

THE JOURNEY

Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. Chapter 227

The Dean K. Phillips Memorial Chapter

"Just In Time"



"Never Again Shall One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"

December 2019

HOLIDAY PARTY

The traditional Holiday Party is scheduled for December 14th at 6:00 pm. The new party location is at the Enclave Apartments' Club Room, 9450 Silver King Court, Fairfax, VA. Parking is available in the Day Care parking lot across from the building. The chapter is providing a barbecue menu and cold beverages. Guests are asked to bring a dessert, vegetable dish, or appetizer. Please RSVP by December 7th by contacting Bill Lynch at 703-474-4891 or bill_lynch@vva227.org of how many will be in your party and whether you are bringing an appetizer, vegetable dish, or a dessert. There is no December membership meeting.

A party tradition is to bring wrapped children's gifts with the gender and age marked on the gift and children's winter clothing. The gifts and clothing serve as an emergency supply for the Bridges of Independence in Arlington County. The agency assists homeless families. The goal is to fill Bill Lynch's car so Leslie has to ride the hood.

The party is a great way to meet members and spouses to get acquainted in a warm and festival holiday spirit.

IT IS NOT TOO LATE!

- The chapter is eligible for your IRA charity contribution tax deduction.
- Donations are being accepted for the VASH Holiday Gift Card program.
- Mail donation to VVA Chapter 227, P.O. Box 5653, Arlington, Virginia 22205. An acknowledgement letter is provided. Do it NOW!

"ROLE OF THE NAVY IN THE VIETNAM WAR"

At the November 21st membership meeting, Dr. Edward J. Marolda, an Army Vietnam War veteran, provided a comprehensive review of the U.S. Navy role in the Vietnam War. The effort was divided into Operation Sealords which hampered VC operations along the Cambodian border in the delta, Operation Market Time where Coast Guard vessels patrolled closer to the coast, Operation Linebacker involving mining of North Vietnam's waterways, Brown Water Navy that destroyed the enemy's effectiveness in the delta, Navy nurses combat service, the air war against North Vietnam, and the sea rescue of Vietnamese after the fall of the Saigon government. He offered an interesting perspective of the infamous Gulf of Tonkin incident that opened the door for our direct war involvement. Misinterpretation of intelligence resulted in the belief that North Vietnamese ships attacked both our destroyers. The rest is history. Every time that we got the upper hand against the NVA, a new tactic was implemented. When Market Time halted sea delivery of supplies, ships unloaded at Sihanoukville, Cambodia, and trucks delivered the supplies to the Cambodian sanctuaries. It was a game of cat and mouse. An interesting statistic is that North Vietnam air defenses eventually included 8,000 AA guns, 150 MIG jets, 40 SAM sites, and 320,000 Chinese troops that repaired bomb damage and performed other services.

CALENDAR:

December 2019:

05: Board Meeting 7:30 PM: American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street, North; Vienna, Virginia.

07: **Deadline for Holiday Party head count and dish listing. Contact Bill Lynch.**

14: Holiday Party 6:00 PM: See newsletter for details.

16: No Membership Meeting

HAVE A SAFE AND MERRY HOLIDAY AND NEW YEAR!

January 2020:

02: Board Meeting 1:00 PM: Glory Days Restaurant, Pan Am Shopping Center, 3059 Nutley Street, Fairfax.

16: Membership Meeting 7:30 PM: Spkr: John Kull, DPAA Officer, "Status of the POW/MIA World Wide Mission."

Adverse Weather Meeting Cancellation Policy

The membership meeting is cancelled if the Fairfax County Public Schools are closed for the day or early closing due to adverse weather.

Holiday Party, December 14th

RSVP by December 7th for Head Count

Bring wrapped child toy gift and child winter clothing

IRA Charity Withdrawal Donation & Holiday VASH Gift Card Program—Mail It Now!

Foul Weather Meeting Cancellation Policy

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CHAPTER CHALLENGE COIN

The chapter's challenge coin is on sale at \$10 each for chapter and AVVA members and \$15 each for non-members. The attractive coin is made of metal with detailed engraving and bold colors from the lettering to the images. The coins will be sold only at the monthly chapter membership meetings. Make checks payable to VVA Chapter 227. The coins will be given to the monthly guest speaker and for other special occasions. The coin is a great birthday gift and also an addition to a challenge coin collector.

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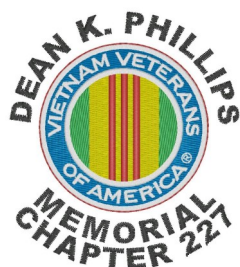
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