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HOURS:

11:00-3:30

SUMMER DAYS WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY

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7:30

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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

We have one Chapter member that is recovering from Covid-19; he is in respiratory Rehab. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing him at our annual picnic. I know of two other Chapter members who have had Covid-19 and recovered from it.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is a flyer about our annual picnic, I hope to see you all there!

Also in this newsletter is a list of the winners of our 2021 Chapter Scholarships.

The following is the results of our annual elections: President: Bob Jordan, Vice President: Chet Edwards, Secretary: Jim LaManna, Treasurer: Al Singerman. Board or Directors; Peter Brown, Ed Fox, Carl DiLiberto, Terry Keogh, Jim McCauley, Bill Rod and Al Zawiski. Also, National just informed us that based on our increased membership; we now have eight Delegates. The Delegates are elected on even years only, so next year we will elect eight.

**Armed Forces Day
Is for those still in uniform.**

**Veterans Day
Is for those who hung up their uniform.**

**Memorial Day
Is for those who never made it out of their uniform.**

Take care of yourself and each other.

Dan Griffin

Welcome to our newest members.

Joseph Hunt from Bronxville

Robert Bodie from Peekskill

Who's eligible for an Agent Orange Registry health exam?

These Veterans are eligible for the Agent Orange Registry health exam:

Vietnam

- Veterans who served in Vietnam between 1962 and 1975, regardless of length of time.
- Veterans who served aboard smaller river patrol and swift boats that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam (also known as “Brown Water Veterans”).
- Veterans who served on certain [S. Navy and Coast Guard ships that operated in Vietnam](#) (also known as “Blue Water Veterans”).
- Veterans who served in a unit in or near the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) anytime between September 1, 1967 and August 31, 1971.

Thailand

- Air Force Veterans who served on Royal Thai Air Force (RTAF) bases near U-Tapao, Ubon, Nakhon Phanom, Udorn, Takhli, Korat, and Don Muang, near the air base perimeter anytime between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.
- Army Veterans who provided perimeter security on RTAF bases in Thailand anytime between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975.
- Army Veterans who were stationed on some small Army installations in Thailand anytime between February 28,

1961 and May 7, 1975. However, the Army Veteran must have been a member of a military police (MP) unit or was assigned a military occupational specialty whose duty placed him or her at or near the base perimeter.

Other potential Agent Orange exposures

- Veterans who may have been exposed to herbicides during a military operation or as a result of testing, transporting, or spraying herbicides for military purposes.
 - **In the U.S.** (including locations in Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, Montana, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wisconsin)
 - **Outside of the U.S.** (including Cambodia, Canada, India, Korea, Laos, Puerto Rico, Thailand, and at sea.)

What happens during an Agent Orange Registry health exam?

At a health exam for the Agent Orange Registry a VA health care provider will ask you about your history of contact with Agent Orange and/or other herbicides, but otherwise the exam is fairly similar to a regular physical at your doctor's office. In addition to your history of herbicide exposure, the exam includes:

- Your health history (including any major illnesses or surgeries you may have had)

- A physical exam
- Medical tests that may be needed (like blood tests, X-rays, or other imaging tests)

After the exam, a VA health care provider will go over the test results with you. You'll also get a letter with the details of your results.

7 Things You Should Know about Agent Orange Registry health exams

1. **The exam is free for eligible veterans.** If you meet the eligibility requirements listed above, the exam is free of charge. There is no payment or copayment involved.
2. **The exam is NOT a disability compensation exam.** As mentioned, exams scheduled as part of the Agent Orange Registry are different from disability compensation exams, also known as Compensation & Pension, or C&P, exams. The Registry health exam is meant to alert of potential health issues related to herbicide exposure and to collect data on veterans exposed to herbicides. The exam is not required for any VA benefits and doesn't count as an application for VA benefits.
3. **You do NOT need to be enrolled in VA's health care system to participate.** Any veteran who meets the eligibility requirements (which are based on the location and time period of your service) can participate in the Agent Orange Registry and receive a related health exam.

- 4. The exam is based on your recollection of service, not on your military records.** You will be asked about your recollections of herbicide exposure, but you're not required to bring any service records with you to the exam or prove exposure in any way.
- 5. The exam will NOT confirm (or deny) exposure to Agent Orange.** Unfortunately, there's no medical test or biological feature that can show that someone was exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides, so the health exam cannot confirm that you were (or were not) exposed. But the exam will help determine whether you have any illnesses that are potentially related to herbicide exposure.
- 6. You can receive additional Registry exams if new problems develop.** If at any time after your first Agent Orange Registry health exam you develop another medical condition potentially related to herbicide exposure, you can get a second (or third, etc.) exam.
- 7. Your family members are NOT eligible for a Registry health exam.** Unfortunately, the VA does not allow family members who may have been affected by their veterans' exposure (in the form of birth defects, etc.) are not allowed to receive an Agent Orange Registry health exam.



PICNIC

The word 'PICNIC' is written in large, bold, yellow capital letters. Inside the letters, there are black silhouettes of various picnic activities: a person standing, a person sitting on a bench, a person sitting at a table, a person standing next to a picnic basket, a person standing next to a grill, a person standing next to a cooler, and a person standing next to a person sitting on a bench.

CHAPTER PICNIC

AUGUST 21st 12:00 UNTILL?

ARMONK AMERICAN LEGION PAVILION

**CHAPTER WILL FURNISH HOT DOGS, HAMBURGERS,
CORN, CLAMS, SHRIMP AND SODA**

PLEASE BRING SALADS AND CONDIMENTS

THIS PICNIC IS FOR US AND OUR FAMILIES

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY ARE ATTENDING

SO, CALL THE CHAPTER OFFICE 914-682-4949

Or email chapter49@aol.com

BY AUGUST 1st

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DONATE

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE

MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15 Plant Sale Lasdon Park
16 Plant Sale Lasdon Park	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 30 Memorial Day	24 31 Memorial Day 2:00	25	26	27	28	29 12:00 Stress unit BBQ

JUNE 2021

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 Flag Day	15	16	17	18	19 Pizza party FDR Stress unit 12:00
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

JULY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Pizza party FDR Stress unit 12:00
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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AUGUST 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Chapter BBQ 12:00 Post 1097
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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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

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Life Membership - \$50.00

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(must provide a copy of applicant's DD-214)

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Scholarship winners for 2021

*The Pete Lambert Memorial Scholarship — Naved Azim attended Rye High School

*The Peter T. McCauley Memorial Scholarship— Logan Aceste attended John Jay High School and is a grandchild of a Chapter member.

*The Hamilton Fish Memorial Scholarship — Jake Dorchak attended White Plains High School

*The William Sudderth Memorial Scholarship —Jacob Sosinsky attended Garnet Valley High School and is a grandchild of a Chapter member.

*The Anthony Shine Memorial Scholarship— Kelly Piko attended Dobbs Ferry High School

*The Jonathan Shine Memorial Scholarship —Ava Meier attended Rye Neck High School

On behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors and Members of Chapter 49 we would like to congratulate these young individuals and wish them all the luck in their educational endeavors.

We would like to offer a special thanks to Bob Miller and the Scholarship Committee for all the work they have done.