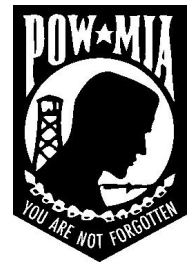




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"ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL"

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Veterans Council Meeting

September Veterans Council Meeting will be Monday, November 3rd. Council meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 184, Thunderbolt. Our meeting is the same date and time, so we will not attend this meeting.



Next Meeting



Next chapter meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2014 to be held at the American Legion Post 135 - 1108 Bull Street - Savannah, GA 31401

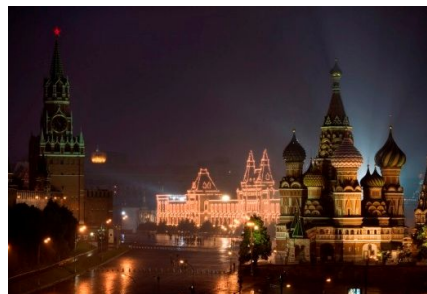
Social hour will be at 6:30 PM until the meeting which is at 7:00 PM dinner to follow.



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.

Tracers

The tracers arc through the night, like fireflies that sting. A hypnotic power entrancing and mesmerizing, as like a dancing messenger of death it races through the night looking for someone to talk to.
- Pete "Doc" Frase

2014 Tee Shirts



For those of you that did not make the meeting in September, this is the front of 2014's tee shirts. This picture is the design from Jerry Emsweller, a \$50.00 gift card from Applebee's winner. Way to go, Jerry.

This image will be printed on a gold Tee Shirt. I can't wait to see how they will look.

The shirts are currently on order from Tradewinds Printwear in Ohio will be our vendor for the shirts this year.

Mark Your Calendars

Veterans Day Program Honoring all Veterans of America

The Program is on **Sunday,**
9 November, 2014

Location:

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

VETERANS DAY PARADE

Veterans Day Parade
Tuesday, Nov 11, 2014
10:00 AM

Location: Downtown, Savannah, GA



What is It?

A.



B.



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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



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.

Important Events of the Vietnam War

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

November 22, 1954 - Ho Chi Minh in Time

Time magazine features Ho Chi Minh on its cover along with a lengthy feature profiling the new president of North Vietnam. "Ho Chi Minh, dedicated Communist," the article reads, "is a matchless interplay of ruthlessness and guile."

November, 1955 - U.S. supports Diem

Ngo Dinh Diem, with the help of the United States, consolidates power in Saigon and rejects the Geneva Accords. Fearing (correctly) that he will lose against Ho Chi Minh, Diem refuses to hold countrywide elections. Still, the United States remains committed to his regime.

November 8, 1960 - Kennedy Elected

Democrat John F. Kennedy defeats Republican candidate Richard M. Nixon to become the 35th president of the United States.

November 11, 1960 - South Army coup fails

President Ngo Dinh Diem defeats an attempted coup by his own South Vietnamese government forces, the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN).

November 1, 1963 - Diem overthrown

With U.S. encouragement, South Vietnamese General Duong Van Minh overthrows the Diem regime, and the following day he orders the execution of Diem and his brother. General Duong's military rule is recognized by the United States.

November 3, 1964 - Johnson wins landslide

Lyndon B. Johnson wins the presidential election in a tremendous landslide.

Important Events of the Vietnam War Contd.

November 30, 1967 - McNamara released

President Johnson "releases" Robert McNamara from his duties as Secretary of Defense. Johnson offers McNamara, who has grown increasingly pessimistic about U.S. progress against the North Vietnamese, a position as head of the World Bank.

November 6, 1968 - Nixon elected

Republican Richard Nixon is elected president of the United States

November 15, 1969 - D.C. Anti-war protest

Some 600,000 Americans attend an anti-war protest rally in Washington, D.C.

November 16, 1969 - Nixon promises withdrawal

President Nixon promises to withdraw 35,000 additional troops from the war in Vietnam.

November 24, 1969 - Calley charged

The U.S. Army announced that Lt. William L. Calley had been charged with premeditated murder in the massacre of civilians in the Vietnamese village of My Lai in March of 1968. Calley was ordered to stand trial by court martial and was later convicted and sentenced to life in prison. However, his sentence was later commuted to three years of house arrest by President Richard Nixon.

Important Events of the Vietnam War Contd.

November 7, 1972 - Nixon reelected
Nixon defeats Democratic candidate Senator George McGovern in the presidential election. McGovern has run on an anti-war platform that would grant amnesty to draft evaders who have left the country, and would exchange American withdrawal from Vietnam for the return of American prisoners of war (POWs).

November 11, 1972 - End of war
The U.S. turned over its military base at Long Binh to the South Vietnamese, symbolizing the end of direct American military participation in the Vietnam War.

Answers to what is it?

A.

Russian Gas Mask

NVA issued Russian gas mask and bag, look close at the canister, it has been marked in Vietnamese for use in the field

B.

VC sandal repair kit

very rare item, vc sandal repair kit, and a roll of rubber for straps, there are two kits here, one is just the tool for replacing the straps, the other has a knife, tongs, and metal piece to pull the straps thru the old tire sandals, there is also a Chinese made lighter attached to the lanyard and is marked 555

Another Good Morning From Vietnam!

