



In Service to America

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 671 Savannah, Georgia



"ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL"

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Veterans Council Meeting

December Veterans Council Meeting will be Monday, December 1st. Council meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 184, Thunderbolt. Dinner will be at 6:00 PM with the meeting following at 7:00 PM.



Next Meeting



Next chapter meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2014 to be held at the American Legion Post 135 - 1108 Bull Street - Savannah, GA 31401

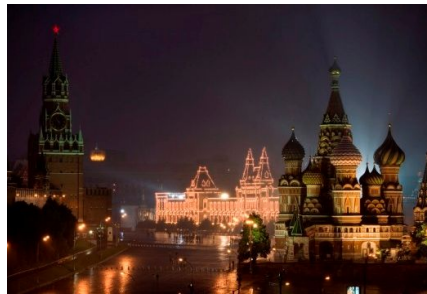
Social hour will be at 6:30 PM until the meeting which is at 7:00 PM Our Chapter Christmas Dinner will follow the meeting.



DPMO

Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office

Cold War



In addition to the thousands of service members who fought communist forces during wars in Korea, Vietnam, and other conflicts, many service members risked their lives off of the battlefield while collecting intelligence on the Soviet Bloc, the People's Republic of China, and North Korea during the Cold War. The sacrifice made by these Americans enabled the United States and our allies to contain the threat of communist expansion until the collapse of the Soviet Union. Today, 126 service members remain unaccounted for from the Cold War.

Da Nang

Da Nang was a nice place by a bay
Some mean people came to visit and
ravage.

It was such a nice place to get away
From modern primitive and noble
savage.

Da Nang is still a nice place to visit
If you were never there before '75.

Those who were, might ask is it?
Or were you one who got out alive?

Newsletter

Remember - this is your Chapter Newsletter.

I will be trying to publish this every month after our monthly meeting to keep everyone up to date with what is going on with the Chapter.

If you have anything you would like to be included in the next edition of the newsletter - please let me know at the meeting, or feel free to call me at any time. My cell number is 912-429-0940 or you drop it either by mail or email at rws521@msn.com or 118 Phyllis Dr, Savannah, GA 31419. I look forward to working with you. - Bob

Mark Your Calendars

Memorial Day Program

Honoring all who gave the ultimate sacrifice of America

The Program is on **Sunday,**
24 May, 2015

Location:

Emmet Park on Bay St.
Vietnam Veterans Monument
Time Music starts at 6:30pm
Program starts 7:00pm

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Tuesday, March 17, 2015
10:15 AM

Location: Savannah, GA



STAND UP FOR AMERICA PARADE

Stand Up For America Parade
Saturday, April 25, 2015
10:00 AM

Location: Port Wentworth, GA



What is It?

A.



B.



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Chapter Web Site



If you haven't been up on the web site recently - you might want to go there and check out the latest. There have been some of our members - O.C. Fowler, Jerry Walker, and Donald Singleton gave their Vietnam Experience to the 3rd I.D. information office. I have included a link for each of their stories. All you have to do is click on their names for their stories. - Check it out!!

I now have access to the Chapter's Web Page <http://vvasav.com/>. I will now have the ability to keep the site up to date. So far you will notice that I have a copy of this newsletter, minutes of the last meeting, agenda for the next meeting and any upcoming scheduled events for the chapter.

Answers to what is it?

A.

Candle Sticks

Found in a VC base camp , jungle made candle stick holders made out of a VC grenade with cast bases.

B.

Booby Traps

A collection of original captured booby traps , all were bring backs, the Venus fly trap came with a letter from the marine that brought it back, the foot spikes, the punji stakes, and one I don't know how it was used, has row of nails with wood handle.



Important Events of the Vietnam War

I will be posting all the important events that took place concerning the Vietnam War during each month.

December 19, 1946 - First Indochina War

The Viet Minh attacks French forces occupying Hanoi in northern Vietnam. The First Indochina War, also called the Franco-Vietnamese War, begins.

December, 1955 - Ho Chi Minh Land Reforms

Ho Chi Minh, following the communist doctrine, orders sweeping "land reforms" in North Vietnam; thousands of people classified as landowners and wealthy farmers are imprisoned, tortured, or executed. In a mass exodus, many Vietnamese families flee and head to South Vietnam.²

December 20, 1960 - National Liberation Front and Viet Cong Formed

The National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam, also known as the National Liberation Front (NLF) is formed to crush Diem's regime. The insurgent organization and its military wing—the Viet Cong (VC)—will be funded by the North Vietnamese government, and staffed by Ex-Viet Minh guerilla soldiers from the South. (Northern-born troops will join the VC in 1964.)

