

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 2022



MEETING NOTICE!

NOVEMBER MEETING

NEW TIME: NOON

As an encouragement to increase attendance, the November 17th meeting at the American Legion Post 177 in Fairfax is scheduled for noon, with a deli cold cuts selection, soup, dessert, and beverages for \$20.00 per person. A cash bar opens at 11:30 AM, and the meeting starts at 12:30 PM. The attendance may determine changing the monthly meeting time. **To ensure adequate food, RSVP to Melissa Kalner at mkalner77@gmail.com or call/text her at 703-819-1480 by noon, Monday,**

November 14th. Please help the AVVA assist The Lamb Center with donations of cash, paper towels, or 13-gallon trash bags. For questions about The Lamb Center's activities, call Diane Ignatowski at 703-772-5303.

The guest speaker is Don Sutherland, a chapter member and Mentor Coordinator for the Fairfax County Veterans Treatment Docket. He will discuss the court's program and its success. Chapter members have played a key role as mentors for the troubled veterans in the program.



Jay Kalner presents a chapter challenge coin to Brian McCauley, guest speaker.
Photo Len Ignatowski

37th ANNIVERSARY DINNER SUCCESS

The chapter celebrated its 37th Anniversary in grand style with a delicious dinner and a very special guest speaker, Brian McCauley. Forty-eight members and guests were in attendance, including a surprise visitor – Jack Clarke, a founding chapter member and former VVA National Secretary. Brian, a retired CIA manager and senior analyst of Russia and the former Soviet Union, discussed the history of Ukrainian statehood and the current invasion by Russia. Ukraine actually was the center of what later became the Russian Empire. Ukraine became part of the Soviet Union after the Russian Revolution. Many Russian-speaking Ukrainians in the border regions with Russia considered themselves to be Ukrainians, not Russians. The breakup of the Soviet Union in 1991 resulted in an independent Ukraine. After massive protests in 2013-2014, the pro-Russian president was forced from office because he did not support membership in the European Union—in line with Putin's stance. In 2014, Russia invaded and annexed Crimea and penetrated the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine. On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-scale invasion of

Ukraine. The Ukrainians, with their exceptional patriotism and bravery, along with U.S. and European aid, have successfully reversed the initial Russian military advances. The conflict resulted in Finland and Sweden seeking to join NATO after years of being neutral. Other NATO nations have increased their military expenditures to combat Russian aggression. The outcome is yet to be determined, but the growing Ukrainian military successes are diminishing Russia's war options.

VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL FUND NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

For the 40th Anniversary of The Wall, there will be a reading of the names on The Wall from November 7th at 4 PM through November 10th at midnight. You can volunteer to read names by going to the VVMF website or visiting The Wall to receive a list of names to read.

WE REMEMBER!

- \$ 120 grant for a veteran's utility bill
- \$1000 grant to the VVA Kentucky State Council for disaster relief
- \$ 400 grant for a VASH client apartment deposit

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

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

703-474-4891

VETERAN HOLIDAY CHEER SHARING

Cash donations are being solicited for our Holiday Cheer for needy VASH homeless veterans and families and the Santa List for needy veteran families. Checks payable to VVA Chapter 227. Send your cash donation to Chuck Harris, 44020 Pandora Ct, Ashburn, Va. 20147-3844.

CALENDAR

November

11: VVA's Massing of the Colors at The Wall, 12:00 PM.

11: Veterans Day: Remember all who served

17: Chapter Meeting –SPECIAL NOON TIME MEETING- Speaker: Chapter board director, Don Sutherland, will discuss our successful mentoring program in the Fairfax County Veterans Docket.

December

01: Board Meeting 7:30 PM: Zoom format.

15: HOLIDAY PARTY 6:00 PM– American Legion Post 177, MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW

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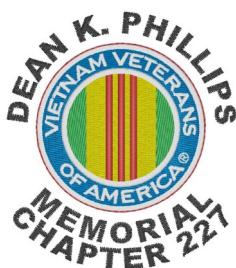
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