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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"

October 2020

"VOTE EARLY" IF YOU CANNOT VOTE ON ELECTION DAY

WE ARE ADAPTING

The Chapter continues to conduct business via Zoom for board and membership meetings, Minuteman Alerts to members, telephone calls, and emails. Here is the latest news:

- **Bylaws:** The Board conducted a thorough discussion to revise the chapter bylaws on September 28th. The revisions were approved at the board meeting on October 1, 2020. The revised bylaws will be voted for approval at the October 15th membership meeting. The major revisions are the expansion of the Board from 15 to 20 directors, changing the quorum to 5%, expanding the Executive Committee to five members, confirming the AVVA representative as a non-voting board member, and revising the communications media to reflect the digital age. Special thanks to Bruce Waxman for researching and revising the bylaws for compliance with VVA constitution revisions. **Members are urged to attend this meeting.**
- **Elections:** VVA approved for all chapter elections to be delayed. The chapter charter remains in good standing with the submission of our financial report, IRS filing, and revised officer and director report.

VETERANS SERVICE FOUNDATION APPOINTMENT

On September 17, 2020, Bruce Waxman, Chapter Director, was sworn as a Trustee for the Commonwealth's Veterans Service Foundation. The Foundation is an independent agency that addresses veteran needs that cannot be covered by state or federal programs. The appointment is for four years. He served as an officer with the 176th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Service, Large), 44th Medical Brigade from May 1968 to April 1969. He is very active outside the chapter in addressing veteran issues with state and local legislators and public agencies. As a chapter member, he instigated the approval of March 30th as Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans Day in the State and Fairfax County. He drafted the proclamation, which was used by Arlington County and the City of Fall Church for their proclamations. His appointment represents a veteran with an exceptional record of public service and will serve as a pro-active Trustee. Bruce will remain as a Chapter Director. Congratulations, Bruce!

VETERANS FISHING By Jay Kalner

Earlier this year two board members—George Jones and Bob Pezold—informed us of a veterans' fishing adventure program in Lorton run by veteran Ed Moore and inspired by his teenage daughter. The program has a therapeutic purpose and invites all veterans and their families to go out on fishing trips for free. The majority of the vets are disabled from their service in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Ed has specially-configured boats and wheelchairs to accommodate the disabled. On 28 September, four board members visited the Lorton fishing dock, got briefed on the operations, and presented Ed with a chapter donation. We have proudly contributed \$1000 to this wonderful veterans' program.

CHAPTER TIBITS AND CASH GRANTS!

- **Membership Teleconference Meeting at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Bring your own pop corn.**
Login at Zoom: (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7818325547?pwd=U0hqOXc2VXIFOUJlRmdOa1lsMHdFdz09>):
 - Oct. 11: Chapter's 35th Anniversary and still going strong!
 - Oct. 15: Dr. Boyd Jones, PhD., *Army Engineers in Vietnam* & **Bylaws approval voting**
 - Nov. 19: Col. Dick Klass, USAF (Ret.), *Transition from a jet pilot to prop aircraft in the Vietnam War*.
 - Dec. No Holiday Party and Membership Meeting. Stay safe, wear a mask and social distance.
- **Financial Grants (The need continues)**
 - \$500 Rent Assistance, Partnered with other VSO.
 - \$100 Gift card was provided to a woman veteran with one child for emergency groceries
- **Email SPAM Issue with chapter directors:** Members who correspond with a chapter director with an email address endnote of "vva227.org" should take the following to receive the message as a "Trusted Sender". http://www.nonprofitdynamics.com/upload/NPD_trusted_sender_setup.pdf is a help document on this subject.

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 _____

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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).



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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. 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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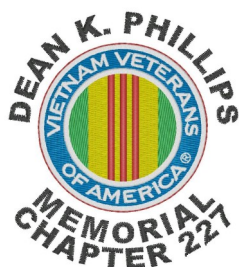
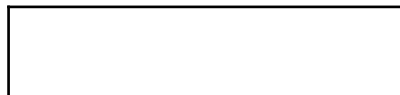
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