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President's Message:

December 2018

According to Wikipedia, since and including the American Revolution, the U.S Military has been involved in 78 wars or conflicts. These produced over 57 million veterans and over 2,852,900 casualties with over 40,917 missing. In total, less than 10% of our nations population has served in the military and currently only 1.4 million are serving in the active military and 1.4 million are in the reserves. That is 0.4% of our current population.

I believe the greatest injury that can be suffered by any veteran is to be forgotten. The same can be said for the families of our fallen heroes. I am grateful that on Veterans Day we resolve to Remember to Remember all who served our nation honorably. All veterans have sacrificed a part of themselves for the better of others. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Manuel Gonzales for working so hard on the Oxnard parade and for all of our members who attended. With Veterans Day coming on a Sunday this year, the Oxnard Bible Church held a Veterans Day service and luncheon.

Just a reminder, at Decembers' meeting we will be holding our elections. I hope all our members will be able to attend. Please remember to bring something for our pot luck.

Dave Wilson

POW/MIA REPORT Nov - 2018

32 brothers-in-arms have been accounted for and/or returned home & 6 remain MIA

World War II: 14

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Paul D. Gilman, 19, of Belen, New Mexico, was buried October 26 in his hometown

Army Sgt. James K. Park, 20, of Beaumont, Texas, was buried October 27 in Barry, Texas.

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Martin F. O'Callaghan, Jr., 22, of Memphis, Tennessee, was buried November 5 in his hometown.

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Joe Lukie, 19, of Harvey, West Virginia, was buried October 27, in Oak Hill, West Virginia.

Navy Aviation Radioman 3rd Class Walter E. Mintus, 22, of Portage, Pennsylvania, was buried November 10 in his hometown.

Army Pfc. Morris R. Worrell, 20, of Wisner, Nebraska, was buried November 10 in his hometown.

Army Sgt. Eugene G. McBride, 20, of Lincoln, Nebraska, was buried November 12 in his hometown.

POW Army Staff Sgt. Karl R. Loesche, 22, of Monroeville, New Jersey, was buried November 17 in Elmer, New Jersey.

Marine Corps Sgt. Dwight W. Randall, 22, of Fresno, California, was buried November 20 in his hometown.

Army Air Forces Pfc. Joseph I. Natvik, 20, of Madison, Wisconsin, was buried November 25 in Columbus, Wisconsin.

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Robert L. Zehetner, 19, of Brooksville, Florida, will be buried November 30 in Bushnell, Florida.

Marine Corps Reserve Staff Sgt. Richard J. Murphy, Jr., 26, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, will be buried December 1 in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Army Air Forces 1st Lt. Eugene P. Ford, 21, of Latrobe, Pennsylvania, will be buried December 4 in Arlington National Cemetery.

Marine Corps Pfc. Clarence E. Drumheiser, 21, of Fresno, California, will be buried December 8 in Prairie View, Texas.

USS Oklahoma: 11

Navy Steward Mate 1st Class Ignacio C. Farfan, 21, of Agana, Guam, was buried November 8 in the Guam Veterans Cemetery.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Carl Nichols, 20, of Glen Alum, West Virginia, was buried November 14 in Bland County, Virginia.

Navy Carpenter's Mate 3rd Class William L. Kvidera, 22, of Traer, Iowa, was buried November 16 in Traer, Iowa.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Gerald H. Pirtle, 19, of El Dorado, Kansas, was buried November 17 in Wichita, Kansas.

Navy Molder First Class Kenneth B. Armstrong, 36, of Seattle, will be buried November 30 in the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific in Honolulu.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Bert E. McKeeman, 25, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, will be buried December 1 in his hometown.

Navy Fireman 2nd Class Martin A. Gara, 20, of Chicago, will be buried December 4 in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Navy Seaman 1st Class William G. Bruesewitz, 26, of Appleton, Wisconsin, will be buried December 7 in Arlington National Cemetery.

