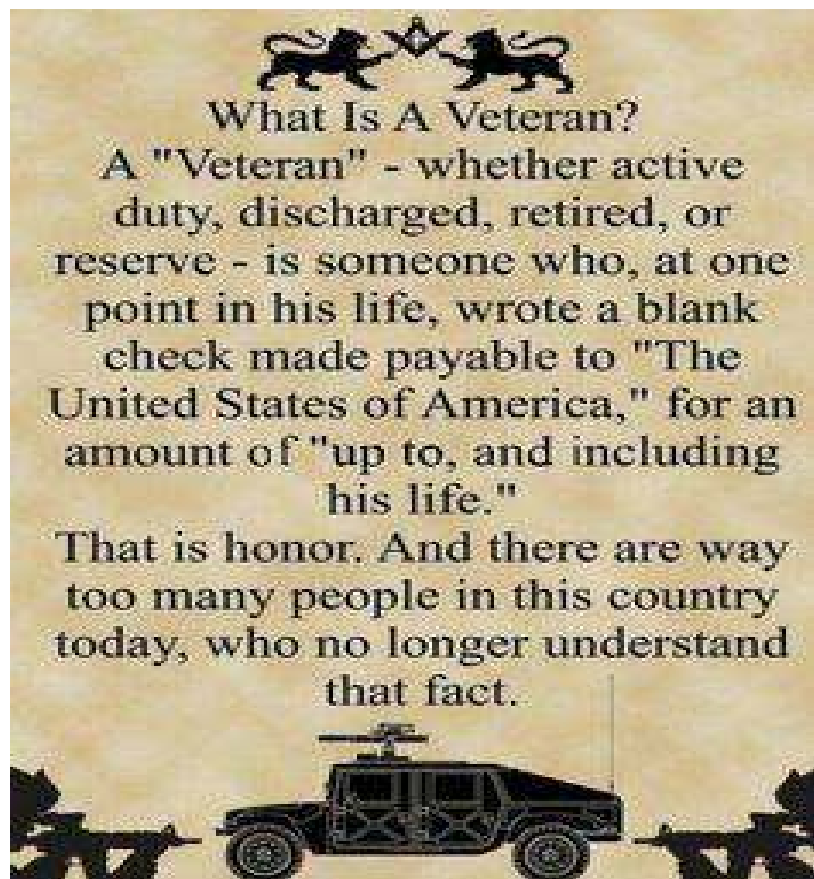




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'For those who fought for it, Freedom has a special flavor the protected will never know.'

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Please remember our fellow Chapter members, and their families in your prayers, as they continue to face very serious medical conditions.

Please visit and like our [Face Book](#) page, "Vietnam Veterans NJ Shore Area Chapter 12" for info on what we are doing – photos, and more.

Please visit our Chapter web site – www.vvachapter12.net for photo albums, News Letter Archive's, Chapter History.

We have been informed that in lieu of specific items to send to troops on deployment, gift cards to the PX would be appreciated. The troops can get almost anything in the PX, but could use the help via gift card. This is also a money and effort saver on our part. Donations to the PX gift card fund are being accepted. We are also switching from actual food to gift cards for our food bank as this will better serve our veterans in need.

Anyone needing a ride to the VA, please contact Ernie Diorio for assistance.

If you are able to provide transportation ,please let Ernie know, so the same people aren't doing it all the time.

If you are looking for a fellow vet that you lost track of, or someone that you served with, that might have information you need, please send it to us and we will put it in the monthly newsletter.

Check this link out if you need help with an appeal, or know a Vet that does. Keep it moving, and pass it on to all other Vets you know. <http://www.vetsprobono.org/index.htm>

Anyone wanting to submit an article, picture, or story please send it to: vva12p@verizon.net or nlvva12@gmail.com by the 25th of each month. Anything received after that will be placed in the following month's newsletter. (Make sure it can be verified)

HELP NEEDED

Hello,

I am looking to connect with Air Force F-4E Crew Chiefs from the 1969-1972 time frame who were in Da Nang. My brother was a crew chief there at the time. I would appreciate hearing back from you if you have the time or can refer me to anyone who would be willing to chat with me.

Thank you very much!

Sue Haas

(908) 362-1222

Presidents Message

Bob Hopkins told me back in 2006 when I retired that I would find out that there is not enough time in the day, and that the months would fly by. How correct he was.

