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February, 2019

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President's Message:

February 2019 LP Article

January's meeting was great! I appreciate that Tammy I. Glenn, the Executive Director of Caregivers Volunteers shared with another way in which we may serve our aging veterans who need assistance. Tammy passed around a sign-up sheet in the meeting and I am certain there were those who wanted to volunteer but needed more information as to what kind of commitment would be involved. If you want more information, here is their web site; www.vccargivers.org or you could call (805) 658-8530.

The new Executive Board met for the first time and we already are getting geared up for 2019. The Board will meet in February to continue to update and amend our By-laws in order to take the VVVC into the future. We will be inventorying our storage locker and installing shelving and we are also planning on our 34th Anniversary in June; all this from just the first meeting. We also gained 4 new members that night. Ron Fitzgarrald continues to bring us up to date on the POW/MIAs being accounted for. It was also suggested during the meeting that our organization come up with a resolution in support of the DAV being able to continue to work out of the Veterans Home. CalVet has put new restrictions on who may use their facility. I committed myself to call our State legislators with whom we have worked with in the past in order to see if an exemption would be made for the DAV as they provide transportation to Sepulveda for our veterans. As I said at the beginning, January's meeting was great with information and challenges! Let's do this together!

David Wilson

POW/MIA REPORT Jan - 2019

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

World War II: 9

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. Halen A. Leinweber, 21, of Houston, killed during World War II, was accounted for on June 20, 2018.

Army Pvt. William A. Boegli, 25, of Sedan, Montana, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Aug. 14, 2018.

Marine Corps Pfc. Michael L. Salerno, 19, of Philadelphia, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 27, 2018.

Navy Reserve Pharmacist's Mate 3rd Class William H. Blancheri, 19, of Los Angeles, killed during World War II, was accounted for Aug. 14, 2018.

Marine Corps Reserve Pfc. Nicholas J. Gojmerac, 29, of Kansas City, Kansas, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 24, 2018.

Marine Corps Reserve Pvt. Fred E. Freet, 18, of Marion, Indiana, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Aug. 6, 2018

Army Air Forces 2nd Lt. James R. Lord, 20, of Conneaut, Ohio, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 25, 2018.

Army Air Forces Sgt. Vernon L. Hamilton, 19, of Monongahela, Pennsylvania, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Dec. 13, 2018.

Army Air Forces Sgt. John Kalasich, 19, of Charleston, West Virginia, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Dec. 13, 2018.

USS Oklahoma: 24

Navy Storekeeper 2nd Class Gerald L. Clayton, 21, Central City, Nebraska, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 10, 2018.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Charles C. Gomez, Jr., 19, of Slidell, Louisiana, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 19, 2018.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Challis R. James, 18, of New Boston, Ohio, killed during World War II, was accounted for on May 4, 2016.

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Navy Seaman 2nd Class George T. George, 26, of St. Louis, Missouri, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Jan. 26, 2017.

Navy Fireman 3rd Class Warren H. Crim, 20, of McMinnville, Tennessee, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Dec. 8, 2017.

Navy Storekeeper 1st Class John W. Craig, 26, of Monroe, Arkansas, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Nov. 22, 2017.

Navy Storekeeper 3rd Class Eli Olsen, 23, of Exira, Iowa, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Sept. 25, 2017.

Fireman 1st Class Millard C. Pace, 20, of Vanndale, Arkansas, killed during World War II, was accounted for on March 26, 2018.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Frank E. Nicoles, 24, of Eau Claire, Wisconsin, killed during World War II, was accounted for on May 5, 2018.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Elmer D. Nail, 23, of Kansas City, Missouri, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Aug. 18, 2017.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Wilbur C. Barrett, 26, of El Dorado, Kansas, killed during World War II, was accounted for on June 20, 2018.

Navy Radioman 3rd Class Howard V. Keffer, 26, of Los Angeles, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Jan. 11, 2018.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Wesley V. Jordan, 23, of What Cheer, Iowa, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Aug. 8, 2018.

Navy Seaman 1st Class Daniel L. Guisinger, Jr., 21, of Everett, Washington, killed during World War II, was accounted for on May 22, 2018.

Navy Seaman 2nd Class Joe M. Kelley, 20, of Springfield, Missouri, killed during World War II, was accounted for on April 11, 2018.

Navy Reserve Fireman 1st Class Lewis F. Tindall, 18, of Oakland, California, killed during World War II, was accounted for on March 26, 2018.

Navy Fireman 1st Class Claude O. Gowey, 20, of Onawa, Iowa, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Aug. 31, 2018.

Navy Electrician's Mate 3rd Class Merle A. Smith, 20, of Woodland, Washington, killed during World War II, was accounted for on Aug. 14, 2018.

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Currently there are 72,782 (approximately 26,000 are assessed as possibly-recoverable) still unaccounted for from World War II

Korean War: 5

Army Sgt. 1st Class James L. Boyce, 21, of Carnegie, Pennsylvania, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Sept. 26, 2018.

Army Cpl. Frederick E. Coons, 22, of Fairview Township, Missouri, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Oct. 29, 2018.

POW Army Pfc. James P. Shaw, 24, of Holmes, Florida, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Aug. 29, 2016.

Army Pfc. William H. Jones, 19, of Whitakers, North Carolina, was accounted for on Sept. 13, 2018.

Army Pfc. George L. Spangenberg, 30, of Pittsburgh, killed during the Korean War, was accounted for on Aug. 14, 2018.

There are 7,659 Americans remaining unaccounted for from the Korean War.