Navy Fireman 2nd Class Carl D. Dorr, 27, of Anderson, South Carolina, will be buried December 7 in Greenville, South Carolina.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Albert U. Kane, 26, of Fort Worth, Texas, will be buried December 7 in Dallas.

Navy Aviation Machinist's Mate 2nd Class Durell Wade, 24, of Calhoun City, Mississippi, will be buried December 7 in the Mississippi Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

Currently there are 72,834 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II

Korean War: 7

Army Master Sgt. Charles H. McDaniel, 32, of Vernon, Indiana, was buried October 27 in Greenwood, Indiana.

Army Cpl. Edward M. Jones, 20, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, was buried November 9 in his hometown.

Army Cpl. Albert E. Mills, 20, of Dallas, Texas, was buried November 12 in his hometown.

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Army Pvt. Charles G. Kaniatobe, 21, of Idabel, Oklahoma, was buried November 17 in his hometown
Army Pfc. Mathis O. Ball, Jr., 20, of Collin County, Texas, was buried November 18 in Bokchito, Oklahoma.

Army Cpl. Francisco Ramos-Rivera, 33, of Puerto Rico, will be buried November 29 in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Army Pvt. Robert J. Sipes, Jr., 19, of Irvington, Kentucky, will be buried December 5 in his hometown.

There are 7,671 Americans remaining unaccounted for from the Korean War.

Vietnam: 0

There are 1,585 American servicemen and civilians remaining unaccounted for from the Vietnam War

Iraq Theater & Other Conflicts: 6

Operation El Dorado Canyon, 1986 MIA: 1
Capt. Paul F. Lorence, of San Francisco, U.S. Air Force, was lost on April 15, 1986, over Libya.

Operation Desert Storm, 1991 MIA: 2
Lt. Cmdr. Barry T. Cooke, of Austin, Texas, U.S. Navy, was lost on Feb. 2, 1991, in the Persian Gulf.
Lt. Robert J. Dwyer, of Worthington, Ohio, U.S. Navy, was lost on Feb. 5, 1991, in the Persian Gulf.

Operation Iraqi Freedom, 2003-2010 MIA: 3

Mr. Kirk Von Ackermann, of Albuquerque, N.M., DoD contractor, was lost on Oct. 9, 2003, while working in Forward Operating Base Pacesetter, Iraq.
Mr. Timothy E. Bell, of Mobile, Ala., DoD contractor, was lost on April 9, 2004, while working in Baghdad, Iraq.
Mr. Adnan al-Hilawi, of Orlando, Fla., DoD contractor, was lost on March 3, 2007, while working in Baghdad, Iraq.

Ron Fitzgarrald
POW/MIA Chairman

VVVC November 2018 Membership Report

Annual members	64
Life members	110
Total members	174

Memberships expiring in December 2018:

Theresa Miller Dec. 16
David Egner Dec. 16

Marie Pounds
Membership Chair

Sick Call...

Please keep the following members in your thought and prayers:

