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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

SUMMER DAYS WEDNESDAY-SUNDAY

WINTER DAYS SATURDAY & SUNDAY

AND HOLIDAYS

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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 injured worse than them; I look at it this way; if you came out of the service changed, then you deserve to be compensated.

Elsewhere in this newsletter is the list of the students that were awarded our Scholarships. Also, in this newsletter there are photos of the kitchen kits and bathroom kits that we send to formally homeless veterans.

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.

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

Take care of yourself and each other.

Dan Griffin

Welcome to our newest members

Charles Herman from Montrose

Fred Maier from Taunton, MA

George Rosamond from Bedford Hills

Frank Trapani

John Yusi from Rye

2025 Scholarship Winners

*The Pete Lambert Memorial Scholarship \$1,500—Mark Dimaggio attended Rye Neck High School

*The Peter T. McCauley Memorial Scholarship \$1,500—Anastasia Savage attended John Jay High School

*The Hamilton Fish Memorial Scholarship \$1,500—Sienna Wardle attended Rye High School

*The William Sudderth Memorial Scholarship \$1,500—Katherine Tassier attended Pleasantville High School

*The Anthony Shine Memorial Scholarship \$1,500—Alexa Disalvo attended Westlake High School

*The Jonathan Shine Memorial Scholarship \$1,500—Luke Armstrong attended Somers High School

*The Paul Bucha Memorial Scholarship \$1,500----Sophia Pucci attended Trumbull, CT 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.

The kitchen kits and bathroom kits that we send to formally homeless veterans



They weren't sure it was real until they saw the plane that would carry them home...

Hundreds of American POWs were released from North Vietnamese prisons as part of Operation Homecoming at the end of the Vietnam War.

They endured untold suffering. Some for as many as 8 years. Many of them died in captivity.

At The National Vietnam War Museum, we honor our POWs and MIAs for their selfless sacrifices during the Vietnam War.

And this month, our 2025 calendar celebrates this nostalgic moment in history as one of America's brave POWs salutes an American officer in preparation for returning home to the United States.

Please take time to think about our POWs and MIAs this month.

It's the least we can do to honor them.

Always Remember!



US Army Captain John William Parsels at Gia Lam Airport,
repatriated during Operation Homecoming

How to Recognize and Avoid Phishing Scams

Many of you have been receiving E-mails claiming to be from officers of the Department including the Commander. Scammers use email or text messages to trick you into giving them your personal and financial information. But there are several ways to protect yourself.

How To Recognize Phishing

Scammers use email or text messages to try to steal your passwords, account numbers, or Social Security numbers. If they get that information, they could get access to your email, bank, or other accounts. Or they could sell your information to other scammers. Scammers launch thousands of phishing attacks like these every day — and they're often successful.

Scammers often update their tactics to keep up with the latest news or trends, but here are some common tactics used in phishing emails or text messages:

Phishing emails and text messages often tell a story to trick you into clicking on a link or opening an attachment. You might get an unexpected email or text message that looks like it's from a company you know or trust, like a bank or a credit card or utility company. Or maybe it's from an online payment website or app. The message could be from a scammer, who might:

- say they've noticed some suspicious activity or log-in attempts — they haven't
- Impersonate someone you know, like a family member, friend, or coworker. — it's fake
- claim there's a problem with your account or your payment information — there isn't
- say you need to confirm some personal or financial information — you don't
- include an invoice you don't recognize — it's fake
- want you to click on a link to make a payment — but the link has malware
- say you're eligible to register for a government refund — it's a scam
- offer a coupon for free stuff — it's not real
- claim they are busy and need you to buy something for them — it's not real

Here's a real-world example of a phishing email I received:

Sandra Davis presidentplace@sapo.pt Sep 6, 2023, 7:03 PM (15 hours ago)

to me

,Hello Andrew

I presently have limited phone access because I'm not in the office. Will you be able to take care of our Operating (networking activities, website hosting) and program services expenses? which is due, on our behalf?

Let me know if you can pay for it through Zelle/Venmo/Paypal, so I can send you the vendor's payment information for any of the payment options most suitable for you and I will have your reimbursement will be processed in the morning

Best regards

Sandra Davis

COMMANDER

Sent from my Phone.

Imagine you saw this in your inbox. At first glance, this email looks real, but it's not. Scammers who send emails like this one are hoping you won't notice it's a fake.

Here are signs that this email is a scam, even though it looks like it comes from a company you know — and even uses the Departments information and Officer titles:

- The email has a generic greeting, (she has never called me Andrew)
- The return email is not the email the person uses. (presidentplace@sapo.pt)
- The email Says communication by phone is not available. (This is done so you will not check)
- The email invites you to click on a link or asks for a payment be made of any kind.

While real companies might communicate with you by email, legitimate companies won't email or text with a link to update your payment information. None of the Officers will email you asking for gift cards or any other items. Phishing emails can often have real consequences for people who give scammers their information, including identity theft. And they might harm the reputation of the companies they're spoofing.

MARCH 2025

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	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Vietnam Veterans Appreciation Day

APRIL 2025

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

MAY 2025

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 Mother's Day	12	13	14	15	16	17 Plant Sale Lasdon Park
18 Plant Sale Lasdon Park	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31 Honor flight

JUNE 2025

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 Father's Day	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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:

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