December 22, 1961 - First US Combat Death

An American serviceman dies in Vietnam, the first combat death reported. For many Americans, the death will mark the beginning of the Vietnam War

Important Events of the Vietnam War Contd.

December 25, 1965 - Bombing Halt

In an attempt to spur negotiations with North Vietnam, President Johnson orders a halt in the bombing. The pause will last just over a month.

December 31, 1965 - Troop Levels in 1965

By the end of 1965, the U.S. troop strength in Vietnam exceeds 200,000.

December 31, 1966 - Troop Levels in 1966

By the end of 1966, American troops stationed in Vietnam number 389,000. More than 6,000 Americans have been killed and 30,000 wounded in 1966 alone.

December 31, 1967 - Troop Levels in 1967.

By the end of 1967, the U.S. military presence in Vietnam has increased to 485,000.

December 31, 1968 - Troop Levels in 1968

By the end of 1968, U.S. troops in Vietnam number 535,100; the ARVN claims some 820,000 fighters; VC and northern soldiers top 600,000. During the year, more than 14,500 Americans die in the war, the highest annual toll thus far.

December 15, 1969 - Nixon Promises More Troops Home

President Nixon promises to bring home 50,000 troops from Vietnam by April 1970.

Important Dates in December

1st (1933) - Singer and Army Airborne Veteran Lou Rawls Birthday.

4th (1991) - Journalist Terry Anderson is released in Lebanon after 2,450 days of captivity.

7th (1941) - Pearl Harbor is attacked by the Japanese.

13th (1991) - North and South Korea formally end the Korean War.

14th (1799) - President George Washington dies at Mount Vernon.

16th (1773) - Boston Tea Party

20th (1989) - The U.S. invades Panama in an effort to capture Manuel Noriega.

21st (1945) - General George S. Patton Dies.

25th(2014) - Merry Christmas!!



"Say fellow, let's you and me have a little talk."
(by SGT Michael Dooley, A-226)

In Country

They began to arrive in '64,
Marines and Army, coming to shore.
They arrived in Quinhon and Camron
Bay,
They came to fight, but not to stay.

The ships brought thousands of young
fighting men,
They would fight in the jungles, but they
weren't sure when.

Their tour of duty was only a year,
But 35 years later the war is still near.

It's in the minds and bodies of the once
young men,

It's in the hearts and souls, and will
never end.

Some of the memories are good and bad,
But most of the memories are very sad.

The little people who lived there,
depended on us,
To help them and aid them, their times
were tough.
I can still see the looks in some of their
eyes,
Most were filled with fear, some with
the lies.

We stayed our year, waiting to go home,
Some made on their feet, over 58,000
were prone.

Their memory is now inscribed on a
black granite wall,
In a place we all know, as the D.C. Mall.

The little people of Nam were left
behind,
To fend for themselves in our own
rioting time.
The pressure of politics soon took it's
toll,
And forgot about the little people, their
heart and soul.

In the end, they lost their fight,
The men from the North had won their
right.

They fought a war for their belief,
We took police action, in hopes of relief.

We fought on their turf, we fought their
war,
Not really realizing what was finally in
store.

We fought on their terms in a jungle
war,
We did what we could in a place so far.

We were kids young at heart when we
were sent,
Our hearts were much older after we
went.

We went with our honor, duty, and face,
Not realizing we would be looked on
with much disgrace.

If I had it to do over, I would do it again,
I would fight this time only to win,
I'm not ashamed I went, for in the end,
I met many a man who became a life
long friend.

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Veterans Organizations and Information

VA Outpatient Clinic -
325 West Montgomery Crossroad
(912) 920-0214

VA Medical Center - Augusta -
2050 Walton Way, Suite 100
(706) 729-5762

VA Medical Center - Dublin
1826 Veterans Blvd
(478) 272-1210

VA Medical Center - Charleston
109 Bee Street
(843) 577-5011 (888) 878-6884

VA Outpatient Clinic - Hinesville
500 East Oglethorpe Highway
(912) 408-2900

Veterans Administration
(800) 827-1000

Vietnam Veterans of America
National Office
(800) 882-1316

National League of Families POW/MIA
Updates
(202) 223-6846

Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery -
Glennville
8819 U.S. 301, Glennville, GA
(912) 654-5398

Georgia War Veterans Home
2249 Vinson Hwy, Milledgeville
(478) 445-3234