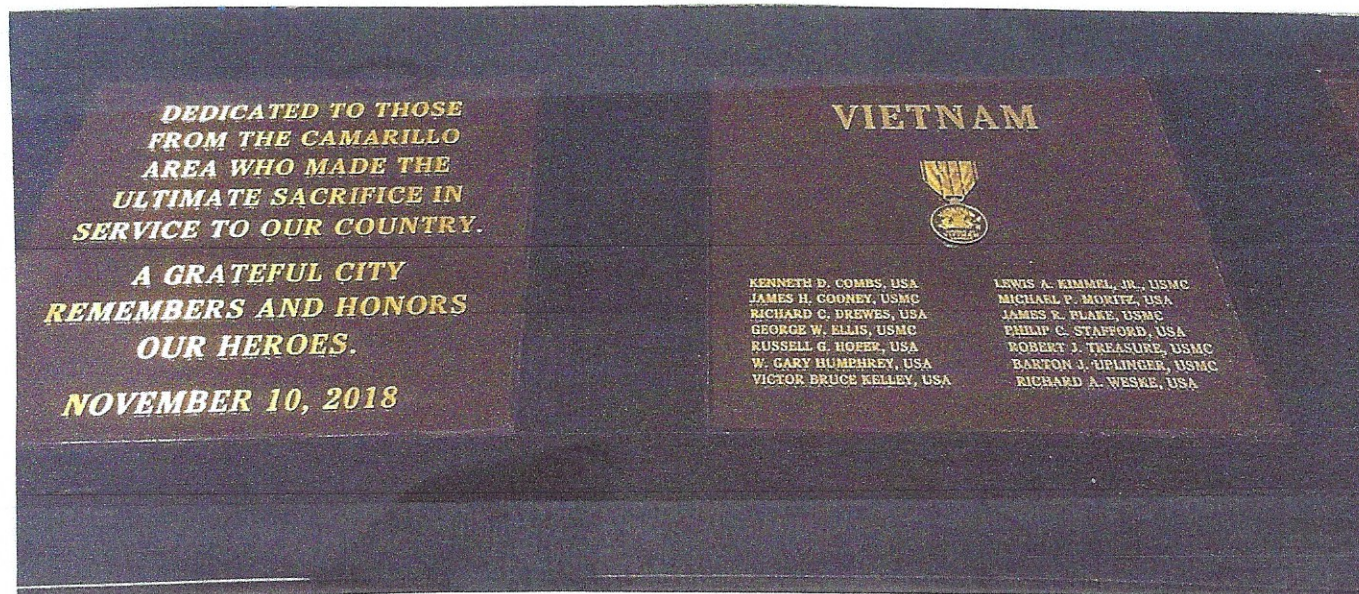
Ed Evans is recovering from a knee replacement
Simon Camarillo is currently residing at the Maywood Convalescent Home.

At our November meeting Debora Ehrich presented certificates of appreciation to Manny Gonzales, Howard Tench, Dave Wilson and Richard Camacho from Livingston Memorial Visiting Nurses Association Honoring the Honor Guard ceremony. Certificates of appreciation were also presented from Congresswoman Julia Brownley and Assemblywoman Jaqui Irwin.



Veterans memorial Dedication

On Saturday, November 10, 2018, the City of Camarillo dedicated several plaques to those local patriots who gave the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. Plaques dedicated included those from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and Southwest Asia. If you have a chance, stop by and view them located in Constitution Park by city Hall.



During our November meeting of the Veterans Collaborative of Ventura County, these Happy Veterans Day cards, were distributed. These cards were hand made by students of Ventura County thanking veterans for their service. I thought I'd pass these along. Thank you for your service.



On November 18, 2018, LULAC held an event honoring veterans. VVVC was asked, and kindly accepted, to be the Color Guard, and Ron Fitzgarrald presented 'The Missing Man Table'. Dave Wilson also showed a video about 'The Wall' – putting it up, ceremonies, visitors, and tearing it back down. There were several of the VVVC members there, and we had a delicious dinner and some good entertainment.

Knott's Berry Farm is still offering Free Admission to Active Military Personnel, Veterans as 'Tribute Days' return. Until December 21st those who show their military I.D. card or DD2114 at the front gate can enjoy free admission for themselves and a guest.

Don't forget to attend the December meeting as we will be electing the 2019 Executive Officers and Board of Directors. These are the members that have been nominated:

President	Dave Wilson
Vice-President	Howard Tench
Secretary	Joe Richardson
Treasurer	Brenda Seguin
Public Affairs	Ron Fitzgarrald

Current nominees for Board members (there will be 5 elected) are:

Manuel Gonzales	Lou Morris
Debora Ehrich	Larry Seguin
David Ha	Dale Dean
Joe Reyes	

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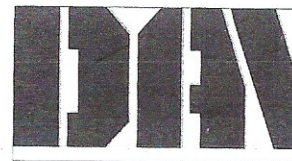
You will be called to confirm reservation

Notes: Van is not wheelchair accessible. Escorts allowed.

