

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"

April 2020

CIRCLE THE WAGONS!

The chapter including AVVA members is cancelling chapter meetings and events until further notice due to the current public health crisis. Cash grants and other assistance will continue during this time as the board deems necessary. Don Drunsic has secured access to a teleconference service so that the board meetings can be conducted. The newsletter discontinues publishing too. Hopefully, Memorial Day events may be conducted. The technical feasibility of conducting televideo membership meetings is being investigated.

Member communications will be conducted through our website, www.vva227.org, our facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/VVA227>, and our Minuteman Alert emails. You are being asked to provide your email address or a family member to facilitate the distribution of important news. If you have a question or comment, please call, Jay Kalner, President, 703-346-2013 or Len Ignatowski, Vice President, 703-255-0353.

Household goods collection is suspended until further notice. This vital income will cease during the business shut-down as of now. The collection truck travels from the New Jersey store to Northern Virginia. VVA is funding the annual dues rebate of \$9 per member and the last quarter of household goods earnings. VVA National and the chapter are revising our budgets to reflect this income loss.

Like the 9/11 crisis, the nation's will and security will be seriously tested and impact everyone. If you or another veteran are experiencing stressful or despondent feelings, call the Veteran Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1. Stay safe in this time of national crisis and keep an eye out for your neighbor.

2020 CHAPTER ELECTIONS

VVA National has authorized the postponement of state council and chapter elections until they can be safely conducted. Meanwhile, the current officers and directors will continue in their offices.

NOT ASLEEP YET!

- A \$400 cash grant in partnership provide financial relief for rent and medical bill payment for a veteran.
- The VASH program may be in need of a source for household furnishings for their clients. Their current source may be going out-of-business soon. Call Len Ignatowski at 703-255-0353.
- As of February 29, the chapter is the 21st largest VVA chapter with 328 members. We need only six new members to claim the number 20 spot. Recruit a new member via email, texting, and the good old fashioned way telephone call. Our chapter membership count does not include AVVA members, which is under a separate roster.

Vietnam Veterans of America

Send to: Bill Lynch, Attn: VVA Chapter 227, 5328 Taney Ave., Alexandria, Va. 22304-2039

Name _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

H () _____ C () _____ Email _____

Chapter No. **227** _____ Sponsor _____ Sponsor's ID No. _____

• Eligibility: Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. military (for other than training purposes) between February 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975 (in-country Vietnam), or between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975, for Vietnam-era veterans. Return this application along with a copy of your DD Form-214.

Life Membership: \$50

• Payment Option: ☐ Check ☐ Money Order ☐ Credit Card (Amex, Discover, MasterCard, Visa)

Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date ____/____/____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

☐ I am a spouse/family member or friend of a Vietnam Vet and would like to join Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA).



WE WANT YOU

QUESTIONS

CONTACT

BILL LYNCH

AT 703-474-4891

STAY IN TOUCH!

VVA Chapter 227 Facebook!!! <https://www.facebook.com/VVA227>

Webpage: www.vva227.org

Email

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BLOOD SHORTAGE

The virus health threat has reduced blood donations. If you can and willing, consider making a blood donation. Call the NOVA Blood Bank at 1-866-256-6372 for an appointment.



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. Place your order by calling Bill Lynch at 703-474-4891. Postage will be charged. The coin is a great birthday gift and also an addition to a challenge coin collector.

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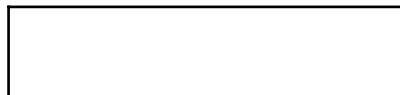
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