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CHAPTER 49 • Westchester County



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Do you know?
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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7:30

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Attached to this newsletter are our 2024 Scholarship recipients: good luck to them all. And thank you to Bob Miller and our Scholarship committee for their work. The selection process was difficult because of all the excellent applications we received.

We now have over four hundred members! But I would love to see more join, in all of 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 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. If you have trouble seeing at night, you may consider asking your wife to drive you. Then she could visit and eat dinner with my wife Sharon. 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.

In this issue I placed that photo of the three Grunts again, because as it turns out the guy on the right is our own Chapter member Clyde Hardman!!!

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

Take care of yourself and each other.

Dan Griffin

Welcome to our newest members.

Richard Cantor from Scarsdale

John Dynan from Yonkers

Vincent Pipolo from Yorktown Heights



Westchester County Memorial Day Service

Lasdon Park, Arboretum
& Veterans Memorial
2610 NY-35
Katonah, NY 10536

Friday, May 24 at 11 a.m.

Watch live on Facebook: [Facebook.com/westchestergov](https://www.facebook.com/westchestergov)



George Latimer, County Executive
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Scholarship recipients 2024

- The Pete Lambert Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 - Ashley Carozza who attended Lakeland High School
- The Peter T. McCauley Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 - Lincoln Ortiz who attended Westlake High School
- The Hamilton Fish Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 - Caitlin Higgins who attended Scarsdale High School
- The William Sudderth Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 - Emma Walsh who attended Fairfield Warde High School in Connecticut
- The Anthony Shine Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 - Hillary Kramer who attended Rye Neck High School
- The Jonathan Shine Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 - Alex Sosinsky who attended Gamet Valley 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 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.

What are Vietnam Veterans of America's Goals?

VVA's goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans. VVA strives to achieve the following:

- Aggressively advocate on issues important to veterans
- Seek full access to quality health care for veterans
- Identify the full range of disabling injuries and illnesses incurred during military service
- Hold government agencies accountable for following laws mandating veteran's health care
- Create a positive public perception of Vietnam veterans
- Seek the fullest possible accounting of America's POWs and MIAs
- Support the next generation of America's war veterans
- Serve our communities



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



**CHAPTER 49 MEMBER
CLYDE HARDMAN!**

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

Why do we join veterans' groups and go to reunions?

I now know why men and women who have been to war yearn to reunite. Not to tell stories or look at old pictures. Not to laugh or weep. Comrades gather because they long to be with the men who once acted their best, men who suffered and sacrificed, who were stripped raw, right down to their humanity.

I did not pick these men. They were delivered by fate. But I know them in a way I know no other men. I have never given anyone such trust. They were willing to guard something more precious than my life. They would have carried my reputation, the memory of me. It was part of the bargain we all made, the reason we were so willing to die for one another.

I cannot say where we are headed. Ours are not perfect friendships; those are the province of legend and myth. A few of my comrades drift far from me now, sending back only occasional word. I know that one day even these could fall to silence. Some of the men will stay close, but all will be on my mind.

As long as I have memory, I will think of them all, every day. I am sure that when I leave this world, my last thought will be of my family and my comrades ... such good men.

Written by Michael Norman

MAY 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 PTSD Unit Pizza Party 12:00
12 Mother's Day	13	14	15	16	17	18 Honor Flight
19	20	21	22	23	24 11:00 County ceremony Lasdon Park	25
26	27 Memorial Day 2:00 Lasdon Park	28	29	30	31	

June 2024

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

JULY 2024

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

AUGUST 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	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<u>25</u>	26	27	28	29	30	31



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

WE NEED YOU IN THE VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA



MEMBERSHIP TYPES and ELIGIBILITY

Life Membership is open to anyone who served in Vietnam between November 1, 1955 and May 7, 1975, or anywhere between August 5, 1964 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

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 The Armonk American Legion Hall • 35 Bedford Rd. Armonk, NY 10504
 Dinner at 6:30 pm / Meeting at 7:30 pm

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