October has been another busy month for the Chapter. John Aitkin, working with Home Depot District Manager Mark, just completed 4 projects worth \$10,000.00.

Though our Chapter partnership with Home Depot, the first was a grant for new blinds for VFW 2226's meeting hall. The second was for 1100 feet of fencing in a Lacey Township cemetery. The third was for a new ramp, deck, and new section of fencing for a Chapter member's home. The fourth was for an Eagle Scout project to replace 500 feet of split rail fencing and mulch at the Middletown Korean Veteran's Park in Port Monmouth.

On Oct 24 Chapters 12, 688, 800 and VFW 6259 sent volunteers, along with 20 store managers of Home Depot to complete the final Wall washing and clean up along with a couple of requests from the Director Bill Lindermen. It was a great day that was enjoyed by all.

10 Chapter members traveled to Cape May on Oct 18 to support their two Brothers, Mike 'The Q' Quilty, and Bobby Lopez as they received their Legion of Honor Awards during the State Council's Chapel of Four Chaplains 2016 Awards Ceremony. Congratulation Brothers!!!

A special thanks to Greg Kucharewski for all his work for the past year in reclaiming our Chapter's donation of Vietnam Veterans Monument and park benches that we had donated in 1999 to the Garrison of Fort Monmouth at the start of the Vietnam Veterans Nature Walkway. They will store and re-dedicate them this spring at the post home as part of the 50th anniversary of the ending of the war.

On October 29 the Chapter showed our strong support of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial's largest fund raiser by attending this year's Gala, at Eagle Oaks Golf and Country Club by sending 14 chapter members. This year the trustees honored Lt. Governor Kim Guadagno, and Peter Cancro, owner of Jersey Mikes Sub's.

Just think! In 43 more days, the Chapter will be holding its annual Holiday Party at VFW 2179, December 12, at 3:00 pm. As always, this is free, you just need to bring and unwrapped toy for Santa to hand out. This helps him to bring a little gift of joy, and a smile to the face of some little boy or girl less fortunate, or in the hospital. Bring the grandchildren and friends to this event.

On a very special note, I wish to thank all my Brothers and Sisters for their support to my family with the loss of my mother this month.

In Brotherhood

The Colonel



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

The next Chapter meeting will be on Wednesday, November 4th, 2015, at 7:30PM.
Location is at VFW 2226, 212 Norwood Ave., Oakhurst, NJ.

State Council Raffle to be drawn at State Council meeting in December
Holiday Party December 12th

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Robert Jacobs 11/5
Hailey Weiss 11/5
Bobby Parella 11/10
Tom Milmoie 11/22
Dennis Beauregard 11/28

John & Janet Aitken anniversary 11/18
Rob & Carole Ford anniversary 11/24
Don & Hedwig Davison anniversary 11/25

Anyone born in November ?? Please let me know so I can put it here!!

Condolences to:

Dennis & Dolores Beauregard on the loss of his mother

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

I forgot to send this to you for newsletter, anyone wishes to take a raffle to support the State Council can purchase them from me or Mike Quilty, cost is \$50.00 each only 300 sold , winner will also get a credit card worth \$500.00

NJ VVA SC Raffle for 2016

Seven Night Cruise to Bermuda

Aboard the Royal Caribbean Anthem of the Seas

Itinerary	7 Night Bermuda		
Cruise Line/Ship:	Royal Caribbean/ Anthem of the Seas	Ship Deck Plans:	
Stateroom Type/Category	Superior Ocean View with Balcony/ D8	Stateroom Number	To Be Assigned
Departure:	May 14 2016 New Jersey, Cape Liberty Cruise Port		
Return:	May 21 2016 New Jersey, Cape Liberty Cruise Port		
# of Guests	2		

Schedule:

Day	Port of Call	Date	Arrival Time	Depart Time
Sat	New Jersey, Cape Liberty (Bayonne)	14 May 2016		4:00 PM
Sun	At Sea, At Sea	15 May 2016		
Mon	Bermuda, Kings Wharf	16 May 2016	9:00 AM	
Tue	Bermuda, Kings Wharf	17 May 2016		5:00 PM
Wed	At Sea, At Sea	18 May 2016		
Thu	Massachusetts, Boston	19 May 2016	9:00 AM	9:00 PM
Fri	At Sea, At Sea	20 May 2016		
Sat	New Jersey, Cape Liberty (Bayonne)	21 May 2016	7:00 AM	

Chances are \$50.00/ea. Only 300 chances to be sold
Make Checks Payable to : NJVVASC

Send checks & stubs to Fred Urban, 5 Westover Terrace West Caldwell, NJ 07006

For addition information I can be reached at 973-228-1198. Try to have money and any unsold chances back to me by the State Council meeting in October. Drawing to be at the State Council meeting in December in Kenilworth.