Marie Pounds, SACC Transportation Coordinator, 818-895-9408

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VVVC 2019 Event Calendar

DECEMBER 2018

- 7 VVVC Free Legal Clinic
- 8 Camarillo Christmas Parade
- 12 Snowflake
- 13 Collaborative Meeting
- 14 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 15 VVVC Meeting - Elections

JANUARY 2019

- 4 VVVC Free Legal Clinic
- 10 Collaborative Meeting
- 11 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 19 VVVC Meeting
- 23 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

FEBRUARY 2019

- 1 VVVC Free Legal Clinic
- 8 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 14 Collaborative Meeting
- 16 VVVC Meeting

MARCH 2019

- 1 VVVC Free Legal Clinic
- 8 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 14 Collaborative Meeting
- 16 VVVC Meeting

APRIL 2019

- 5 VVVC Free Legal Clinic
- 11 Collaborative Meeting
- 12 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 20 VVVC Meeting

MAY 2019

- 4 VVVC Free Legal Clinic
- 9 Collaborative Meeting
- 10 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 18 VVVC Meeting
- 29 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

JUNE 2019

- 7 VVVC Free Legal Clinic
- 13 Collaborative Meeting
- 14 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 15 VVVC Meeting

JULY 2019

- 4 4th of July Parade in Ojai
- 5 VVVC Free Legal Clinic
- 11 Collaborative Meeting
- 12 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
- 20 VVVC Meeting
- 31 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

AUGUST

2 VCVC Free Legal Clinic
8 Collaborative Meeting
9 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
17 VVVC Meeting

SEPTEMBER

6 VCVC Free Legal Clinic
12 Collaborative Meeting
13 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
21 VVVC Meeting

OCTOBER

4 VCVC Free Legal Clinic
10 Collaborative Meeting
11 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
19 VVVC Meeting
30 5th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View

NOVEMBER

1 VCVC Free Legal Clinic
8 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
11 Las Vegas Veteran's Parade
14 Collaborative Meeting
15 VVVC Meeting

DECEMBER

6 VCVC Free Legal Clinic
12 Collaborative Meeting
13 2nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am
20 VVVC Meeting



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Homemaker and Home Health Aide Care



What is Homemaker Home Health Aide Care?

A Homemaker or Home Health Aide is a trained person who can come to a Veteran's home and help the Veteran take care of himself and his daily activities.

Homemakers and Home Health Aides are not nurses, but they are supervised by a registered nurse who will help assess the Veteran's daily living needs.

This program is for Veterans who need skilled services, case management and help with activities of daily living. Examples include help with bathing, dressing, fixing meals or taking medicines. This program is also for Veterans who are isolated or their caregiver is experiencing burden. Homemaker and Home Health Aide services can be used in combination with other Home and Community Based Services.

Homemaker Home Health Aides work for an organization that has a contract with VA. A Homemaker or Home Health Aide can be used as a part of an alternative to nursing home care, and as a way to get Respite Care at home for Veterans and their family caregiver. The services of a Homemaker or Home Health Aide can help Veterans remain living in their own home and can serve Veterans of any age.

Am I eligible for Homemaker Home Health Aide Care?

Since **Homemaker Home Health Aide** services are part of a service within the VHA Standard Medical Benefits Package, all *enrolled Veterans* are eligible **if they meet the clinical need for the service.**

A copay for Homemaker and Home Health Aide services may be charged based on your VA service-connected disability status.

Homemaker Home Health Aide services can be used in combination with other Home and Community Based Services.

Find out more by visiting the Paying for Long Term Care section at www.va.gov/Geriatrics.

What services can I get?

Services are based on your assessed needs. Talk with a VA social worker to

Homemaker and Home Health Aide Care

find out what specific help you may be able to receive. For example, an aide may be able to come to your house several times a week or just once in a while.

Examples of daily activities you may be able to receive help with include:

- Eating
- Getting dressed
- Bathing
- Using the bathroom
- Moving from one place to another
- Shopping for food
- Cooking
- Cleaning
- Doing laundry
- Paying bills or managing money
- Taking medication
- Getting to appointments
- Using the telephone

You can continue to receive an aide's services for as long as you need extra help with your daily activities.

