

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"

October 2022



37th ANNIVERSARY DINNER AND RUSSIAN-UKRAINE CONFLICT

The October 20th membership meeting will celebrate our 37th Anniversary of fulfilling our founding principle, *"Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another."* The guest speaker is Brian McCauley who will discuss the historical road to the current war between Russia and Ukraine. He is a retired Central Intelligence Agency analyst and manager serving 34 years in assessing Russian and Soviet Union affairs and briefing the President's Daily Brief to senior government officials. He is currently a consultant to the government.

The buffet dinner features a salad, three entrees, vegetables, and coffee, ice tea, or water. **The dinner is free. To ensure adequate food, RSVP to Melissa Kalner at mkalner77@gmail.com or calling 703-819-1480 by noon, Sunday, October 16th.** Provide an entrée preference for chicken, beef, or fish. A cash only bar is available from 6:00 to 7:15 P.M. Dinner starts at 6:45 PM. The meeting starts at 7:30 P.M. Consumption of alcoholic beverages during the meeting is prohibited. The celebration is at American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax, Va. Please help the AVVA assistance to The Lamb Center with either a cash or paper towels donation. For questions on The Lamb Center, call Diane Ignatowski at 703-772-5303.

SEPTEMBER MEETING SPEAKER: COL. DANIELLE NGO

Col. Danielle Ngo gave a very inspiring discussion on her road from a political refugee from South Vietnam in 1975 to her current and exceptional military career at the September membership meeting. She arrived with her family of a mother and younger sister, and they slowly assimilated into American culture. She enlisted in the Army after high school with her mother's approval only after she said that the Army offered a great college benefit. Upon college graduation, she was commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the Corps of Engineers via the school's ROTC program. Her over 30 year military career includes staff and command positions. She is the highest ranking female Vietnamese-American Army officer to command an operational brigade - 130th Engineer Brigade at Schofield Barracks in Hawaii. She currently works at the Center for Strategic and International Studies. Bob Tecklenburg presented a copy of his book about his Marine Tour of Duty. The meeting ended on her wish to hug every member at the meeting to show her appreciation of our service. Everyone cheerfully complied with her wish.

TANK FARM OPEN HOUSE RECRUITMENT

Stan Derr and Bill Lynch hosted the chapter's information and recruitment booth at the Tank Farm Open House on September 24th. Len Funk, Bruce Waxman, and Don Sutherland assisted. The recruitment resulted in one new member and eight potential members. Thanks to all who supported this successful event.

WE REMEMBER!

- \$216 grant for a utility bill
- \$500 grant for a utility bill
- \$300 grant to the AVVA Project Friendship at the recent Leadership Conference.
- \$500 grant for a utility bill

**NEW ELIGIBILITY DATE FOR IN-COUNTRY VETERAN MEMBERSHIP IS
NOVEMBER 1, 1955.**



CHAPTER TANK CREW (L to R): Bill Lynch, Event Attendee, Len Funk, Bruce Waxman, Don Sutherland, and Stan Derr.

Vietnam Veterans of America

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

Name _____ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Address _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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• Eligibility: Vietnam and Vietnam-era veterans who served on active duty in the U.S. military (for other than training purposes) between November 1, 1955 - 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.

Special Life Membership: \$50

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

Credit Card # _____ Exp. 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).

Signature: _____ Date: _____



WE WANT YOU

QUESTIONS

CONTACT

BILL LYNCH

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CALENDAR

October

16: Chapter Anniversary Dinner RSVP

20: Chapter Anniversary Dinner: Brian McCauley, Senior CIA Analyst, "Ukraine – Russian Conflict Background" RSVP to ensure adequate food and seats. Meal is FREE!

22: Virginia VVA State Council meeting at Woodstock.

November

03: Board Meeting: Tele video format. Contact Jay Kalner if you wish to attend at 703-346-2013.

11: VVA's Massing of the Colors at The Wall, 1:00 PM.

11: Veterans Day: Remember all who served

17: Chapter Meeting: Speaker: Don Sutherland will discuss our successful mentoring program in the Fairfax County Veterans Docket (aka Court) program. **NOTE: New meeting time: Noon at the American Legion Post 177.**

HOLIDAY PARTY— THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15th— MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

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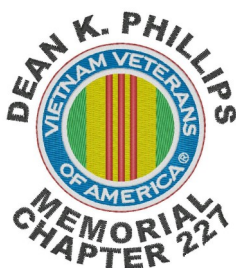
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Since October 11, 1985***