HOLIDAY PARTY

Our annual Holiday Party will be held on **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12** at **VFW Post 2179 in Middletown**. The party will run from **3:00 PM to 6:00 PM**.

As always, we will have a **Sweets and Treats** table. The best **home made** dessert will win a prize, but all desserts are welcome. We will also have games and prizes and, for the children, a special surprise guest!!!

In the past, we've asked that you call to let us know if you're coming, but we no longer need for you to respond, as we pretty much have this down pat and always have enough food.

If you have any questions or need directions, give me a call at (732) 531-2574.
Looking forward to seeing all of you.

Bob Hopkins
Santa's Helper

FYI...maybe something to add to your newsletter?

Seeking Families, Friends of Fallen Middletown Veterans

More than 50 commemorative street signs that honors Middletown's fallen veterans continue to be added to streets township-wide. The Veterans Affairs Committee holds a dedication ceremony at every location. Check www.middletownnj.org for schedule. The Committee is seeking family and friends of the following veterans who were killed in action during World War II: George Beaman, Marvin Hart, Walter Chance, James Overton, Vernon Papa, Charles Debele, Michael Bonifacio, Francis Neville, Henry Applegate, George C. Henry, Francis Mason Hayes and Joseph Carmello Jr.; during Korea: Edward Feakes; and during Vietnam: Thomas Birch, Robert Rocky and Alfred Bauer. Please call [732-787-8510](tel:732-787-8510) for more information.

The chapter visits schools that request us to talk about Vietnam. we have a hands on program and the students get involved with the class. We have items from Vietnam that are very old and the Teachers also enjoy the class.

On Thu, Oct 8, 2015 at 3:06 PM, Donald Davison <soulpony@aol.com> wrote:
Good Afternoon Bob.
Please place below info. In the News Letter for the month of Nov.

Nov. 10 Shore Regional School. (West Long Branch.)
Nov. 13 Howell Middle School. (Farmingdale)
Nov. 17 Holmdel Middle School (Holmdel)

If I receive any other schools I will keep you informed.





Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 - Fishing Programs

“Playing Hooky from PTSD”

By Greg Kucharewski

The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12 (VVA 12) fishing program has been supported by VVA Chapter 12 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2226 for three years. Approximately, \$2,000.00 in various door prizes to include rods and reels was donated to our veterans through the generosity of supporters of the program. With the help of VVA Chapter 12 members and local fishing club volunteers we conduct monthly surf fishing clinics and fishing workshops for veterans that experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). Our goal is to help veteran men and women take time to heal by utilizing healthy outdoor activities, such as fishing and outdoor events. We also connect veterans to VA Service Offices, Outreach Centers, NJ Coastal Parks, Fishing Clubs, and Veteran Organizations.

Ninety-five percent of combat veterans that attend the fishing workshops have PTSD. They suffer from sleepless nights, flashbacks, anxiety, addiction and a range of other issues that impair their quality of life. Several of the combat veterans waited years to receive help and are now working to improve their mental health by seeking assistance from the VA. Most veterans realize it is a slow process but the first step is to make an appointment with a Veteran Service Officer send their claim in electronically for processing. As veteran's age, PTSD symptoms become worse, many men and women have suffered in silent isolation for most of their life. The time is now to submit a claim before declining health issues make it difficult to collect evidence for a claim. As in the case of my neighbor, who is 91 and fought in Germany at the Battle of the Bulge. His claim is caught in a back-log of paperwork for review and I am sure he won't receive benefits in his lifetime.

Each fishing workshop begins by explaining how our Chapter 12 members can relate to what our younger veterans are going through. Ex-military are very sympathetic and supportive to our younger veterans. At the end of the fishing workshop you can find Don Davidson, Retired First Sergeant, United States Army, speaking to younger veterans and suggesting they visit a Veteran Service Officer (VSO.) Don has a **get er done attitude** and connects veterans with VSO's and others that can help veterans pronto. We do not want our younger veterans waiting years for treatment so we encourage them to visit a VSO as soon as possible and phone often to check on their claim.

