

# VIETNAM VET "GAZETTE"

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In Service to America

## Chapter 862 Meetings

**BOD Meeting**

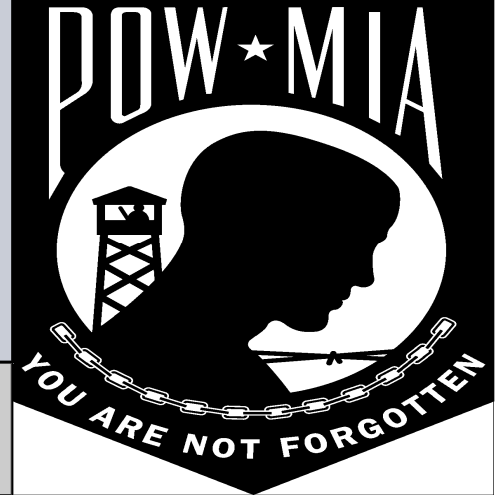
2nd Wed of the Month

**Membership Meeting**

3rd Wed of the Month

7:00 PM at the  
ROCHESTER VFW

Be Sure To See  
Important Dates to Remember  
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No Shadow!  
**Phil Predicts  
an Early Spring!**

Punxsutawney Phil said that we will have an early spring. Well, I haven't seen anything that proves him right yet! I've shoveled my driveway three times this month and it's been freezing cold outside. When is this "early spring" coming? Hello, I'm still waiting, Phil! But one thing that will happen this spring

is our annual chapter elections, which will occur at the annual chapter meeting on April 20, 2016. The officers that are up for election (or re-election) are the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurer. Also, three members of the Board of Directors and the all PA State Council/VVA National delegates must be elected or re-elected.

These positions can be very rewarding. Rather than reading about our chapter activities, you are part of the planning and execution of the event. You are working with your "brothers/sisters" and helping to make the lives of our fellow veterans just a little bit better, especially for those of us who are less fortunate.

Everyone pretty much knows the duties of the elected officers, President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. The Board of Directors (BOD) is responsible for the control and management of the affairs, property, and interests of the chapter. The Officers and BOD meet on the second Wednesday of the month to discuss and manage the affairs of the chapter. Our Delegates represent the our chapter at the PA State Conferences, the VVA National Convention and the VVA National Leadership Conference. Currently the PA State Conference meets twice a year (June 4-5 and October 29-30 this year) in State College, PA. Times and locations of the National Conventions and Conferences varies each year. Travel expenses, meals and lodging are paid either by the PA State Council or our Chapter. You are not required to attend all conferences or conventions, but attendance is very educational and expected.

Obviously, we need officers, directors and delegates to take an active role in running our chapter. As you know, we are the largest chapter in the state and the third largest chapter in the country. We sponsor multiple community events and render aid and assistance to many veterans and current military service members. We have a lot going on and we live up to the VVA motto that "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." You know that we have a great chapter, the best in our state, and possibility the best in the country.

The only way that we can continue this legacy is through effective leadership and direction in these elected positions. So I'm asking everyone to seriously consider volunteering for one of these offices. It won't hurt and you just might like it. Volunteer now by calling or writing to Lon Hogue and be sure to attend the April membership meeting.

*Larry Googins, President*

**Chapter 862 Officers & Committees**  
(All 724 Area Codes unless noted)

**Executive Officers**

Larry Googins.....President.....869-7090  
 Bill Laughner.....Exec VP.....601-3597  
 Rich Kamzelski ...1st VP.....494-5752  
 Cliff Hawes.....2nd VP 728-5065  
 Lee Corfield.....Secretary ....775-3027  
 Jake Barsottini...Treasurer.....601-7293

**Board of Directors**

Gary Shaffer .....3.....643-8941  
 Rich Tindell .....3.....622-0724  
 Pete Herman.....3.....712-4324  
 Michelle Wilcox ...2.....847-3463  
 Don Villeda .....2.....843-7401  
 Philip Morris.....2.....643-5725  
 Chuck Inman.....1.....709-7747  
 Rich Raich.....1.....412-974-6282  
 Nick Pavkovich.....1.....847-0592