Vietnam: 2

Air Force Col. Richard A. Kibbey, 32, of Delmar, New York, killed during the Vietnam War, was accounted for on Aug. 6, 2018.

Naval Reserve Lt. Richard C. Lannom, 27, of Union City, Tennessee, killed during the Vietnam War, was accounted for on Sept. 25, 2018.

There are 1,580 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 Fitzgaarald
POW/MIA Chairman

VVVC December 2018 Membership Report

Annual members 58

Life Members 110

Total members 168

Memberships expiring in January 2019:

Michael Weiner 2/5/2019

Dennis Hartman 2/17/2019

Patrick Kinner 2/17/2019

Bruce Miller 2/17/2019

Donald Todd 2/17/19

Joe Richardson
Membership Chair

Sick Call.....

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers:

Dale Dean
Manny Gonzales
Barry Jenkins

Announcement....

VVVC has an electric scooter for any vet who is in need of one. Contact Joe Richardson at (805) 659-2387.

At our January meeting we had a guest speaker from Care Givers. Tammy Glenn explained to us what they do. You can also get more information about them at www.vccaregivers.org. Thanks Tammy!

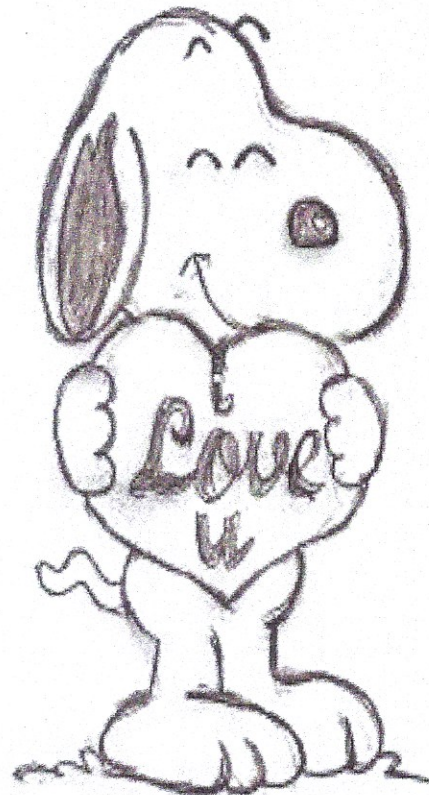
Our Mission

Our vision is "Dignity for Life"

CAREGIVERS mission is to promote the health, well-being, dignity, and independence of frail, homebound elders through one-on-one relationships with trusted volunteers.

CAREGIVERS provides non-medical, in-home support services and transportation for homebound, frail elders, preventing their premature placement into board and care facilities and making it possible for them to continue to live in the comfort and security of their own homes.

CAREGIVERS make every effort to "match" a carefully screened and trained volunteer to a frail, homebound elder who needs basic assistance and companionship, in order to foster a long term, one-on-one relationship between them.



VVVC 2019 Event Calendar

FEBRUARY

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| 1 | VCMC Free Legal Clinic |
| 8 | 2 nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am |
| 13 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 14 | Collaborative Meeting |
| 14 | By-Laws Meeting at Main St. 1:30 pm |
| 16 | VVVC Meeting |

MARCH

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| 1 | VCMC Free Legal Clinic |
| 5 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 8 | 2 nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am |
| 12 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 14 | Collaborative Meeting |
| 16 | St. Patrick's Day Parade in Ventura |
| 16 | VVVC Meeting |
| 19 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 26 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |

APRIL

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| 5 | VCMC Free Legal Clinic |
| 8 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 11 | Collaborative Meeting |
| 12 | 2 nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club – 10:30 am |
| 15 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 19 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 20 | VVVC Meeting |
| 26 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |

MAY

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

JUNE

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| 7 | VCMC Free Legal Clinic |
| 13 | Collaborative Meeting |
| 14 | 2 nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club-10:30 |
| 15 | VVVC Meeting |
| 21 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 28 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |

JULY

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| 4 | 4 th of July Parade in Ojai |
| 5 | VCMC Free Legal Clinic |
| 11 | Collaborative Meeting |
| 12 | 2 nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club-10:30 |
| 16 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 20 | VVVC Meeting |
| 30 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 31 | 5 th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion in Oak View |

AUGUST

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| 2 | VCMC Free Legal Clinic |
| 6 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 8 | Collaborative Meeting |
| 9 | 2 nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club-10:30 |
| 13 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 17 | VVVC Meeting |
| 23 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |

SEPTEMBER

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| 3 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 6 | VCMC Free Legal Clinic |
| 10 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 12 | Collaborative Meeting |
| 13 | 2 nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club 10:30 |
| 17 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 21 | VVVC Meeting |

OCTOBER

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| 4 | VCMC Free Legal Clinic |
| 4 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 10 | Collaborative Meeting |
| 11 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 11 | 2 nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club 10:30 |
| 19 | VVVC Meeting |
| 21 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 28 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 30 | 5 th Wednesday Dinner at American Legion |

NOVEMBER

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| 1 | VCMC Free Legal Clinic |
| 4 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 8 | 2 nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club-10:30 |
| 11 | Las Vegas Veteran's Parade |
| 12 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 14 | Collaborative Meeting |
| 15 | VVVC Meeting |
| 19 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |

DECEMBER

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| 3 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 6 | VCMC Free Legal Clinic |
| 12 | Collaborative Meeting |
| 13 | 2 nd Friday Free Lunch at Goleta Elk's Club-10:30 |
| 19 | NCTC "CM" Graduation |
| 20 | VVVC Meeting |

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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 | |

Your 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