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**VVA Chapter 12 ♦ Newsletter**

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**Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12  
PO Box 276, Allenhurst, NJ 07711**

*'For those who fought for it, Freedom has a special flavor the protected will never know.'*



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## *President Message*

For the past twenty years, your E- board has been able to send its full delegate strength to our National Conventions, and Chapter members to National Leadership Conferences. How has this been done? Very simply, by your support of our annual Chapter 12 Dinner Dance. This is the only fund raiser that we have elected to have to raise the funds necessary to run the largest Chapter in the State of New Jersey. Last year we raised \$8900.00 from our Chapter Dinner Dance Journal. This is why I asked every member at last month's meeting to sell at least one ad, or to purchase one.

We continue to run our annual Holiday Party and our annual Chapter Picnic, as no cost events. We continue to support the two VFW Posts that we are housed at. How many Chapters can say that they have two Chapter Homes?

For the past five years we have supported the Brennan Stand Alone Foundation, where, at their annual fund raiser this year, we were able to donate \$1000.00. Thanks go to Bobby Lopez for running a monthly 50/50 at each meeting to support our donation.

Each year we make a \$500.00 contribution to the New Jersey State Council for their VSO program, as well as to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.

The Chapter continues to support the Chapel of the Four Chaplains by assisting VFW2179 with their Service, and the State Council's annual Service in Cap May. I believe that we have four Bronze Medallion Members, 2 Humanitarian Members, 25 Legion of Honor Members. Additionally, Chapter 12 was inducted in 2006.

On Feb 3,2015 we will have a Gold Medallion Member. We are excited that we are to be a Corporate Sponsor, and that 15 Chapter members will be attending to show support and thanks for all that Brother Paul Sutton has accomplished.

At this year's Dinner Dance we will be inducting AVVA member Stephan "Touchdown" Baker from the Giants into the Chapel. I understand from Ernie that OJ Anderson will also be there.

Thanks to Bobby Lopez and his contacts, we will have entertainment from the Rocknrythm oldies group. I will be challenging them to a short sing off with our own group of dink dow Vietnam Veterans, Tommy "Can do" Milmoie, Bobby "JCP&L linemen" Lopez, Kenny "Huggy Bear" Urban , Mike "The Q man" Quilty, and Tommy " Mr. Baseball " Garretson.

Bud "Santa Claus" wishes to thank the membership for all the toys that were left for him to deliver to local hospitals during Christmas Season.

Don Davison and Bobby Lopez purchased 20 turkeys and donated them to a Zion Church in Asbury Park for their annual congregation Xmas party.

As for membership, let's not forget that our goal by the Dinner is 350 total membership. We all know a Vietnam Veteran, sign them up.

Hope to see you and your friends at the dance? You do not have to be a Chapter Member to attend and enjoy a great event.

*The Colonel*



### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

The next Chapter meeting will be on Wednesday, February 4, 2015 at 7:30PM.  
Location is at VFW 2226, 210 Norwood Ave., Oakhurst, NJ.

Feb. 3, 2015 Chapel of the Four Chaplains

Mar 1, 2015 St. Patrick's Day Parade, Belmar

March 8, 2015 St Patrick's Day Parade, Rumson

April 1, 2015 Chapter Elections

April 25, 2015 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Installation Dinner/Dance

### BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Feb 16, Bucky Grimm

Feb 25, Nick Bellantoni

**Anyone born in February or March?? Please let me know so I can put it here!!**

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If you wish to post a birthday or anniversary please submit the info by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month for the next month's news letter.

Chapter member Paul Sutton will be receiving the highest medal from the Chapel of the 4 Chaplains, the Gold Medallion. We, as a Chapter, must attend this event. I have reserved a table of 10. Please confirm if you will be going .