**Delegates**

Bill Laughner.....601-3597  
 Lee Corfield.....775-3027  
 Larry Googins.....869-7090  
 Philip Morris.....643-5725  
 Chuck Inman.....709-7747  
 Terri Carr .....330-692-1849  
 Pete Herman.....712-4324  
 Jake Barsottini.....601-7293  
 Ray Rapp.....316-6786  
 Michelle Wilcox .....847-3463  
 Nick Pavkovich .....847-0592  
 Rich Raich... Alt.....412-974-6282

**Standing Committees**

**Agent Orange / Dioxin**

Mike Coligure ..... 412-613-1810

**Auditor's**

Bill Winkle.....774-626

**Community Services**

Chuck Inman ..... 709-7747

**Finance**

Bill Winkle..... 774-2626

**Government Affairs**

Bart Farzati ..... 777-2193

**Membership**

Gary Shaffer.....643-8941

**Minority Affairs**

Reuben Fuller ..... 378-4990

**POW / MIA**

Phil Morris ..... 643-5725

**PTSD / Substance Abuse**

Rich McCracken..... 266-4914

**Public Affairs**

**(Vacant)**

**Veterans Affairs / Benefits / Advisor**

Kathy Nairn ..... 770-4450

**VVA 862 Chapter Service Coordinators**

Michelle Wilcox .....847-3463

Nick Pavkovich.....847-0592

**Woman Veterans**

Michelle Wilcox ..... 847-3463

**POW / MIA - Information taken from the  
National League of POW/MIA Families**

**UPDATE: January 24, 2016**

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR:** The number of US personnel missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam war is still **1,624**. For various reasons, including wishes of the family, DoD announcements are often delayed far beyond the ID dates and sometimes not even made. The number of Americans now listed by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 961. Another 63 US personnel, recovered by the US and identified before the end of the war, bring the total of US personnel accounted for from the Vietnam War to **1,024**. Of the 1,624 still missing and unaccounted-for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,266 (VN-467, VS-799); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate when investigations result in changes to locations of loss. Since formation in 1970, the League has sought the return of all POWs, the fullest possible accounting for those still missing, and repatriation of all recoverable remains.

**REPATRIATIONS OF REMAINS:** On December 10<sup>th</sup>, remains that could be those of two US personnel missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, recovered during joint field operations in Laos were honored at a repatriation ceremony, attended by US Ambassador Dan Clune. On December 12<sup>th</sup>, remains believed to be those of four US personnel, also missing and unaccounted-for since the Vietnam War, were honored in a repatriation ceremony at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi. Some were turned over by civilian Vietnamese and others were recovered during field recovery operations in Vietnam. The four remains were reviewed by Vietnamese and American forensic specialists who determined the potential for identification. US Ambassador to Vietnam Ted Osius was joined by specialists from DPAA's Detachment 2 and the Vietnam Office for Seeking Missing Persons (VNOSMP) in honoring those repatriated. In remarks, Ambassador Osius reportedly expressed gratitude for the goodwill and increasingly efficient and effective cooperation being afforded by the Government of Vietnam. The League extends sincere appreciation to all – American and Vietnamese – for the policy and operational support and/or participation which contributed to this repatriation and looks forward to further expanding the level of effort that can lead to increased accounting results.

**POW News (cont on Pg 3)**

**VVA 862 Committees (Cont)****Special Committees****Color/Honor Guards**

Ray Litzinger.....378-5855

**Highway Clean UP**

Charles Ray.....827-8310

**Homeless Veterans**

Bill Porupsky.....495-7051

**Newsletter / Webmaster**

Lee Corfield.....775-3027

**Nominating / Scholarship**

Lon Hogue.....846-8857

**Veterans Assistance**

Bill Laughner.....601-3597

**Other Positions****Chaplain**

Don Villella.....843-7401

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**AVVA Chapter 862 Officers**