How do I decide if it is right for me?

You can use a **Shared Decision Making Worksheet** to help you figure out what long term care services or settings may best meet your needs now or in the future.

There's also a **Caregiver Self-Assessment**. It can help your caregiver identify their own needs and decide how much support they can offer to you. Having this information

from your caregiver, along with the involvement of your care team and social worker, will help you reach good long term care decisions.

Ask your social worker for these Worksheets or download copies from the **Shared Decision Making** section at www.va.gov/Geriatrics.

Your physician or other primary care provider can answer questions about your medical needs. Some important questions to talk about with your social worker and family include:

- How much assistance do I need for my activities of daily living (e.g., bathing and getting dressed)?
- What are my caregiver's needs?
- How much independence and privacy do I want?
- What sort of social interactions are important to me?
- How much can I afford to pay for care each month?

If Homemaker or Home Health Aide services are right for you, your VA social worker may be able to help you make arrangements for those.



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The Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers



Family Caregivers provide crucial support in caring for our Nation's Veterans by allowing them to stay in the homes and communities they defended, surrounded by the loved ones they fought for. Caregivers in a home environment can enhance the health and well-being of Veterans under VA care. The Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers, as established in PL 111-163, the Caregivers and Veterans Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010, has allowed VA to provide additional supports and services to Family Caregivers of eligible Veterans injured in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001.

Veteran Eligibility:

1. The Veteran incurred or aggravated a serious injury (including traumatic brain injury, psychological trauma, or other mental disorder) in the line of duty, on or after September 11, 2001.
2. Because of the qualifying serious injury, the Veteran requires another person (a Caregiver) to assist the Veteran with the management of personal care functions required in everyday living.
3. The serious injury renders the Veteran in need of personal care services for a minimum of six continuous months based on a clinical determination that takes into account various factors.
4. It is in the best interest of the Veteran to participate in the Caregiver Support Program.
5. The Veteran will receive ongoing care from a Patient Aligned Care Team (PACT) or other VA health care team as a requirement for participation in the program.
6. The Veteran agrees to receive ongoing care at home after VA designates a Family Caregiver.
7. Personal care services that would be provided by the Caregiver will not simultaneously be provided through another individual or entity.

Caregiver Eligibility:

1. The Caregiver must be at least 18 years of age.
2. The Caregiver must be either:
 - a. The Veteran's spouse, son, daughter, parent, step-family member, or extended family member; or
 - b. Someone who lives with the Veteran full time.
3. Prior to approval, the Caregiver will be provided with training and must be able to demonstrate the ability to assist the Veteran with personal care functions required in everyday living.

*****There are additional criteria that must be met prior to approval.***



Application Details:

- Veterans may begin the application process by accessing the Caregiver Program application (VA Form 10-10CG) at www.caregiver.va.gov. The application enables Veterans to designate one primary Family Caregiver and up to two secondary Family Caregivers. Caregiver Support Coordinators are available at every VA Medical Center to assist Veterans and their Caregivers with the application process. Additional application assistance can be provided at 1-877-222-VETS (8387).
- If the Veteran is not currently enrolled in VA health care, both the VA Form 10-10 EZ for VA health services and the application for the Caregiver Program (VA Form 10-10CG) will need to be completed.
- The application must be completed and signed by both the Veteran or their legal representative and the primary Caregiver. The application can be hand carried to a Caregiver Support Coordinator at a local VA Medical Center (VAMC) for walk-in processing or it may be mailed to:

Family Caregivers Program
Health Eligibility Center
2957 Clairmont Road NE, Suite 200
Atlanta, GA 30329-1647

