

# THE JOURNEY

Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. Chapter 227  
*The Dean K. Phillips Memorial Chapter*  
*“Serving Veterans and the Community in Northern Virginia”*



In Service to America

November 2008

## ***COME TO THE DANCE!!!!***

Everyone should attend the 20<sup>th</sup> DMZ to Delta®® Dance on November 10<sup>th</sup>. The dance provides an enjoyable evening for our brothers and sisters from across our country and overseas.

The dance is at the Holiday Inn at Rosslyn, 1900 N. Ft. Myer Drive, Arlington, which is about 1-1/2 blocks from the Rosslyn Metro station. Free hotel parking is available. Starting time is 8:00 p.m.

Tickets sales start at 7:00 p.m. before the dance. If you have not purchased your tickets, come early. The hotel is offering a dance warm-up with a cash bar and complimentary finger food from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. before the dance.

The dance menu includes finger food, cash bar, DJ with our music, a silent auction, and a 50/50 raffle. The dance is a great opportunity to renew our military camaraderie and offers the chance to meet someone from our youthful days. For members attending the dance, you are asked *to volunteer some of your time*. To offer your time while attending the dance, contact Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353 or at [grunt69@gmail.com](mailto:grunt69@gmail.com). If you cannot attend the dance, purchase a ticket for a Gold Star Mother or make a tax deductible donation to the chapter. See you at the dance!

This Veterans Day is special since it is the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam Women's Memorial dedication. Information on this celebration is located at <http://www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org/upcoming.php>. Special thanks to the Foundation for listing the dance in their recent newsletter. See you, there!

## **WATERBOARDING!**

Richard Mezo, a six year navy veteran, will discuss waterboarding as an interrogation technique at the November 20<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. His waterboarding experience as part of his navy survival training provides a first-hand insight into this controversial subject.

You are invited to come early and enjoy a great dinner and renew our special camaraderie. See you there!

## **VACATIONS FOR VETERANS**

At the October membership meeting, Chris Carr, a Marine veteran, spoke about the innovative and successful Vacations for Vets program which provides a week of free vacation in a donated resort property. The program provides wounded veterans and their families an opportunity to relax and reconnect after the traumatic battlefield experience in a beautiful environment that is often unattainable and unaffordable.

Peggy Carr, also a Marine veteran, started the program from her internet vacation home exchange business. This true “mom and pop” enterprise has many memorable stories, but needs our help to sustain its success.

Since Peggy is a mom with three children, volunteers are needed to perform normal business activities. So if you can help with your time, a cash donation, frequent flyer miles, or a donated vacation home, call 1-800 – 831-8803 or visit <http://www.vacationsforveterans.org>. It is another avenue in which we can support our wounded warriors and their families on their road to recovery and honor their service to our Country.

## **DANCE SUPPORT IS NEEDED**

**Dance ticket sales are at their lowest level. Your support for this year's dance is crucial to its success. Order you tickets or mail a donation today!**

# 20<sup>th</sup> Annual “DMZ TO Delta”<sup>®</sup> DANCE

**DATE: NOVEMBER 10, 2008 TIME: 8:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT**

## DANCE & HOTEL INFORMATION

**HOLIDAY INN ROSSLYN at Key Bridge  
1900 N. Ft. Myer Dr., Arlington, Va.**

- Free parking
- Ride Metro: Rosslyn METRO Subway Station is 1-1/2 blocks.

## DANCE TICKET ORDER FORM@ newsltr

I want to order \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$30 per person. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I cannot attend, but I want to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ guest tickets  
 (Gold Star Mother, guest veteran) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 I want to make a donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAYMENT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail my tickets to the following address:

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

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

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

Ticket orders received after October 25, 2008, will be held at the Will Call Desk, which opens at 7:00 pm.  
 Questions, call 703-255-0353 or visit our website at [www.vva227.org](http://www.vva227.org).

