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CHAPTER 49 • Westchester County



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**All the POW's are not home yet!
Do you know?
Do you care?**

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11:00-3:30

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AND HOLIDAYS

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Meetings: 1st Thursday of the month

7:30

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

If you have never submitted a claim for any injuries or illnesses that you incurred in service, then you need to call me @ 914-813-5043. You don't have to live in Westchester county, we can process the claims over the internet. I hear from many vets saying that others were worse off than them; I look at it this way; if you came out of the service changed, then you deserve to be compensated.

We want you to be aware of some of the things our Chapter does and have done over the past 43 years. After homeless veterans are placed in a home by the VA we send them a complete kitchen and bath kit; a photo of the kits was in the last newsletter. So far this year we provided 48 of each kit, some needed additional items such as bedding. Out of the 48 homeless vets, six were women, two had their children with them!

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 and the other wives. Our FREE 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.

If you have an Email address, please email me so that I can send you updates as to our activities. And to update you on new VA benefits.

Elsewhere in this news letter is a flyer about our annual BBQ, which will be held on September 6th 12:00, I hope to see you there.

Take care of yourself and each other.

Dan Griffin

Welcome to our newest members

Wilbert Davis from Mamaroneck

Thomas McGurn from New Fairfield, CT

James R. Tiedemann from Amawalk

Robert J Jordan Chapter 49 President

Robert Jordan, Award-Winning TV New Producer

Robert J. Jordan of Pound Ridge, NY died on January 4, 2025, after a long battle with Agent Orange-related illnesses and dementia. He was 80 years old. Bob had a long and remarkable career in television news and production.

Bob was a graduate of Wayne State University. While in college, he worked as a copy boy at WDIV-TV. After graduating from college, he joined the US Army, attending Infantry School at Fort Benning, GA. He went on to Officers Candidate School and rose to First Lieutenant, Infantry Platoon Leader in the First Cavalry Division while in active combat in Vietnam. He was awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, a Bronze Star Cluster with V Devise for Valor and the US Army Air Medal. Upon return from Vietnam, he became an Information Officer at the Office of the Chief of Information at the Pentagon, where he responded to numerous broadcast network requests for editorial/production assistance.

After receiving an honorable discharge from the Army, Bob went back to his true love, television news. He served in various production, editorial and management positions at WJLA-TV (ABC) in Washington, DC; WCAU-TV (CBS) in Philadelphia, PA; WBBM-TV (CBS) in Chicago and WBZ-TV (NBC) in Boston. In 1980 at the height of the Iran Hostage Crisis, he left Boston to join ABC News and work on a new late night news program, "America Held Hostage." That program became the award-winning "Nightline" with Ted Koppel.

Bob traveled around the world, covering major news events for Nightline. He became the Senior Producer in New York, supervising the production and operational needs of the program. During his tenure on the program, Bob was awarded 12 national news and documentary Emmy Awards, three Alfred I Dupont/Columbia University Journalism Awards and a George Foster Peabody Award for Broadcast Excellence.

Bob would go on to become Executive Producer for ABC News. Later he became an Executive Producer for Scripps Productions developing and producing programs for A&E, Court TV, HGTV and Food Network. He would then return to ABC News to work on Special Events, overseeing coverage of such events as the 2004 presidential election, the Iraq War and the elevation of Pope Benedict XVI. He was also a Senior Vice President and Executive Producer for Sterling Digital, a division of Cablevision.

Bob volunteered with Chapter 49 of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He served as president of the chapter for many years. He was very proud of his service to his country.



Kenneth W. Jenkins
Westchester County Executive

Ronald C. Tocci, Director
Veterans Service Agency

February 11, 2025

FYI

Westchester County has approved

FREE PARK PASSES for all Westchester County Veterans ONLY.

You can walk into anyone one of these facilities to obtain your official Park Pass.

Westchester County Dept. of Parks, Recreation & Conservation Office	450 Saw Mill River Rd. (just south of Lawrence Street) Ardsley, NY 10502	914-231-4575	Monday – Friday 10am-4pm Bring your Westchester County residence and military proof
Croton Point Park	1A Croton Point Ave Croton-On-Hudson, NY 10520	914-862-5290	Monday- Friday 8am-4pm Bring your Westchester County residence and military proof
Ward Pound Ridge	Route 35 and 121 South, Cross River, NY 10576	914-864-7317	Friday-Tuesday 9am-4pm Bring your Westchester County residence and military proof





CHAPTER 49 PICNIC

SEPTEMBER 6th 12:00 UNTIL?