President Bobbie Morris 643-5725

V.P. Marji Slawianowski 378-7315

Secretary Veronica Grant..462-3717

Treasurer Sue Bridgewater 643-0731

**AVVA BOD**

Keith Black.....513-3177

Carl Curtis.....869-0294

Sandy Giordano.....203-4569

**Parliamentarian**

Veronica Grant.....462-3717

**Chaplain**

Barb Googins.....69-7090

**Membership**

Susan Smith.....728-6741

**POW News (cont from page 2)****DPAA DIRECTOR VISITS CAMBODIA, LAOS & VIETNAM:**

DPAA Director Mike Linnington recently made his first trip to the three most directly engaged Vietnam War countries. He first briefly visited Cambodia, then made official calls in Vientiane, Laos, and flew by helicopter to visit DPAA and Lao personnel conducting field operations. He returned to Vientiane before going on to Hanoi to meet with senior officials there. He also visited DPAA and Vietnamese teams conducting field operations in Vietnam before flying back to the US, arriving in time for a DPAA-hosted Family Update in Portland, ME, on November 14<sup>th</sup>. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Linnington briefed the Board of Directors on this important, introductory visit that came at a time of ever-increasing bilateral political, economic and military-to-military cooperation. More information will be provided when available.

**(Getting Around) the New  
VVA 862 Website**

**Across the top of the New Website,  
you will find 11 TABS**

**VVA 862 - Agent Orange - AVVA - Committees -  
Community - Contact VA Events -Links - Mem-  
oriam - Membership - Newsletter**

**Now, take your cursor and let it lay on top of  
each one and you will be able to see what's listed  
under each Tab.**

**If you see something under that Tab that you  
want to look at,  
Just click on that Tab and after it opens, scroll  
down to it.**

**It's that easy!**

## Minutes from January 20, 2015 meeting

**Called to order by** President Larry Googins @ 7:00 PM

**Opening Prayer** by Chaplain Don Villella. Attendance was (121)

**Pledge of Allegiance was led by Exec VP Bill Laughner**

**VVA Motto: “Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another”**

**Roll Call of Officers** 12 – Present 1 – Absent 2 – Excused

**Introduction of (2) Guest Speakers – Julie Kerlin** Hopewell HS Sr. Project “Operation Paperback” She gave a complete explanation. **Motion was made by Ken Pingatore 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Szatkiewicz to donate \$250.00 towards Julie Kerlin’s Sr. Project “Operation Paperback”. Motion Carried.**

**Rose McDermott** spoke about “Advance Directives” for Veterans. Rose passed out information for members to look over.

**Introduction of Guests or Prospective Members** – Jim Voice

**Members Sick or in Distress** – None

**Secretary’s Report: Minutes:** Were accepted as read in the newsletter.

**Communications** - All communications were read.

**Website** – Lee went over how the website is working and encouraged anyone to call him or email him with any questions.

**Treasurer’s Report:** was read by President, Asst Treasurer Larry Googins. He went over all acct balances which will be approved pending audit. Larry asked Bill Laughner to give an update on the BCCI event and how they recently gave us a check for \$2,000. Their next event will be May 21<sup>st</sup> 2016.

Larry went thru the following motions which were previously approved by our VVA 862 BOD and will stand as mentioned.

1 - To continue paying the 1<sup>st</sup> \$25.00 for those members who want to get a LIFE membership. The member will need to pay the remaining \$75.00.

2 - To renew our SGOC License at a cost of \$125.00.

3 - To donate \$250.00 to Jerry Baylor who is a member of our chapter and participating in the Wheel Chair Games in Salt Lake City this year. Motion Carried

4 - To donate \$300.00 toward the Charles J Sheets Jr. funeral expenses Cremation bill.

5 - To donate \$500.00 towards the Veterans Breakfast Club event being held at Heinz History Center. Our Chapter ½ Page Ad for the program for this event.

6 - To donate \$250.00 to help be a Gold Sponsor the Beaver County Walk to End Alzheimer’s. AVVA will also match this donation.

