the Vietnam era.

HOW TO APPLY: There are four selection criteria that the student must submit to be considered for a scholarship:

1. DD-214 or honorable discharge of parent/grandparent
2. SAT/ACT scores; no other test score will be accepted. **Note:** for those who will be attending a vocational/technical school this requirement will be waived.
3. A resume of extracurricular activities to include school clubs, sports and student government, work experience, volunteer experience and other interests. Relevant references, with addresses and phone numbers.
4. A written statement, not to exceed two typed pages, on the topic "The affect (if any) of my parent's/grandparent's military service on my attitudes toward life and country."
5. Student, parent/guardian and School staff must sign application.

Students should complete the attached application and return it, along with the other requested items, by

April 1, 2022, to: Vietnam Veterans of America #49
Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 224
Pleasantville, NY 10570

SELECTION OF AWARDEES AND PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS: VVA #49 Scholarship Committee is solely responsible for the selection process. In late April the Committee will notify those selected for scholarships and their high schools and the acceptance and enrollment of those selected in an accredited college or technical school will be verified. Scholarship awards will be presented at our May meeting.

THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE WILL NOT CONSIDER APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT CONTAIN ALL OF THE REQUESTED INFORMATION IN ITS REQUIRED FORM OR ARE RECEIVED AFTER THE SUBMITTAL DATE.

NOTE TO CHAPTER MEMBERS OUTSIDE OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY: YOU DO NOT HAVE TO RESIDE IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY TO APPLY FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP. PLEASE CALL THE CHAPTER AND WE WILL SEND YOU AN APPLICATION package.

APPLICATION
VVA CHAPTER 49 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM
TYPE OR PRINT ALL INFORMATION, EXCEPT FOR SIGNATURES

LAST NAME – STUDENT

FIRST NAME

INITIAL

ADDRESS: STREET & NUMBER

CITY / VILLAGE / TOWN / STATE

ZIP

AREA CODE / PHONE NUMBER
BIRTH

DATE OF

PARENT/GUARDIAN and MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION: VETERAN

*PARENT/GRANDPARENT MUST PROVIDE COPY OF DD214, MILITARY DISCHARGE PAPERS -
- REQUIRED*

LAST NAME

FIRST NAME

INITIAL

ADDRESS: STREET & NUMBER

CITY / VILLAGE / TOWN / STATE

ZIP

Military Service: Branch:

From:

To:

AREA CODE/PHONE NUMBER

AUTHORIZATION: I authorize my high school/ my child's high school to complete/provide the information requested below on this application:

X: _____

APPLICANTS/STUDENT SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

SCHOOL INFORMATION TO BE COMPLETED BY GUIDANCE COUNSELOR OR PRINCIPAL:

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL

CODE NUMBER

ADDRESS: STREET & NUMBER

CITY/VILLAGE/TOWN/STATE

ZIP

AREA CODE / PHONE NUMBER

NAME AND POSITION OF SCHOOL STAFF PROVIDING THE FOLLOWING:

IS THIS STUDENT A SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL THIS YEAR? _____

YES _____ NO _____

WHAT IS THE LATEST SAT/ACT SCORES FOR THIS STUDENT? VERBAL: _____ MATH: _____
WRITTEN: _____ TOTAL: _____

- PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF SAT/ACT SCORES FOR THIS STUDENT – REQUIRED
- SAT/ACT SCORES AND YOUR SIGNATURE BELOW IS OUR VERIFICATION THAT SCHOOL INFORMATION IS CORRECT

X: _____

SIGNATURE OF SCHOOL STAFF

DATE

The POW/ MIA Remembrance Ceremony

This table is our way of symbolizing the fact that members of our profession of arms are missing from our midst. They are commonly called POWs or MIAs, we call them "Brothers." They are unable to be with us today, so we remember them.

This Table set for one, is small --Symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors.

Remember!

The Tablecloth is white -- Symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

Remember!

The single Red Rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return

Remember!

The red Ribbon tied so prominently on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the lapel and breasts of thousands who bear witness to their unyielding determination to demand a proper accounting of our missing.

Remember!

The Candle, the candle is lit -- Symbolizing the upward reach of their unconquerable spirit.

Remember!

A Slice of Lemon is on the plate to remind us of their bitter fate.

Remember!

There is Salt upon the plate -- Symbolic of the families' tears as they wait.

Remember!

The Glass is inverted -- They cannot toast with us today.

Remember!

The Chair -- The chair is empty. They are not here.

Remember!

All of you who served with them, who depended upon them, do not forsake them, for surely, they have not forsaken you.

Remember! Remember!

Until the day they come home.



JANUARY 2022

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

FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 meeting Board 6:00 Dinner 6:30 Meeting 7:30	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	28					

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 VVA meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 April Fool's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15 Good Friday	16
17 Easter	18	19	20 Spring begins	21	22	23
24 <hr/> <hr/>	25	26	27	28	29	30



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

Life Membership - \$50.00

_____ Vietnam-era Veteran Application:
 Individual Membership
(must provide a copy of applicant's DD-214)

_____ Non-Vietnam-era Veteran Application: Life Membership - \$50.00
 Associate Membership

_____ Non-Member Financial Contribution: \$ _____

_____ Report of Address Change:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Date of Birth: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

E-mail Address: _____

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

Questions? Call the Chapter: Phone/Fax (914) 682-4949
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www.VietnamVets49.org



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