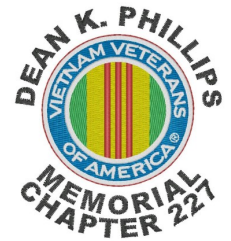


THE JOURNEY

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”

March 2023

MARCH MEETING: MISSION OF NO RETURN

The March 16th meeting guest speaker is Maj. Heather Penney, USAF (ret.) who will discuss her mission of potentially ramming the United Airlines Flight 93 with her unarmed F-16 fighter on 9/11. She is a combat veteran with two Tours in Iraq War. Her father is a Vietnam War Air Force veteran.

The meeting includes the buffet dinner for \$20 each at the American Legion Post 177, 3939 Oak St., Fairfax, Va. The meeting starts with a cash bar from 6:00 PM to 7:15 PM. The buffet dinner is served at 6:45 PM. The menu is a taco selection of fish and a meat to be decided. Mask wearing is optional. AVVA is collecting cash donations or paper towels for The Lamb Center, our successful community homeless outreach. For questions about The Lamb Center's activities, call Diane Ignatowski at 703-772-5303. **RSVP to Melissa Kalner at mkalner77@gmail.com or call/text her at 703-819-1480 by noon, Monday, March 13th.** A meal purchase is not required, but **if you order a meal and don't show, please mail payment since the chapter pays for the set number of meals ordered.** Meet your fellow veterans and maybe a friend from the past. Do It Now!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SERVICE AT THE WALL: The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Foundation is hosting a service near The Wall on March 29th at tentatively 10:30 AM. The chapter and Chapter 641 of Silver Spring will provide speakers to share their Tour of Duty and homecoming. If you wish to be a speaker or attend, contact Jay Kalner at 703-346-2013 or jaymelissa@aol.com by March 8th. Jay will select the speakers, while the RSVPs will ensure seating for all.

MISSION BBQ RECRUITMENT: Mission BBQ is offering a free barbecue sandwich to military veterans on March 29th. The chapter will conduct membership recruitment at restaurants in Alexandria, Chantilly, Herndon, and Sterling from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. At least two members are needed for each location. Stan Derr is the Program Manager for this highly successful mission. To volunteer to be a host, call Stan at 703-278-9322 or email at sderr5410@gmail.com. Only 40 new members are needed to reach 400 members. Let's get them now!

USS COLE INCIDENT

Cdr. Kirk Lippold, USN (Ret.) provided a very revealing and informative presentation on his command of the USS Cole and the terrorist attack on October 12, 2000. When taking command, he stressed duty accountability and competency. The crew was treated as sailors, not by gender. The ship's journey to the Persian Gulf required a fueling stop at Aden, Yemen. The attack was carried out not by a speeding boat, but a trash pickup boat that was packed with explosives. The boat approached the ship during the trash unloading. The explosion ripped a 40-foot hole in the ship's side which devastated the ship's galley and first aid station. The crew's response was miraculous. Damage control was immediately started and the wounded were placed on the ship's stern for treatment. The French embassy contacted Paris which immediately dispatched a field medical team. A French reporter loaned his cell phone to Cdr. Lippold to inform the Pentagon. Upon the ship's return to the States, Cdr. Lippold visited the family of each of the 17 sailors killed in the attack. The crew's response to the attack is a Navy hallmark of exceptional leadership and operational preparedness.

THANK YOU, JONATHAN

Jonathan Olson, the second longest serving director, resigned. He was the perpetual 50/50 raffle seller at meetings and the DMZ to Delta dance and the guardian of the chapter flags and banner. He was a regular at chapter events. Plus he offered sound advice as a director. The Chapter wishes Jonathan good health and enjoyment in retirement. Thank you Jonathan.

His resignation creates a Director vacancy. Anyone wishing to be a director, contact Jay Kalner at 703-346-2013 or jaymelissa@aol.com

WE REMEMBER!

- \$ 130 Partner to pay a veteran's outstanding rent
- \$ 500 Partner to pay a veteran's car repair
- \$ 500 Partner to fill a veteran's oil tank for winter heat
- \$ 200 Adopt A Soldier, Care packages postage to overseas troops

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

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WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION

May 11– 13 on the National Mall

CALENDAR

MARCH

- 16: Membership Meeting 7:30 PM: Heather Penney, Former F-16 Pilot, “Protecting Washington D.C. during 9/11”
- 25: Virginia VVA State Council Meeting: Virginia Beach
- 29: National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- 29: National Vietnam War Veterans Service near The Wall: Tentatively 10:30 AM.
- 29: Mission BBQ Recruitment 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Volunteers to staff recruitment at four locations.
- 30: Board Meeting 7:30 PM: Zoom format

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- 20: Membership Meeting 7:30 PM: Col. Trent Mills, USA, What is Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency?

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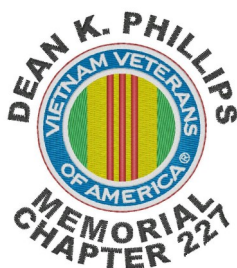
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