**Membership** - Gary Shaffer - **Membership 760 - LIFE 640**

**Minutes (cont on Pg 5)**

**Minutes (cont from page 4)**

**POW MIA** - Philip Morris - Then he made it real simple. Phil said to **“Read the Newsletter”**. Lot of good information included.

**Honor Guard** - Rich Raich gave a report on recent funerals that our VVA 862 Honor Guard have done so far this year.

**Veterans Assistance** – Committee Members are Bill Laughner, Cliff Hawes, Larry Googins, Rich Kamzelski, and Carl Curtis. Call them if you know any Veterans that need assistance.

Larry explained about the article in the newsletter of the questions listed that you can ask a veteran if they need assistance.

**TET Party** - Chairman Phil Morris spoke about the upcoming TET Party being held on February 20th. Need help Next Planning meeting will be February 3<sup>rd</sup> here at the VFW. Final Planning meeting will be Monday February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Larry explained about having tickets for the TET Party. Price is \$25.00 each or \$250.00 for a table. They also have a \$6,000. Raffle going off the night of the Tet Party @ 7PM.

**Upcoming Events** - Larry went over the list of upcoming special Meeting & Events.

**Elections** – Lon Hogue requested for members to step up and take over some of the offices. Elections will take place on April 20<sup>th</sup>. We will need a Secretary, BOD's and Delegates.

**Scholarship** - Lon Hogue gave an explanation of what all has been sent out to the local school districts. Please see me after the meeting if you have a Grandchild you think might be interested in getting one of these scholarships.

**Note:** Bill Laughner mentioned about meeting with Wendy Walker and talked about the project she is working on with Veterans which will be a Free Event for all veterans at Lincoln Park for a The event will be held on **May 6<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 PM**. Flyers will be coming out. We will be working with her.

**AVVA Bobbie Morris** – Bobbie spoke about what the AVVA is working on. AVVA -162, 90 AVVA - LIFE. She mentioned the items they are raffling off tonight. Lee mentioned about their grandson Jordan Escamilla, recently receiving an appointment to the US Air Force Academy. He will attend Basic Training starting June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Good of the Chapter:**

Joe Maverro stated that there will be a “Flag Retirement Ceremony” on Jan 30 here which is sponsored by the Rochester VFW. Rich Raich and Lon Hogue mentioned the different locations where Flags may be deposited.

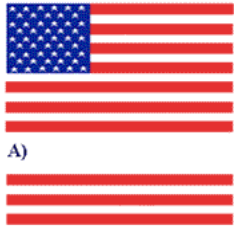
**Closing Prayer** was submitted by Chaplain Don Villella  
Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Lee Corfield - VVA 862 Sec**

### Folding Procedures for the US Flag

#### The traditional method of folding the U S flag is as follows:

(A) Straighten out the flag to full length and fold lengthwise once.



(B) Fold it lengthwise a second time to meet the open edge, making sure that the union of stars on the blue field remains outward in full view. (A large flag may have to be folded lengthwise a third time.)



(C) A triangular fold is then started by bringing the striped corner of the folded edge to the open edge.



(D) The outer point is then turned inward, parallel with the open edge, to form a second triangle.



(E) The diagonal or triangular folding is continued toward the blue union until the end is reached, with only the blue showing and the form being that of a cocked (three-corner) hat.



#### Meaning of Flag-Folding Program

The flag-folding ceremony represents the same religious principles on which our great country was originally founded.

The portion of the flag denoting honor is the canton of blue containing the stars representing states our veterans served in uniform. The canton field of blue dresses from left to right and is inverted only when draped as a pall on the casket of a veteran who has served our country honorably in uniform.

In the U.S. Armed Forces, at the ceremony of retreat, the flag is lowered, folded in a triangle fold and kept under watch throughout the night as a tribute to our nation's honored dead. The next morning it is brought out and, at the ceremony of reveille, run aloft as a symbol of our belief in the resurrection of the body.