- Within three business days of receipt of the initial application, the Caregiver Support Coordinator at the Veteran's preferred VA Medical Center will contact the Veteran and Family Caregiver applicant(s).
- A clinical team from VA will coordinate arrangements with the Veteran to complete a clinical eligibility assessment. This will include evaluating what assistance the Veteran needs with activities of daily living such as eating, bathing, grooming, and/or need for supervision or protection. In addition, the Caregiver(s) will complete an assessment to ensure the eligibility criteria are met.
- Training is completed by the Family Caregiver applicant(s) once it is determined the Veteran meets eligibility criteria. Training can be completed in one of three ways: classroom training; online; or by self-study using a workbook and DVD that will be mailed to the Family Caregiver(s).
- Once training is completed by the Family Caregiver applicant(s), a VA clinician will visit the Veteran's home. The purpose of this home visit is to make sure that the Family Caregiver applicant(s) and Veteran have everything they need to be safe and successful in the home setting.
- After the home visit is completed, the Family Caregiver(s) will be approved by VA and a primary Family Caregiver will be designated by VA. The designated primary Family Caregiver will begin receiving a monthly stipend based on the Veteran's level of need and required assistance. The primary Family Caregiver may also be eligible to receive medical care through CHAMPVA if the primary Family Caregiver is not entitled to care or services under a health-plan contract.
- There are many services specific to Caregivers of Veterans of all eras that are currently being offered by VA. Contact your local VAMC Caregiver Support Coordinator or the Caregiver Support Line at 1-855-260-3274 for information on these and other Caregiver resources and services.

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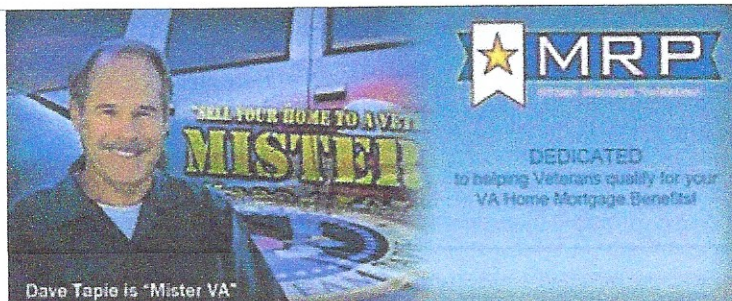
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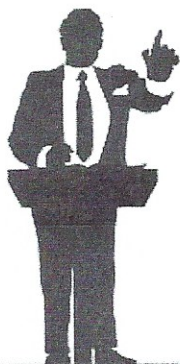
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Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, Inc.
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This letter is intended to be used to introduce us, the Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, and to assist us in our effort to solicit subscription/donations to our organization in the form of advertising in our monthly newsletter.

First the legal issues of proper identification.

- IRS, 501(c)(19) Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County Inc. id#93-0966053

State of California Franchise Tax Board

- 501(c)(19) Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, tax exemption, Revenue and taxation Section 23701f

Our organization represents all veterans (not just Vietnam Veterans) in the 805.

Our organizations primary function is to act as a 'service' group providing all manner of assistance to our veteran population. We are active in the education of our youth in our local schools by speaking at the schools to the students. We support and provide college scholarships every year. We have been the organization responsible for bringing the 'Traveling Wall' Vietnam Memorial to Ventura six times in the last 30 years and are planning on doing so again in 2018. We provide full military honor and color guards in parades and at funerals. We work closely with literally hundreds of other organizations and our elected officials both State and Federal in the county to see veterans' needs are met.

Our group runs around 130 strong, most living in Ventura, but some as far away as Australia and Canada. We are asking for donations to our cause, by selling advertising space in our newsletter.

We plan on starting with a full page with fees broke down in the following manner:

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| • Business Card | \$10/mo. | \$100/yr |
| • ¼ page | \$15/mo | \$150/yr |
| • ½ page | \$25/mo | \$200/yr |
| • Full page | \$30 each | |

You consideration of donating to our causes, gaining some advertising in the deal, is fully deductible by virtue of our legally acquired non-profit status as a veterans service organization.

We look forward to establishing a relationship beneficial to us both.

Larry Seguin, fund raising chair

Joe Richardson, secretary - Laurie Richardson VVVC Post editor