Looks like another beautiful day
Here in sunny Vietnam to play
Your favorite tunes brought to you
By way of AFVN and the DJ crew

From dawn to dusk every day
AFVN over the air comes your way
Spinning your Top 40 with the news
Some rock, country, jazz, and blues

Whether you're behind a machine
gun
Or buried in paperwork to get done
Groove to some music on the AFVN
dial
It's 1969 and you've not heard these
in a while

The weather's not going to change
real soon
Charlie's been scarce during the
monsoons
Relax and turn up the volume for the
next hour
Some blasts from the past for the
guys in the tower

It's been raining rockets all week in
Lai Khe
So here's requests for all of you up
that way
'I Wish It Would Rain' and 'Good
Vibrations'
Time to sign off now from all AFVN
stations

- Paul Cameron -
1st Inf. Div.

Important Dates in November

Military Family Month

A month to honor and celebrate the contributions and sacrifices of the families of the U.S. Armed Forces

1st (1950) - President Harry S. Truman was the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt by two members of a Puerto Rican nationalist movement.

2nd (1734) - Birth of frontiersman Daniel Boone.

3rd (1957) - Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika.

6th (1860) - Abraham Lincoln was elected as the 16th U.S. President and the first Republican.

7th (1944) - President Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected to an unprecedented fourth term, defeating Thomas E. Dewey. Roosevelt died less than a year later on April 12, 1945.

7th (1989) - L. Douglas Wilder became the first African American governor in U.S. history, elected governor of Virginia.

10th (1775) - The U.S. Marine Corps was established as part of the U.S. Navy. It became a separate unit on July 11, 1789.

10th (1928) - Hirohito was crowned Emperor of Japan. He was Imperial Japan's Emperor during World War II. Following Japan's defeat, he was allowed to stay and remained Emperor until his death in 1989.

Important Dates in November Contd

11th (1918) - At 5 a.m., in Marshal Foch's railway car in the Forest of Compiègne, the Armistice between the Allied and Central Powers was signed, silencing the guns of World War I effective at 11 a.m. – the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. In many places in Europe, a moment of silence in memory of the millions of fallen soldiers is still observed. Here we celebrate Veteran's Day.

13th (1956) - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that racial segregation on public buses was unconstitutional.

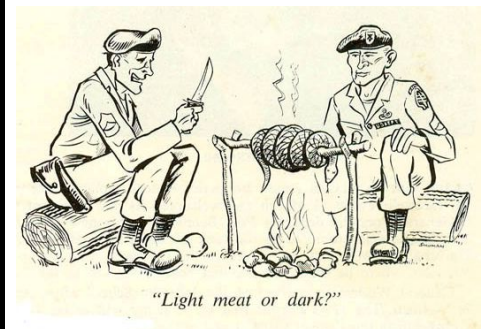
15th (1777) - The Articles of Confederation were adopted by Continental Congress

19th (1863) - President Lincoln delivered his Gettysburg Address, on the bloodstained battlefield at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, during a ceremony to dedicate the cemetery.

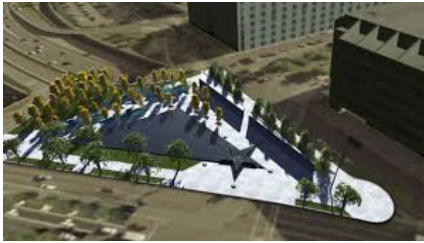
21st (1620) - The Mayflower Compact was signed.

22nd (1963) - President John Fitzgerald Kennedy (JFK) was assassinated in Dallas, Texas, while riding in a motorcade, and pronounced dead at 1 p.m.

26th (1789) - Thanksgiving was first celebrated as a national holiday



American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial



In Washington on Sunday, October 3rd amid the myriad of monuments immortalizing the country's past near the U.S. Capitol, President Barack Obama paid tribute to the nation's wounded servicemen and servicewomen at the unveiling of a memorial of a different kind.

Sixteen years in the making, The American Veterans Disabled for Life Memorial (AVDLM) is not only a tribute to fallen soldiers and wounded warriors, but also to their loved ones and caregivers.

"With this memorial we commemorate, for the first time, the two battles our disabled veterans have fought, the battle over there and the battle here at home," Obama said.

The Memorial opened to the public on Monday, October 6th.

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

Veterans to get raise

Millions of veterans and their dependents will get a fresh cost-of-living increase for their disability benefits beginning in December, according to legislation that Congress sent President Obama on Tuesday, September 23rd.

New Rules May Allow Benefits Long Denied to Vietnam-Era Veterans

Thousands of Vietnam-era veterans barred from receiving benefits because of less-than-honorable discharges may be eligible for upgrades under a new set of guidelines released by the Defense Department on Wednesday, September 3rd.

The guidelines call on the independent boards that review petitions from veterans seeking upgrades to give "liberal consideration" to any symptoms of PTSD now or at the time of the veterans' discharge, and "special consideration" to findings of PTSD by the Veterans Affairs Department.

The announcement comes in the wake of a class-action lawsuit filed in federal court by a group of Vietnam veterans and the advocacy group Vietnam Veterans of America, alleging that the military systematically denied applications for upgrades involving PTSD.