### Meaning of Flag Folding (cont from Pg 6)

The source and the date of origin of this Flag Folding Procedure is unknown, however some sources attribute it to the Gold Star Mothers of America while others to an Air Force chaplain stationed at the United States Air Force Academy. Others consider it to be an urban legend. It is provided as a patriotic service to all.

### Symbols for the Folds of the Flag

The **first** fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The **second** fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The **third** fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The **fourth** fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The **fifth** fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The **sixth** fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The **seventh** fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The **eighth** fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The **ninth** fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The **10th** fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The **11th** fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The **12th** fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

When the flag is completely folded, the stars are uppermost, reminding us of our national motto, "In God We Trust."

After the flag is completely folded and tucked in, it has the appearance of a cocked hat, ever reminding us of the soldiers who served under Gen. George Washington and the sailors and Marines who served under Capt. John Paul Jones and were followed by their comrades and shipmates in the U.S. Armed Forces, preserving for us the rights, privileges and freedoms we enjoy today.

**(Special Thanks to Rich Raich VVA 862 Asst Commander - Honor Guard for this article)**

## New "TAX" in Pennsylvania - Allegheny County "Already Started"

**Another new tax snuck in under cover of darkness. I knew nothing about this till I got a letter from PennDOT saying that I had failed to include the \$5.00 fee with my last vehicle registration!!!!**

### FACT SHEET

January 2016

Fee for Local Use – **Participating Counties**

PURPOSE

**Act 89**, which became law on November 25, 2013, established a special fund within the state treasury called "Local Use Fund." Beginning January 1, 2015, a county may pass an ordinance to implement a fee of \$5.00 for each vehicle registered to an address located in that county. The \$5.00 county fee is collected by PennDOT at the time a vehicle is registered or renewed. These funds will be used by the county for transportation purposes or be allocated by the county in accordance with Section 9010 (c) of the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code.

**The \$5.00 county fee is in addition to the registration fee.**

**Counties that wish** to participate must notify PennDOT 90 days prior to the effective date of the ordinance. PennDOT provides notification of participating counties to authorized agents via the Driver and Vehicle Services Update Bulletin. Local Use Fund fees are being collected by PennDOT and its authorized agents.

**PennDOT** will begin collecting the \$5 fee for registrations expiring in the month the county ordinance is effective. For example, when completing registration renewals for a vehicle registered in Cumberland County, with an ordinance effective date of 4/7/2015, the \$5.00 fee is charged when the current registration expires April 2015 or later. In this example, the \$5.00 fee also applies to new registrations issued on or after the effective date of the Cumberland County ordinance (4/7/2015).

### PARTICIPATING COUNTIES

Below are the effective dates for counties that have passed an ordinance to implement the \$5.00 fee.

#### EFFECTIVE DATE PARTICIPATING COUNTY

1/1/2016 Allegheny  
 5/1/2015 Blair  
 4/1/2016 Bucks  
 4/7/2015 Cumberland  
 4/29/2015 Fulton  
 4/11/2016 Philadelphia  
 4/1/2016 Westmoreland

**(Thx to VVA 862 member, Dave Marchetti for this information)**





Together Always

## AVVA 862 MINUTES

JANUARY 20, 2016

The January 20, 2016 AVVA meeting was called to order by President Bobbie Morris with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for POW/MIAs.

Margi Slawianowski gave the report on the visit to Beaver Valley Nursing Home. A motion to reimburse Margi was made by Sue Bridgewater and seconded by Linda Tice. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sue Bridgewater gave the Treasurer's Report. The report will be accepted pending audit.

A motion to accept the November Minutes was made by Barb Googins and seconded by Judy Hage. Motion carried.

Membership Chairperson Sue Smith gave the Membership Report. Bobbie explained the Real Time Roster.

Laurel Beitsinger gave the VISTA Report.

Bobbie reported on a Vietnam Veteran's family who needs help with funeral payment to the funeral home. A motion to donate \$300 was made by Linda Tice and seconded by Keith Black. Motion carried.

A motion to donate \$250 for a Sponsorship to the Alzheimer's Walk was made by Judy Hage and seconded by Linda Tice. Motion carried,

A Hero's Project at Lincoln Park honoring Veterans will take place on May 6 and 7.