The Board of Directors of  
**THE CHAPEL OF FOUR CHAPLAINS**  
Request the pleasure of your company at

**THE 47TH ANNUAL FOUR CHAPLAINS DAY  
AWARDS DINNER**  
Honoring  
**THE FOUR CHAPLAINS**  
&  
Gold Medallion Recipients:

Ralph Galati, USAF, POW  
Paul L. Sutton, Marine Corps League

On  
Tuesday, February 3, 2015  
6:00pm - 9:00pm

At the  
Corinthian Yacht Club  
300 West 2nd Street  
Essington, PA 19029  
[610-521-4705](tel:610-521-4705)

RSVP by January 23, 2015  
Business Attire

I would like to pay by:

Check (Payable to the: Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation)

Credit Card:  Am Exp  M/C  Visa

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name (as it appears on the card)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

MUST RSVP BY: January 23, 2015

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

AWARDS DINNER:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$100 each (or 2 for \$150) for dinner  
\$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ table (s) of 8 guests at \$600 per  
table. \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ Corporate Sponsorship at \$1,000: includes 1 table  
of 8 guests; corporate logo recognition and announcement from podium.

\_\_\_ Unable to attend: Although I am unable to attend, please accept my donation listed to further the mission of The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation.

The renowned Corinthian Yacht Club 3 Course Buffet will be provided including a vegetarian option.

SEATS ARE LIMITED SO PLEASE RESERVE EARLY



## Faith and Begorrah!

Once again, we kick off the marching season with two St. Patrick Day parades. All are welcome to participate.

First on the docket, is the **Belmar** parade. It's scheduled for **Sunday, March 1**. Step-off is at 12:30 pm. Form-up is at the north side of Lake Como, about a block in from Main Street. We'll be meeting for breakfast, as we've done for many years, at 9:30 am, at the Princess Maria Diner (the blue diner), on Route 35, in Wall Township. The exact address is 2044 Route 35.

On **Sunday, March 8**, we'll be marching (or at least a semblance thereof!) in the **Rumson** parade. We'll meet in the parking lot of Rumson High School, at 10:45 am, to park the cars and get back to the center of town. We'll be going to Barnacle Bill's for a bite to eat, at 11 am. Form-up is at 12:30 pm, with step-off at 1 pm.

If you've never marched with us (and I use that phrase loosely!) it's a lot of fun. Crowds at both of these parades are usually quite large and we always receive a warm and loud reception. Anyone is welcome to march with us, including kids/grandkids.

Any questions, give me a call at (732) 531-2574.

Bob Hopkins

**SLAINTE. CEAD MILE FAILTE. ERIN GO BRAUGH!**



VIETNAM VETERANS of AMERICA  
NEW JERSEY SHORE AREA  
CHAPTER 12



**21<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL INSTALLATION & DINNER DANCE**  
**CELEBRATING 33 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Our Annual Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday,  
April 25, 2015, 6:30 pm at VFW 2179, One Veterans Lane, Port Monmouth, NJ 07758. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$75 per couple. To reserve tickets, please contact, Ernie Diorio at 732-245-5552, or Tony Ponzio 972-979-0142 We hope to see some more familiar faces there this year.

Featuring entertainment by ROCK N RHYTHM

# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

## NEW JERSEY SHORE AREA CHAPTER # 12



VVA Chapter 12 will be holding its **Annual Dinner Dance** on April 25, 2015. An integral part of our yearly operating budget is based on our fund raising efforts.

Over the past years we have enriched the lives of veterans and their families through a variety of activities including lobbying for veterans legislation, both in Trenton and Washington; assisting veterans in the VA hospitals; aiding and referring veterans for counseling in PTSD [ Post Traumatic Stress Disorder] and substance abuse; providing assistance in filing service connected disability claims. We also sponsor public awareness programs connected with the POW/MIA issue. We are active in the community, providing speakers for elementary and high schools history classes; we have participated in New Jersey Adopt a Highway program, to help keep our state highways clean.

We would appreciate your advertising in our ad journal. Let veterans know you care and support our activities. Business or personal ads are welcome.

Please fill out the enclosed ad form and send your check or money order for the appropriate amount to the above address. Make your check or money payable to: **VVA Chapter 12.**

The deadline for all ads is April 1, 2015.