Warfighters connect with warfighters! Veterans connect with one another and understand certain feelings and emotions that civilians tend to blow off or look at as a scam. I find it difficult to believe that veterans suffering with PTSD are questioned about the legitimacy of their illness. It's hard to make something right when the majority of people are not educated about combat survivor guilt, flashbacks, and trauma arousal triggers. Finally, after 40 some years we are seeing public service announcements on TV about PTSD and featuring patients that talk about their invisible wounds. Guess what folks? It's real, just like Agent Orange. Stuff like not getting the word out to our veterans in a timely manner makes my blood boil. I'm proud to be a member of Chapter 12 they get all kinds of health information to their members extremely fast.

PTSD also affects families because family members do not understand what the veteran is experiencing. Professional family counselling is needed as well. The VA is trying to make more progress in this area for families and work to keep families as functional as possible.

Members of Chapter 12 spend time listening and trying to engage veterans in a healthy outdoor activities and volunteering. We know the fishing program is working because veterans welcome the chance to learn about the benefits of spending time on the water and fun outdoor activities. Our Chapter 12 fishing program doesn't solve all health problems but gives veterans an opportunity to forget about the horrors of war and makes them feel better. It's like what I like to call “Playing Hooky” from PTSD. “Playing Hooky” from PTSD helps relieve symptoms by taking the focus off unpleasant thoughts and replacing them with present moment positive thoughts.

We are expanding our fishing programs to include veteran family members. Spouse/significant other, kids, grandchildren/parents or your fishing buddy all are welcome to attend these events. Just recently, we conducted a “Cast a Line of Caring for Veterans” where we displayed a learning booth for children attending the Monmouth County Armed Forces Day Open House. Military vehicles, Chapter 12's Vietnam booth/Color Guard, emergency equipment, and veteran help agencies were on display along with a working dog and therapy dogs for veterans. Youngsters had a chance to test their casting skills by casting and reeling in a plastic fish targets to win small patriotic prizes. Members from Vietnam Veterans Chapter 12 and Jersey Coast Anglers Association's Youth Education Committee had plenty of information for veterans about local fishing clubs, NJ DEP/Parks Fishing Access, Veteran Outreach/Services and upcoming events to connect veterans with the outdoors.

If you would like to be part of this, please phone Greg @ 732-785-9278 or email gkucharews@jcaa.org During October, November, and December 2015.

For veterans with physical health issues and trouble navigating in sand we have 15 new beach wheelchairs available at Island Beach State Park, for fishing and enjoying a day at the beach. Phone the park for details 732-793-0506. Don't forget to apply for a FREE Fishing & Hunting License for

Service Connected Veterans and NJ State Park Passes for Qualified Veterans or a free Park pass if you are over 62 years old.

This year I am making it a point to fish with LT (Bob Hopkins.) Hopefully, LT will share some of his early morning Striped Bass secrets. We miss our good fishing friend Jim Monahan AKA (Big Tuna) who always fished every chance he got and had the biggest smile while fishing. Jim worked at Fort Monmouth and helped with the kids fishing program on his lunch hour.

Other fun things to do as a family include: Discounts for Lakewood BlueClaws Games, Home Runs for Heroes, DEP Fish & Wildlife/Parks Outdoor Events, Car Shows for Veterans (Sponsored By VVA Chapter 12) 10/2015, Family Fishing Fluke Tournaments, Governor's Surf Fishing Tournament, FREE Veteran Fishing Seminars, Central Jersey Rifle and Pistol Annual Warrior Day, New Jersey Veteran Charter Boat and Kayak Trips, Chariot Rider Horses for Heroes, Run For The Warriors Events, Shark Fishing Tournament for Wounded Warriors, Honor & Courage "Wounded Warrior Run, Roll & Stroll 5K, NJ Veteran Golf Outings, Sail for Vets, Operation Horse Spring Reins of Life, Fishing Events for Veterans, FREE Hunter Education Programs, America's Disabled Veteran's Outings (NJBBA/Elks, VFW, & Others), Veteran Service Organizations that Sponsor Events, NJ Heroes On the Water, Project Healing Waters, Membership Opportunities for Fishing & Hunting Organizations, and New Jersey Disabled Access Locations Near You. If you would like to learn more about the above phone 732-785-9278.