The Annual Election will be held on April 20. A Letter of Intent and Bio must be sent to Chuck Inman by no later than March 16. Only members 18 years of age and older will be permitted to vote.

The next meeting will be February 17.

Meeting adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Donna Corfield, Acting Secretary

### **AVVA Chapter 862 Elections will be held on April 20, 2016**

The following Officers will be elected:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Alternate Delegate

Three Board members.

Candidates must send a Letter-of-Intent and short Biography to the Election Chairperson Chuck Inman. Letters-of-Intent and Biography's must be received by March 16<sup>th</sup> at our regular AVVA meeting. Mail to:

Chuck Inman  
106 Newgate Drive  
Monaca, PA 15061

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO OUR  
MEMBERS**

**March**

Lee Battista .....	Mar 2
Robert Pudo .....	Mar 2
Tom Foley .....	Mar 3
Clarence Yount .....	Mar 3
Sharon Namath .....	Mar 4
Ron Worstell .....	Mar 4
Sam Beechan .....	Mar 5
Jim Dempsey .....	Mar 5
Carl Jones .....	Mar 5
Pompeo Montagnese .....	Mar 5
John Zachodni .....	Mar 5
John Barber .....	Mar 8
Don Pickering .....	Mar 8
Bernard Shaw .....	Mar 8
David Knorr .....	Mar 11
Wayne Kerkovich .....	Mar 11
Jeff Cruce .....	Mar 12
Harry Hage .....	Mar 14
Gary Scheib .....	Mar 13
Dennis Thompson Jr .....	Mar 14
Steve Collins .....	Mar 16
Ken Jones .....	Mar 16
Nick DeCanio .....	Mar 17
Gary Hall .....	Mar 17
James Bowser .....	Mar 18
John Summers .....	Mar 18

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO OUR  
MEMBERS**

**March**

Charles Szabo .....	Mar 18
John Buerkle .....	Mar 19
Kenneth Jones .....	Mar 19
Larry Phillips .....	Mar 19
Gerald Dunn .....	Mar 20
Dan Keener .....	Mar 20
Don O'Neill .....	Mar 21
Robert Chess .....	Mar 22
Jim Janicki .....	Mar 22
William Schillig .....	Mar 22
Jim Clonan .....	Mar 23
Gary Myers .....	Mar 23
Michelle Haswell .....	Mar 24
Dan Murdoch .....	Mar 24
Larry Turner .....	Mar 24
James Dittmer .....	Mar 25
John Harvey .....	Mar 25
Albert Lohry .....	Mar 25
Lionel Gower Jr .....	Mar 27
Donald Krupp .....	Mar 28
John Mamone .....	Mar 28
Frank Tavern Jr .....	Mar 28
Allen Dzambo .....	Mar 29
Vanessa Campagna .....	Mar 29
Greg Hogan .....	Mar 30

**Lee's Tid Bits:**

Wow! Where did Winter go? Looks like we missed the best part of it. Really I didn't miss it. It could have been a lot worse then it was. We've still got about 6 weeks to worry about it but I think we'll be good. Nothing wrong with a mild Winter once in awhile. I laugh at the people that go south every winter but that's their choice.

"Hey"!, as stated at the January meeting, Lon Hogue explained to everyone that we have several openings coming up, including the Secretary, Newsletter Editor, BOD (Board of Directors) and Delegates. Reminder, Delegates are required to travel to State College (2) twice a year to attend the different Tier Meetings that are set up for you to attend on Saturday afternoons. Then on Sunday morning at 9:00 AM they have to attend the PA State Meetings where all 25 Chapters are required to attend. This is usually pretty interesting as you listen to what is going on in the other chapters across the State of PA. You can usually pick up some new ideas from listening to the other chapter reports.