FULL PAGE	HALF PAGE	THIRD PAGE
\$100.00	\$50.00	\$30.00

For Further Information call:

**Dennis Beauregard** 908-902-8789

**Ernie Diorio** 732-245-5552

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

PO BOX # 276, ALLENHURST, NJ 07711 •• E-mail: [VVA12P@VERIZON.NET](mailto:VVA12P@VERIZON.NET)

# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

## NEW JERSEY SHORE AREA CHAPTER # 12



Please enclose your business card or print card or print out your ad the way you wish it to appear in the ad journal.

Thank you for your support. You also can e-mail your ad to [vva12p@verizon.net](mailto:vva12p@verizon.net)

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Deadline for ads is April 1, 2015

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## New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation Announces 2015 Scholarship Program

November 2014

Dear Friends:

Graduating seniors have until Friday, April 17, 2015 at 5:00 PM to submit their applications and essays to qualify for one of two (2) scholarships offered by the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Foundation. The scholarships, each in the amount of \$2,500, will be awarded to high school seniors from New Jersey who plan to further their education either at a college or university or trade/technical school.

Winners will be notified in early May and will be awarded the scholarship on Monday, May 25, 2015 during the Memorial Day Ceremony held at the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial.

In addition to the scholarship application and proof of acceptance to a college or trade school, all applicants must submit an essay about his/her visit to the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, located off the Garden State Parkway at exit 116 in Holmdel.

The deadline for application and essay submission is 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015. *(Those postmarked prior to due date, but received after the deadline, will NOT be accepted)*. Applications may be mailed, faxed (732) 335-1107 or delivered to the NJVVM Scholarship Program, 1 Memorial Lane, P.O. Box 648, Holmdel, NJ 07733.

**For more information about our Scholarship Program please call (732) 335-0033 xt. 100.**

Thanks.  
Lynn Duane

## **ELECTION NOTICE**

**As required by the Constitution and By Laws of Vietnam Veterans of America, The New Jersey State Council, and VVA Chapter 12, this is notice that the Annual Election of Officers, Board of Directors, and Nominations Committee will take place at the Annual Meeting of Chapter 12 on Wednesday, April 1, 2015, which meeting will commence at 7:30PM.**

The Offices of President, 1st Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer are for a term of one (1) year. The open positions, five (5) in number, for Board of Directors, are for a term of two (2) years. There are three (3) open positions for Nominations Committee, which are for one (1) year terms.

Any member in Good Standing (membership dues paid to date), with a DD214 or other proof of eligibility on file with the Chapter, may run for any office. Simply notify the Nominating Committee, in writing, of your desire to run or contact one of the Nominating Committee members listed below. Nominations and notifications of a desire to seek a specific office are open up to the recitation of the Nominating Committee final report on the night of the elections (April 1, 2015).

**Bob Hopkins  
Nomination Committee Chair  
January 16, 2015**

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

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## Membership Report

By Bob Hopkins

*The following appeared in our newsletter two and a half years ago. I have brought the membership numbers up to date, but the rest of the article is the same. With the large influx of new members over the last couple of years, I felt the need to reprint this.*

I was simply going to bring you up to date on the membership stats for the Chapter when I felt compelled to go beyond just reporting numbers.

Let's get that part out of the way. As of January 18, 2015, we have a total of 343 Chapter members. The breakdown is 309 veterans, 213 of whom are Life members. The other 96 carry either 1 or 3 year memberships. We also have 34 Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America affiliated with the Chapter. Of that number, 29 carry 1 or 3 year memberships and 5 are Life members.

At a time when some Chapters have folded, for a myriad of reasons, and others have seen only modest gains, the growth of Chapter 12 is astounding!

Except for a two year period, I have been the membership Chairman for the Chapter since 1982 (when you get a job in this Chapter, it's very tough to get out of it!). I don't mind doing it (although if somebody else wants it, I'm all ears) and it has lent continuity in reporting changes, notifying delinquent members, and offering suggestions on how to further improve our numbers (we have set an informal goal of reaching 350 members by the April Dinner Dance). There is, however, a personal benefit for me; I get to know something about the new members before most others.