Special thanks to our friends that donated to the Veteran Fishing Program.

VFW Post 2226, Home Depot (thanks John), The Fisherman Magazine, One More Cast Rigs, Pell's Fish & Sport, Atlantic Bait & Tackle, Jersey Coast Anglers Association, Castaways Bait and Tackle, The Kayak Store, Butch and Pat Pawson Tackle, Don Marantz, Joe's Used Tackle, Fisherman's Den, New Jersey Beach Buggy Association, Brielle Bait and Tackle, Jersey Hooker Outfitters, New Jersey Outdoor Alliance, Bob Benkovich, George of Crystal Marine Bait and Tackle, Captain Kevin Pinto, Jonny Marlin and private donations from family/friends.



Armed Forces Day Cast a Line of Caring for Veterans



Prize winners at the April, Flounder Fishing workshop.



Vietnam Veteran fishing in one of the new beach wheelchairs at the Island Beach State Park

From: John Rowan
Date: Oct 1, 2015 7:57:14 PM
Subject: Fwd: Senators press VA on Agent Orange benefits | TheHill
To: Offs&BOD&CChairs&SCPs <OBCEP@vva.org>

I testified at the hearing described in the article below. The Senators seemed to be supportive of all the bills.

S901 is moving along but we are having some problems with the Congressional Budget Office who have not scored the bill, Mohicans is to give it a price tag. Hopefully, we will overcome this issue soon.

The blue water bill, S681, also got a good reception, as did a new bill S2081, by Sen. Blumenthal, that would extend the AO bill of '91 till 2030. I joked that not many Vietnam vets will probably be around by then.

Work remains, so keep contacting those Senators and Representatives who have not signed on as sponsors.
Thanks, John

Subject: Senators press VA on Agent Orange benefits | TheHill

<http://thehill.com/policy/defense/255303-senators-press-va-on-agent-orange-benefits>



Master Sgt. Joshua L. Wheeler, 39, of Headquarters, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Fort Bragg, N.C., was killed in action Oct. 22, while deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. (US Army photo)

M Oct 27, 2015 | by Matthew Cox

Master Sgt. Joshua Wheeler died leading his Delta Force team on the primary assault into an Islamic State compound in Iraq -- a stark contrast from the Pentagon's account that American commandos were there only to support Kurdish forces during the rescue mission, according to a U.S. military source.

The body of the 39-year-old native of Roland, Oklahoma, was flown to [Dover Air Force Base](#) in Delaware on Saturday as more details began to emerge of the Oct. 22 night raid on a prison run by militants affiliated with the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria, or ISIS.

[Video footage](#), released by the Kurdistan Regional Government, shows American and Kurdish forces freeing 70 hostages that were held by ISIS militants near the town of Hawija, about 30 miles south of Kurdish-controlled Kirkuk. In a news report, a Pentagon official confirmed its authenticity to CNN.

Wheeler was the first U.S. combat fatality of the campaign against [ISIS](#), but U.S. officials maintain that his death was not the result of a direct combat role.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter has said publically that Wheeler was killed when he rushed into a firefight to help Kurdish forces, but he stressed that U.S. forces were there only to advise and assist Kurdish fighters.

In a statement Friday, [Army](#) Lt. Gen. Sean MacFarland, head of Committed Joint Task Force-Operation Inherent Resolve, said, "U.S. forces are not in Iraq on a combat mission and do not have 'boots on the ground.'"

But the reality on the ground is often quite different than official statements from senior military leaders. Wheeler, a 20-year Army veteran with 14 tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, was part of a Delta Force troop that had been training Kurdish commandos in hostage-rescue techniques.

When the time came to hit the ISIS camp, [Delta](#) joined their Kurdish counterparts on the operation. Wheeler led one of the Delta assault elements on the initial thrust of the raid that killed 20 ISIS fighters, a source confirmed.

The assaulters met fierce resistance. Wheeler was wounded and died a short time later.

Wheeler entered the U.S. Army in May 1995 and trained as an infantryman. He was first assigned to 1st Battalion, 24th Infantry Regiment at Fort Lewis, Washington.

In 1997, he transitioned to 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment at Fort Lewis, where he served for over seven years as an infantryman, rifle team leader, squad leader, weapons squad leader and anti-tank section leader, deploying three times in support of combat operations in Afghanistan and Iraq, according to the Army.