I'm kind of excited to be relieved of the Secretary and Newsletter Editor positions as I'm finishing up 16 years. I happen to know we have a lot of smart people in this chapter who can step up and fall right into these two positions. I'm anxious to see the changes that they will bring to the chapter. Be thinking about stepping into one of these positions. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to ask one of the BOD members or Delegates. *Lee*

*Next VVA 862 Meeting  
February 17th- 7:00 P M*

Vietnam Veterans of America



Chapter 862 - Southwestern PA

17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL  
**TET PARTY  
 REUNION**

Saturday, February 20, 2016

*The Fez*

2312 Brodhead Road - Hopewell Township, PA

Doors open at 5:00 PM—Program starts at 6:00 PM—Dinner follows



*Program Features*



Memorial Ceremony for Beaver County Veterans Lost in Action  
 VVA Chapter 862 Color Guard & Marine JROTC Color Guard



Tickets only **\$25** - Tables of 10 may be reserved for **\$250**

*Price includes Buffet Dinner, Draft Beer, Soft Drinks, Coffee & Dessert \* Cash Bar available*

Music & Dancing by **Rudy Zetz**

Call for tickets NOW: **724-843-6828** (tickets sell out early)

To order tickets by mail, send check with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:  
**VVA Chapter 862, 119 Jonathan Drive, Darlington PA 16115**





*2016 Women Veterans Retreat*  
*Bushkill Inn & Conference Center, Pennsylvania*



*Come and enjoy a retreat open only to our female Veterans.*

*March 18 - March 20, 2016, be our guest in lovely Bushkill, Pennsylvania for a weekend getaway which will include:*

- *Information from Veterans Affairs*
- *Wilkes-Barre VA Professionals*
- *OEF/OIF Representatives*
- *Women Veterans Liaison*
- *Relaxing Activities*
- *Spa Treatments*

*If you are interested in attending, you needn't worry about cost. This is being offered at no cost to our women Veterans. This event is funded by donations each year. If you, your Post, or your Auxiliary would like to donate, to help fund this event, please contact the Department of Pennsylvania Headquarters or the Department Women Veterans Chairwoman:*

*Terri Reeser, Post 9264, Commander*

*Terri.reeser@yahoo.com*



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## Upcoming Chapter 862 Special Meetings & Events



- Feb 20 - Tet Party Reunion, The Fez, Hopewell @ 5:00 PM (see page 11)
- Apr 2-3 - Maple Syrup Festival, Brady's Run
- Apr 6 - Veterans Breakfast Club, Seven Oaks Country Club @ 8:30 AM
- Apr 20 - Chapter 862 Elections
- May 7 - Chapter 862 Spring Banquet, Rochester VFW @ 6:00 PM
- May 30 - Memorial Day Parade, Beaver
- Jun 4-5 - PASC Conference, State College PA
- Jun 12 - Support Our Troops Rally, Quay Park, Beaver @ 5:00 PM

### Other Fun Events

- Apr 21 - Veterans Voices Gala, Heinz History Center, 5:30 PM
- May 6&7 - Vets Event @ Lincoln Performing Arts (free), Fri @ 7:00 PM, Sat @ 2:00 PM

#### Please Note:

The views and opinions are solely that of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views, opinions or policies of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (National, State or Chapter).

All articles are written by the editor unless otherwise stated. Submissions will be gladly accepted by the editor. We reserve the right to edit submissions as space allows.

Lee Corfield - Editor  
VVA Chapter 862

### Veterans Treatment Court

Larry Googins is one of the Mentors and is very familiar with what is going on with the Beaver County Veterans Court and how it works. The program may be expanding in 2016.

**“We will need more Mentors”**

to assist with these cases.

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor,  
Please contact Larry Googins

724-869-7090

or

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I served in the US military (for other than training purposes) between 8/5/1964 & 5/7/1975, **OR**

\_\_\_\_ I served in the US military in Vietnam between 2/28/1961 & 5/7/1975

\_\_\_\_ DD-214 enclosed

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### Brick Walkway Order Form

Please PRINT all information clearly in BLUE or BLACK ink only.

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2 Sizes Available** (check one) Checks payable to: **VVA CHAPTER 862**

**8" x 4"      \$75**  
3 lines,  
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