ARMONK AMERICAN LEGION PAVILION

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

PLEASE BRING SALADS AND DESERTS

Music provided by Chet our DJ extraordinaire

THIS PICNIC IS FOR US AND OUR FAMILIES

WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY ARE ATTENDING

CALL THE CHAPTER OFFICE 914-682-4949

OR EMAIL: chapter49@aol.com

BY SEPTEMBER 1st

HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE

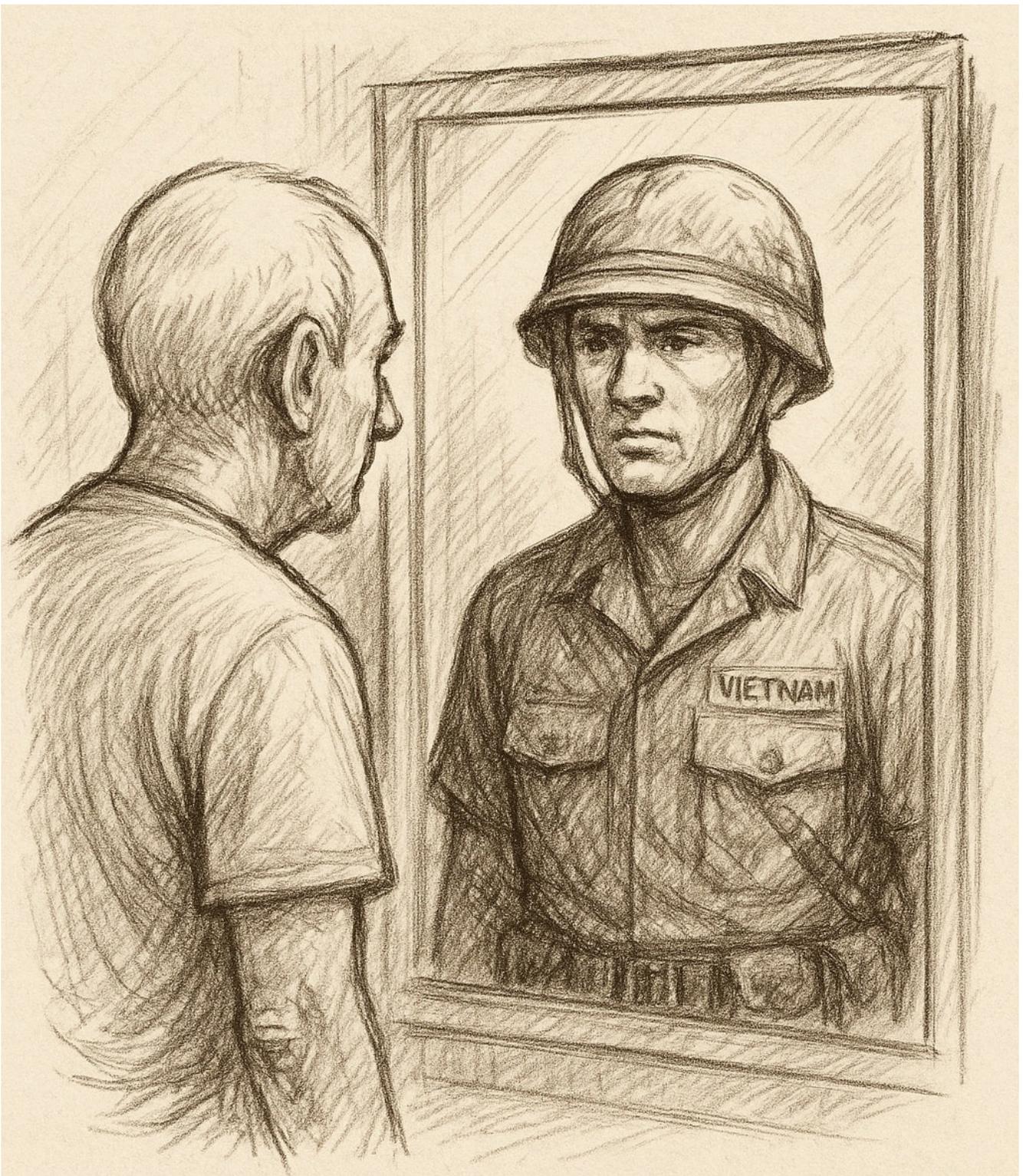
What are Vietnam Veterans of America's Goals?



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 BODY AGES.
THE SOUL STILL
HEARS THE CHOPPERS.**

JULY 2025

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

AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 VVA convention	6 VVA convention	7 VVA convention	8 VVA convention	9 VVA convention
10	11	12	13	14 meeting 6:00 Board 6:30 dinner 7:30 meeting	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Pizza Party 12:00 FDR VA Building 15

SEPTEMBER 2025

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

OCTOBER 2025

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
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	



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

Questions? Call the Chapter: Phone/Fax (914) 682-4949

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