As part of my duties, I am required to fully review each DD214 submitted with the membership application. I have to do this to ensure that the applicant is, in fact, eligible for membership and that the 214 has not been doctored (we have had a couple of such cases). In doing the review, I learn something about each person; branch of service, medals earned, how long they served and last duty station, age and where and when they enlisted, etc. It kind of instantly personalizes the member and I feel a connection. It also helps in breaking the ice and making them feel welcome, when I meet them. It is critical that each and every vet feels part and parcel of who we are and what we do. We don't want a repeat of what happened when we came home.

Chapter 12 gave me direction and a sense of belonging, something that was missing when I first joined at the YMCA in Asbury Park. I met fellow vets who had some of the same questions, frustrations, anger, and confusion that I had. We bonded, instantly, and turned negatives into positives. There were bumps in the road, but the Chapter survived. I made friends, no, correct that, I became part of a family in every sense of the word. I learned to trust again, to express feelings that were bottled up for years, and to feel a sense of worth in both my past service and in the service that we were now performing for veterans, as well as the civilian community.

Over the past few years, I have lost some very close comrades, some of whom were here when I first joined. That sense of loss gave me pause in deciding if I wanted to invest emotional energy in getting close to some of our newer members. I realized that some of this went back to Nam. You get close and guys die or they rotate back and you never see them again. You shut down; "Don't mean nothing."

Well, it does mean something! I get to enjoy friendships I might have never had. The investment of psychic energy in these relationships is returned ten fold. I feel closer, in some ways, to these men and women, than I do to my own family. It didn't, and doesn't, mean that I love my family any less. Far from it. It is simply a connectiveness of service, of shared experiences, that those back home cannot ever fully understand, though they truly care and empathize. One is not mutually exclusive from the other. They, in fact, complete each other. The "family" has simply expanded, and not just in name. Chapter 12 is truly a family. In the darkest hours of medical challenges in my family, and continuing to this very day, Chapter members and their families have lent support, asking nothing in return.

At one particularly critical moment in my life, during an emotional flashback to Nam, Jim Monahan dropped everything and came to my house and sat with me until I was able to pull myself together. I miss Jim, but having known him has made me a better man.

For those of you who aren't as involved in the Chapter as others, always remember that we are a family and the door is always open. You simply have to walk through. It's not so scary on the other side.

Welcome home.

From Vietnam Net <http://english.vietnamnet.vn/fms/government/121949/government-news.html>

**US war veteran activist welcomed in Hanoi**

Vice President of the Vietnam Union of Friendship Organisations (VUFO) Bui Khac Son has asked the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) to continue its humanitarian activities in Vietnam, especially the "Veterans Initiative".

Receiving VVA Vice President Marsha Lynn Four in Hanoi on January 23, Son also asked for more VVA support to post-war recovery efforts, especially those aimed at overcoming the consequences of Agent Orange/dioxin which the US army sprayed in Vietnam during the war.

Lynn Four agreed with the host's proposal, saying that her visit is to provide more information about Vietnamese soldiers who were killed or reported as missing in action (MIA), as well as to study the Vietnam-US cooperation in the search for US MIAs in Vietnam.

She vowed to continue working closely with the Vietnamese side to deal with war consequences.

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From: John Rowan  
Date: Jan 20, 2015 8:49:48 PM  
Subject: FW: Agent Orange report comes after years of VA denials  
To: OBCP <[obcp@vva.org](mailto:obcp@vva.org)>

See article below. Thanks, John

<http://www.militarytimes.com/story/military/benefits/veterans/2015/01/17/va-agent-orange-c-123s/21754067/>

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## **Burr Releases Statement Following Report on Post-Vietnam Agent Orange Exposure in C-123 Aircraft**

"The IOM's report concurs with earlier findings from the CDC, which found that the contamination during that ten-year period would have posed a significantly higher health risk for Air Force Reserve personnel," noted Sen. Richard Burr (R-N.C.) in a January 13 statement after reviewing the report by the Institute of Medicine (IOM), which examined the potential that C-123 aircraft flown and maintained by Air Force Reserve crews from 1972 to 1982 were contaminated by Agent Orange residue from their service in Vietnam and that those crews and maintainers were likely exposed to unsafe levels of Agent Orange dioxin.

