

Vietnam Veterans of America

CHAPTER 49 • Westchester County



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Do you care?

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HOURS:

11:00-3:30

SUMMER DAYS WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY

WINTER DAYS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

AND HOLIDAYS

864-7263

Chapter 49

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Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month

7:30

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Attached to this newsletter are the application and instructions for our Scholarship, which is open to all Chapter members' children, grandchildren or great grandchildren. They are eligible if they are going to graduate High School this year.

In all our newsletters there is an application to join our Chapter, whenever you see someone wearing a hat or they have a bumper sticker that says they are one of us give them a copy. We now have 383 members; I would love to reach 400 members.

We would love to have all of you attend our meetings; held once a Month on the first Thursday of the Month; if we need to change the date, I will inform you. Dinner is at 6:30 and the meeting starts at 7:30. Our meetings are also on Zoom, to connect by computer go to: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84554514740>. Or you can call in by phone at 1-929-436-2866, use meeting ID: 845 5451 4740.

SOME PEOPLE DREAM THE AMERICAN DREAM

SOME PEOPLE LIVE THE AMERICAN DREAM

THE MILITARY PROTECTS THE AMERICAN DREAM

**Live simply
Love Generously
Care Deeply
Speak Kindly**

Take care of yourself and each other.

Dan Griffin

Welcome to our newest members.

John Hoffman from Eastchester

Robert Sarvaideo from New Rochelle

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

Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #49, awards six scholarships of \$1,000 each year to high school or vocational school graduates in Westchester County. These scholarships honor six outstanding individuals from our area. The scholarships 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 they 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 five 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. If your School does not offer ACT/SAT tests, then the school must provide a record of the student's achievements in an academic and/or vocational educational program.
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, should be provided.
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** 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. 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 or mailed to the awardees.

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.

VVA FLAG

The symbolism of the Vietnam Veterans of America flag is explained below:

The background color is golden yellow, the primary color of the Vietnam Service Ribbon.

In the “hoist” of the flag, the seventeen brown stars, arranged in three vertical rows, represent the seventeen official campaigns of the Vietnam war.

The insignia of VVA, including the identification inscription Vietnam Veterans of America is centered between the campaign stars and the “fly” of the flag. The VVA insignia incorporates the colors and stripes of the Vietnam Service Ribbon, which was awarded to all the men and women who served in Southeast Asia and the contiguous waters or air space from July 4, 1965, through March 28, 1973.

Surrounding the insignia, in natural colors, is a wreath containing a laurel branch and a sheaf of rice stalks. The two are tied together at the base with a strand of black barbed wire. The rice represents Southeast Asia, and the laurel signifies honor to all who served there. The black barbed wire serves as a reminder of the POWs and MIAs who are still unaccounted for.



**THE OLD MAN
THAT SHUFFLES AROUND TOWN
WITH THE VIETNAM VETERAN HAT ON**



**WAS AT ONE TIME
MORE BADASS
THAN YOU WILL EVER BE.**

ARMY COOKIES



DEATH FROM WITHIN

JANUARY 2024

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

FEBRUARY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 Dinner 7:30 meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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March 2024

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

April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WE NEED YOU

IN THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA



MEMBERSHIP TYPES and ELIGIBILITY

Life 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.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

check one

- _____ Vietnam-era Veteran Application: Life Membership - \$50.00
(must provide a copy of applicant's DD-214)
- _____ Non-Vietnam-era Veteran Application: 1 year -\$20.00, 3 years-\$50.00
 Associate Membership Life Membership
 under 59-\$175.00, 60 and over-\$100.00
- _____ 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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 The Armonk American Legion Hall • 35 Bedford Rd. Armonk, NY 10504
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