Please make your check payable to **Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. ® Chapter 227,**

and mail your ticket order to: Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.® Chapter 227  
 P.O. Box 5653  
 Arlington, Virginia 22205

## HOLIDAY PARTY

Bill and Cheryl Dumsick are hosting the Holiday Party on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm in their home at 13606 White Stone Court, Clifton, Virginia. Beverages and meat dishes are provided, while members bring a covered dish. Call Cheryl (703-968-0686) for a dish selection.

A very warming Holiday Party tradition is to bring a wrapped child's gift with the gift's gender and age marked on it and a child's winter clothing item from gloves to jackets. The gifts and clothing serve as an emergency appeal for the Sullivan House in Arlington County. The Sullivan House is part of a homeless non-profit agency.

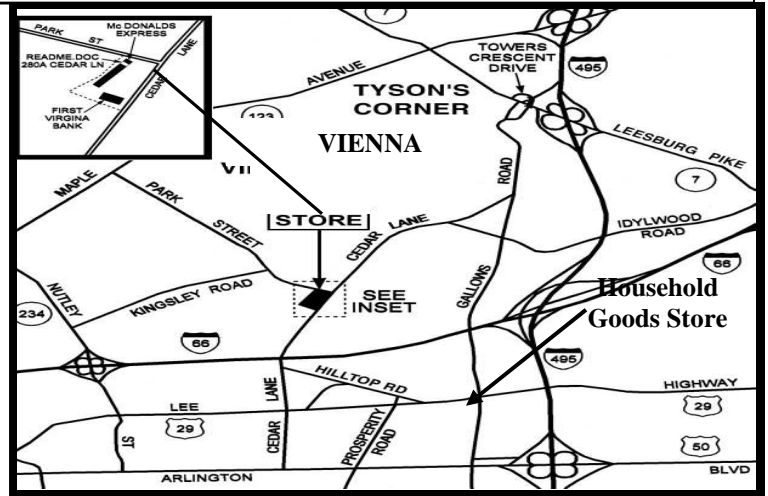
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### MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Neighbor's Restaurant, 262D Cedar Lane  
Vienna, Virginia (Park St. & Cedar Lane)  
**Pre-Meeting Dinner (Optional): 6:45 PM**  
**Meeting Time: 7:30 PM** Phone: 703-698-8010

**CHAPTER INFORMATION: 703-968-0686**

**CHAPTER WEB SITE: [www.vva227.org](http://www.vva227.org)**

## CHAPTER OPERATIONS PLAN

### Nov.

- 06: Board Meeting 7:30 pm: American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Rd., McLean, Va.
- 10: **DMZ to Delta@** *Order your tickets now.*
- 11: **Veterans Day and the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Vietnam Women's Memorial**
- 20: Membership Meeting: Speaker: Richard Mezo, "Rationalizing Waterboarding or Water Torture"

### Dec.

- 04: Board Meeting 7:30 pm: American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Rd., McLean, Va.
- 06: Holiday Party: Hosts: Bill and Cheryl Dumsick. Bring a wrapped child gift and winter clothing
- 12-14: Virginia State Council Meeting: POC: Paul Stancliff
- 18: No membership meeting

### Jan.

- TBD: Board Meeting 7:30 pm: American Legion Post 270, 1355 Balls Hill Rd., McLean, Va.
- 15: Membership Meeting: Speaker: Ward B. Nickisch, "The Continued Search for Our Country's MIA's"

## FAIRFAX CITY FAIR

A successful information booth was conducted at the Fairfax City Fall Festival on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The weather provided a great crowd with a record number of visitors to our booth. They expressed their appreciation for our service, and they gladly accepted our household goods collection bags.

Special thanks to Max and Fran Knouse, Margaret Stern, Len and Diane Ignatowski, Bill and Natalie Bohuslaw, and Bill and Cheryl Dumsick for staffing the booth, while special thanks to Joe and Sharon Celesnik who managed the fair project for many years now.

**BUY YOUR**  
***DMZ To Delta® Dance Tickets***  
***NOW!***

**Dance volunteers are needed.**

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**OUR MISSION**

To “Serve Vietnam Veterans, Their Families,  
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