"The VA's delay has gone on long enough. IOM's report confirms what the VA already knew: C123K crewmembers were exposed to dangerous levels of Agent Orange. Instead of ignoring widely accepted science for three years and then commissioning an expensive study of that well-founded science, the VA could have been caring for these veterans. They now have what they need to start helping these veterans," said Senator Burr. "I know Chairman Isakson will continue to pursue this issue and ensure these post-Vietnam veterans are treated to the same standard as other veterans exposed to Agent Orange."

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See VA Health Administration article dated 8 Jan 2015 on Spina Bifida

## Vva web weekly

### VVA Convention News

From Leslie DeLong, VVA Constitution Committee Chair: the deadline for submitting proposed amendments and resolutions has been extended to midnight March 29, 2015 due to technical difficulties.

If you have already submitted a proposed amendment or resolution, please resubmit it on the new forms available on the VVA webpage at: [http://www.vva.org/Forms/constitutional\\_amendment.html](http://www.vva.org/Forms/constitutional_amendment.html)

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# VA Announces Single Regional Framework under MyVA Initiative

## Internal Organizations to Realign Their Existing Structures

Washington – The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) today announced that it is taking the first steps under the MyVA initiative to realign its many organizational maps into one map with five regions to better serve Veterans.

The new regions under the MyVA alignment will allow VA to begin the process of integrating disparate organizational boundaries into a single regional framework to enhance internal coordination.

“We want every Veteran to have a seamless, integrated, and responsive VA customer service experience every time. This regional alignment is the first step in empowering Veterans to interact with one VA – MyVA,” said Secretary Robert McDonald. “Ultimately, this reform will improve the Veteran experience by enabling Veterans to more easily navigate VA and access their earned care and benefits.”

VA’s new regional design utilizes state boundaries to divide the country into five regions. Each organization within VA will begin work to ensure their structures are aligned within this framework by the end of June 2015.

Veterans are already seeing the impacts of changes made through the MyVA initiative. For example, at the suggestion of VA employees, the Department has made improvements to VA call center operations, to allow call center agents to suspend or resume certain benefit payments at the request of the Veteran, which eliminates additional steps typically required of Veterans. Also at the suggestion of employees, VA is working towards piloting improved signage in certain facilities, to make sure Veterans know where they are going and that directions are easy to follow.

Additional VA efforts are currently underway to define the next steps to transform the Department into one that is more centered on the Veteran.

## Background on MyVA

Launched on September 2, 2014, MyVA is an initiative which will reorient VA around Veteran needs and empower employees to assist them in delivering excellent customer service to improve the Veteran experience. It is the largest department-wide transformation in VA’s history and will be a product of ideas and insights shared by Veterans, employees, members of Congress, VSOs, and other stakeholders.

The first phase of MyVA has included creating the task force and building the team to support the mission and an organizational change of this breadth. MyVA is focused on five areas of improvement:

- 1) Improving the Veteran experience
- 2) Improving the employee experience so they can better serve Veterans
- 3) Improving internal support services
- 4) Establishing a culture of continuous improvement, and
- 5) Enhancing strategic partnerships.

[ The Regional Map can be see at: <http://www.va.gov/opa/publications/docs/myva-5-regions-map.pdf> ]

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Here is something interesting that I've never seen before.

**Mysterious Vietnam Memorial**

**Its a Soldiers Memorial, a tribute to all soldiers and allies who fell in Vietnam dating back to 1945, built by some dedicated Vietnam veterans at their own expense and who wish to remain anonymous.**

**Its rumored that ashes of Vietnam vets have been scattered there.**

**The Vietnamese proverb ("Ai bao Troi Khong co mat") is engraved on one of the memorial foot stones - Its an old Buddhist proverb to a non Christian God and interpreted would mean "God has eyes, He sees and He knows". (There are many translations to this)**

**This video was taken by some dirt bike riders along the continental divide in Colorado, who stumbled upon a Vietnam memorial in the woods. Whoever did it, put a lot of time and money into it. Evidently hunters and possibly some Vets must be aware of it as there are numerous 7.62, 30.06 rounds and good luck coins on the ledges between the stones. Who built it and how did it get there? In the middle of nowhere!**

**[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=axhZ0Tx2L4U](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=axhZ0Tx2L4U)**

Copy and paste this url to your browser and watch this – it is just unbelievable !!