From there, Wheeler's special operations career led him to 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta. He participated in 11 more combat operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

--Matthew Cox can be reached at matthew.cox@military.com.

Soldiers Missing From Vietnam War Accounted For (Price, Griffin, Richardson)

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The Department of Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced today that the remains of three U.S. servicemen, missing from the Vietnam War, have been identified and will be buried with full military honors.

Army Maj. Dale W. Richardson, 28, of Mount Sterling, Ill.; Staff Sgt. Bunyan D. Price Jr., 20, of Monroe, N.C.; and Sgt. Rodney L. Griffin, 21, of Mexico, Mo, have been accounted for. Price was buried Apr. 11 in Belmont, N.C.; Griffin was buried Apr. 25 in his hometown; Richardson was buried Aug. 29 in Mountain View, Ark.; and the group remains representing the crew will be buried Oct. 20 in Arlington National Cemetery near Washington D.C.

Richardson, Price, and Griffin, all assigned to 2nd Battalion, 34th Armor Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, were passengers aboard an UH-1H Iroquois (Huey) helicopter that was en route to Fire Support Base Katum, South Vietnam, when it was diverted due to bad weather. After flying into Cambodian airspace, the aircraft came under heavy enemy ground fire, causing the pilot to make an emergency landing in Kampong Cham Province, Cambodia. The Huey's four crewmen and its four passengers survived the landing. One crewman was able to evade being captured by enemy forces and later returned to friendly lines. The other three crewmen and one passenger were captured. Two of the captured crewmen were released by the Vietnamese in 1973, and the remains of the other two captured men were returned to U.S. control in the 1980s and identified. Richardson, Price, and Griffin died at the site of the crash during a fire fight with enemy forces. Their remains were not recovered after the fire fight.

From 1992 through 2008, joint U.S./Kingdom of Cambodia (K.O.C.) teams investigated the site without success. On Feb. 18, 2009, a joint team interviewed witnesses in the Memot District of Cambodia who claimed to have information on the loss. The witnesses identified a possible burial site for the unaccounted for servicemen. The team excavated the burial site but was unsuccessful locating the remains.

From Jan. 16, 2010 to March 11, 2011, joint U.S./K.O.C. teams excavated the area, but were unsuccessful recovering the crewman's remains.

In February 2012, another joint U.S./K.O.C. team re-interviewed two of the witnesses. The witnesses identified a secondary burial site near the previously excavated site. The team excavated the secondary burial site and recovered human remains and military gear from a single grave.

In the identification of Richardson, scientists from DPAA and the Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFDIL) analyzed circumstantial evidence and used forensic identification tools, to include mitochondrial DNA, which matched his sister.

In the identification of Price, scientists from DPAA and AFDIL analyzed circumstantial evidence and used forensic identification tools, to include mitochondrial DNA, which matched his brothers and sisters.

In the identification of Griffin, scientists from DPAA and AFDIL analyzed circumstantial evidence and used forensic identification tools, to include mitochondrial DNA, which matched his brothers.

Today there are 1,626 American service members that are still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

For additional information on the Defense Department's mission to account for missing Americans who went missing while serving our country, visit the DPAA website at www.dpaa.mil or call (703) 699-1420.

Dennis,

Please distribute to the people on your list.

Fred Urban
No. Jersey Dist. Dir.
Public Affairs Committee Chair

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To view and download the pictures you want from this review of the 15th Annual Salute to Military Veterans held at the Sussex County Fair Grounds on Nov. 1st 2015.

The Grand Marshal for the parade was VVA National Vice President, Marsha Four.

Members of Chapter 327 and 1002 attended and marched.
NJVVA State Council 2nd Vice President , Vincent DePrinzio, present and accounted for

Master of Ceremonies - Guy Gregg, US Marine Corps Veteran
Invocation and Key Note Address - Rev. Ernest M. Kosa - US Army Retired.
Served in both the Korean & Vietnam wars.
National Anthem - High Point Chamber Singers
Welcome and organized by - Lorraine Hentz and Jeffery M Parrott
POW/MIA Ceremony by Douglas Morris USMC and Herman Terpstra, US Army

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Attachments area

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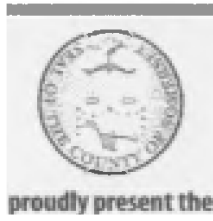
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American Veterans Traveling Tribute & Traveling Wall

October 1 - 3:00pm to October 4 - 2:00 pm
Somerset County Park Commission
North Branch Park - 355 Milltown Road, Bridgewater, NJ
Visitors Welcome Around the Clock - Free Parking

An 80% replica of the Vietnam Veterans
Memorial in Washington DC.,
the 370-foot length of the wall contains
every name etched on the original.

