



# 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”*

November 2020

## **HOMELESS SHELTER TOY AND CHILDREN CLOTHING DRIVE**

The Holiday Party and the December meeting are cancelled due to the virus threat. Bill and Leslie Lynch volunteered as the toy gift and new children winter clothing collectors for this community outreach that was done at the Holiday Party. Bridges to Independence family homeless shelter is the recipient. Wrapped toys with a tag that lists the toy's gender and age and children winter clothing can be delivered to the Lynch's home at 5328 Taney Ave., Alexandria, Va. 22304. Place the items under the blue tarp inside the screened carport. An online purchase needs to be wrapped with a note listing the child's gender and age. Mail to the Lynch's home. Donations are collected from now thru December 13, 2020. Cash donations are accepted. Mail check to Chuck Harris, 44020 Pandora Ct., Ashburn, Va. 20147. Check payable to VVA Chapter 227 and on the memo line: *Toys Collection*. Cash donations will be given to the shelter for holiday use. The project is not a budget item and relies on direct member participation. ***Let's keep this tradition alive!***

## **SEASON OF GIVING**

The chapter is asking for members to consider a cash grant to support the chapter's wide range of programs and administrative needs. The national Household Goods income has recovered to about 30-40% of its pre-virus income. The continuing virus health threat may slow this income recovery. One viable donation is making a direct contribution from your IRA as a one-time cash donation. The withdrawal is not a taxable income and the donation is a tax deduction. Consult with your financial institution or accountant on this option and details. Cash donations are accepted too. For a logistical reason due to the virus, mail checks and IRA payments to VVA Chapter 227, Attn: Chuck Harris, 44020 Pandora Ct., Ashburn, Va. 20147. Make check payable to VVA Chapter 227.

## **BELATED HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

The chapter heralds a new milestone with its 35th birthday on October 21st. The chapter accomplishments are directly attributed to the members who have stepped forward to serve veterans, the community, and to enhance the public's image of Vietnam veterans. Two of our earliest successes were immigrant children tutoring program which was featured on a Good Morning America show and the DMZ to Delta® dances. Several founding chapter members served as National leaders. Mary Stout, an Army nurse, was VVA's second president and first woman to command a national veteran organization. Jack Clark, Carl Stout, and Paul Skoglund served in elected and non-elected National positions.

## **CHAPTER TIDBITS AND CASH GRANTS!**

- **Bylaws Approved:** The membership approved the revised chapter bylaws at the October 15th membership meeting without objection.
- **Membership Teleconference Meeting at 7:30 PM via Zoom. Bring your own pop corn.**  
Login at Zoom: (<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7818325547?pwd=U0hqOXc2VXIFOUJRMdOa1lsMHdFdD09>):
  - Nov. 10: Happy 245th U.S. Marine Corps birthday
  - Nov. 11: Veterans Day: Thank you for your service and thank a new veteran.
  - 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)**
  - \$100 Gift Card: Emergency groceries for veteran mother and one child
  - \$500 Grant: Partner with another VSO to pay a delinquent mortgage payment of \$1038.
  - \$1000 Grant: Hurricane Relief to the Louisiana VVA State Council for assisting veterans
- **Membership:** We remain the 22nd largest VVA chapter as of September 30th with 329 members and only three members from the 21st spot. Lets recruit more than three to secure the 21st spot. Chapter size does not include AV-VA members. Our National member roster lists 87,480 members strong. VVA may be small in number, but we have earned a very high degree of respect in Congress and excelled in the fight for benefits and legal accomplishments.
- **Army Museum Grand Opening November 11, 2020:** Free timed-tickets are now available through the Museum's website at [theNMUSA.org](http://theNMUSA.org). These tickets are required for entry.

## Vietnam Veterans of America

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female  
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Chapter No. **227**

- 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**



## 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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## OUR MISSION

*To "Serve Military Veterans, Their Families,  
Our Community and Our Country"  
Since October 11, 1985*