Brennan Stands Alone Foundation  
6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner





## OTHER STUFF

Airman Jones was assigned to the induction center, where he advised new recruits about their government benefits. He also sold them their optional GI insurance.

It wasn't long before Captain Smith noticed that Airman Jones had almost a 100% record for insurance sales. This had never happened before. Rather than ask, the Captain did a "random walk" and stood in the back of the room and listened to Jones's sales pitch. It went something like this:

Jones explained the basics of the GI Insurance to the new recruits, and then said: "If you have GI Insurance and go into battle and are killed, the government has to pay \$200,000 to your beneficiaries. If you don't have GI insurance, and you go into battle and get killed, the government only has to pay a maximum of \$6,000. Now," he concluded, "which bunch do you think they are going to send into battle first?"

A little boy wanted \$100 badly and prayed for two weeks but nothing happened. Then he decided to write a letter to the Lord requesting the \$100.

When the postal authorities received the letter addressed to the Lord, USA, they decided to send it to the White House. The President was so impressed, touched, and amused that he instructed his secretary to send the little boy a \$5.00 bill, as this would appear to be a lot of money to a little boy.

The little boy was delighted with the \$5.00, and sat down to write a thank-you note to the Lord. It read: Dear Lord, Thank you very much for sending me the money. However, I noticed that for some reason you had to send it through Washington, DC and as usual, those jerks deducted \$95.

## EATING IN THE FIFTIES

Pasta had not been invented.  
It was macaroni or spaghetti.

Curry was a surname.

A take-away was a mathematical problem.

Pizza? Sounds like a leaning tower  
somewhere.

Bananas and oranges only appeared at  
Christmas time.

All chips were plain.

Rice was a milk pudding, and never, ever part of our dinner.

A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.

Brown bread was something only poor people ate.

Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.

Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves and never green.

Cubed sugar was regarded as posh.

None of us had ever heard of yogurt.

Healthy food consisted of anything edible.

Cooking outside was called camping.

Seaweed was not a recognized food.

Kebab' was not even a word, never mind a food.

Sugar enjoyed a good press in those days, and was regarded as being white gold.

Prunes were medicinal.  
Surprisingly muesli was readily available.  
It was called cattle feed.

Pineapples came in chunks in a tin; we had only ever seen a picture of a real one.

Water came out of the tap. If someone had suggested bottling it and charging more than gasoline for it, they would have become a laughing stock.

The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties...was elbows

It was a quiet day on the Ark and Noah was getting bored, so he told his wife that he was going to relieve the tedium by going off on a fishing expedition.

"That's a good idea," she said. "You could do with a break."

Noah collected his equipment and set off, but thirty minutes later he was back and still complaining that he was bored.

His wife said: "I didn't expect you back so soon. If you're that bored, why did you stop fishing after only half an hour?"

Noah replied: "I only had two worms."

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## TAPS

Shore Area Vietnam Vets Called Home By The Lord

Beeh, Richard H, 74, Toms River, Army

Buchner, John R, 65, Whiting, Army

Carson, William J, 65, Brick, USMC

Emmer, James W, 73, Waretown, Army

Erving, Harvey W, 71, Bradley Beach, Army

Germano, Joseph John, 67, Barnegat, Army

Hoffman, Richard J, 71, Shark River Hills, Navy

Knam, Lawrence "Lonny", 71, Forked River, USAF

Marcello, Joseph, 63, Tinton Falls, Army

Mattioli, Anthony, 63, Howell, Army

Whelan, Harry M, 67, Point Pleasant, Navy

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