*Visitors are welcome to make paper
rubblings from the wall, or simply
come to reflect and pay respects.*

Thursday, October 1 at 3pm
Opening Ceremony, Wreath-laying Ceremonies &
Board of Freeholders' Recognition Ceremony
honoring Somerset County
Gulf War/Southwest Asia Veterans

Sunday, October 4 at 1:00p.m.
Rolling Thunder Ride of honor past the wall
Closing ceremony at 1:30p.m







On October 17 members of Chapter 12 participated in a ceremony to dedicate a headstone for Marine Gerald Connors. The ceremony took place at Saint Rose of Lima Cemetery in Freehold, NJ. Gerald Connors, who was a door gunner, was killed in Vietnam in 1968 when his helicopter was shot down. His classmates of 1965 had their high school 50th reunion and members of that reunion chipped in for his headstone.



CLEANING UP WARETOWN OLDE CEMETARY
WITH HOME DEPOT





On October 18, 2015 the ceremony took place for new inductees into the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor award. Two of our members, Bobby Lopez and Mike Quilty (a/k/a Guilty), were awarded their well deserved honor into the Legion of Honor. Congratulations to them!

Also, a big shout-out to long time friend of Chapter 12, Herb Worthington, for his award for the Bronze Medal.

Congratulations and Good Luck to all!!







Something Vaguely Resembling Humor

FOUR OLDER ITALIAN LADIES

These four older ladies who lived in Naples, Italy, always sat outside together near the church and chatted about when they were younger.

One month ago they pooled their money together and bought a laptop.



Never having been to, but having heard all about Florida, they just happened to click on St. Augustine, Florida. They read all about the *Fountain of Youth*, claimed by the Spaniards when they arrived there.

They collected up all they had left and sent for four bottles of the water. As soon as it arrived, they drank as directed. The rest of this story will make you a believer, because here they are today...



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An Arab Sheik was admitted to Hospital for heart surgery, but prior to the surgery, the doctors needed to store his blood in case the need arises.

As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so, the call went out.

Finally a Scotsman was located who had a similar blood type.

The Scot willingly donated his blood for the Arab.

After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman as appreciation for giving his blood, a new BMW, diamonds & US dollars.

A couple of days later, once again, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. His doctor telephoned the Scotsman who was more than happy to donate his blood again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank-you card and a box of chocolates.

The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had anticipated.

He phoned the Arab and asked him:

*"I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me a BMW, diamonds & money,
But you only gave me a thank-you card and a box of chocolates."*

To this the Arab replied:

"Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in ma veins".

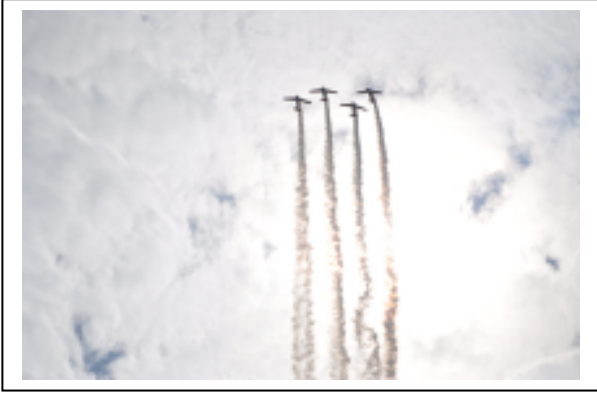
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I was no way near fast enough to get a pic of the F-18 which went by at only 800mph, just under the speed of sound, and at 500 feet.

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Shore Area Vietnam Vets Called Home By The Lord

Basaman, John Joseph, 71, Toms River, USMC

Briggs, Raymond, 67, Jackson, USMC

Hagan, Michael, 70, Manchester, Army

Keenanser, Daniel, 70, Matawan, USMC

Lindsey, Dennis, 64, Brick, Army

Rothberg, Murray, MD, 78, Spring Lake, Army

Simon, Stephen, 60, Toms River, Navy

Waugh, William Clayton, 66, Toms River,

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