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PRESIDENTS NOTE

There have been many things going on with V.V.A. National, the State Council and Chapter 106. The Chapter recently received several correspondences from V.V.A. National which include; 2 copies of the new Constitution, the Chapter Membership List, information on the Chapter Service Representative Program, information regarding Incarcerated Veterans, the update on the M.I.A.-P.O.W. issue and many more important topics. For a further update, please refer to your copy of the V.V.A. VETERAN. If you would like a copy, we will have some at this month's Chapter meeting.

On the State Council level, there is supposed to be a meeting coming up sometime in February. Most likely, it will be in Phoenix, but that has yet to be confirmed. If you would like to get involved with the State Council contact Albie Ginaro at 749-4469.

As far as V.V.A. 106 is concerned, there are some new additions to the Board of Director's. They are; Bill Rasmussen as Secretary, John Shirley as Director, Dave Croteau as Director and Louie Leos as Director. In addition, John Shirley was appointed to chair the Employment Committee and Bill Rasmussen was appointed to chair the Fundraising Committee.

On January 26th there was a National day of prayer ceremony in support of the MIA-POW's at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. As you know from watching TV, the MIA-POW issue is a hot one. More and more information is finally coming out and the Vietnamese say they will help with providing support regarding information about crash sights and live sightings. They still concur that there are no live Americans being held against their will in Vietnam. (VIETNAM has an overwhelming debt to the Soviet Union for supplying them with the tools of war, to fight against us. Maybe the live Americans are working on the Siberian Pipeline ?)

The Chapter is again involved with a Fund-raising activity. Read below. There will be many more fund-raising activities coming up this spring, so be informed and attend the monthly meetings if you can.

Chapter 106 has gone through some serious throws recently, but I'm happy to say that we are getting more together and organized. "THE GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT IS NOT IN NEVER FALLING, BUT RISING AGAIN AFTER THE FALL." So it is with our Chapter. Hopefully, with your help we can get stronger than ever.

Please check your membership card to see if your dues have lapsed or if they're coming up. There are many members who fall into this category, so please check.

In the shadow of New Years, Chapter 106 wishes you and yours a Very happy and healthy New Year. SALUTE ! We as surviving Vietnam-Era Veterans have much to be happy about even in the wake of all the problems that we are faced with. "I once complained because I had no shoes, until I met a man who had no feet." Arabian Proverb.

What the Chapter needs now is more participation. It's coming too, believe me. But it will take time and perseverance, responsibility and dedication. With those resources in place, Chapter 106 will be back on the map and better than ever. Hope to see you at the Chapter meeting this month !

Albie Ginaro

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Encore Productions and Chapter 106 have teamed up to present a Children's Variety show on May 18, 1986 at Rincon High School. There will be clowns and a variety of different acts. For more information contact Bill Rasmussen.

To fill you in a bit, Encore Productions is a National Promotion Organization approved by V.V.A. National and the State Council. Encore has a proven track record in our community for raising monies for various civic organizations. Tickets are sold through telephone solicitations to both private individuals and various different businesses.

So get ready to bring your kids to this fundraiser sponsored by V.V.A. Chapter 106 and have a great day with your kids and know that the monies will go to a good cause.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS

Several committee positions are still vacant or temporarily filled, they include Employment, POW/MIA, and Outreach. These are extremely important positions that need to be filled in order to provide complete and comprehensive service to Viet Vets. If you can help in these or any other committee let us know. We realize that some members can't make the general meetings because of there jobs. This understandable but let's not let it be a deterrant. You can still be a viable resource to the Chapter. Call today!

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Tired of attending meetings with fighting, bickering and the usual line of B.S.? Ready to get out and help the community and fellow Viet Nam Vets? Take a chance , attend the next meeting, see how it's changed. You'll be suprised!

Now that we have strong officers and a stable Board of Directors, how are we going to know how you feel? What are your interests and needs. Let the Chapter know. Various fund raising efforts are in progress, one has already started and is generating funds. How these monies are spent and where they go depends on your input. LET US KNOW!

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I remember the chatter of a hundred fire fights... and how I filled my canteen... the yell of a guy in pain... and all the rain... the long nights ... and too many days... I still hear the cry of my heart and the strain in my arms... of yet another G.I. ... lifeless... why?

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The soldiers goal in this war is not to cover a certain distance, not to reach a certain city, or a river... but to pass through a certain amount of time, to survive one year... during that year he will never be safe and while he is not, while death may come from anywhere... he may never once see the people who are shooting at him... they refuse to stand still for one minute so that he can vent his rage at them and fight back... he spends his time shooting at the dark, the need for an enemy he can see grows within him untill it becomes a hunger... and then one day, one moment he blinks and sees there all along, the enemy...

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MEETING DATES

MONTHLY MEETING - January 30th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time: 8:00 Sharp
BOARD MEETING - February 13th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time: 8:00 Sharp
MONTHLY MEETING - February 27th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time: 8:00 Sharp
BOARD MEETING - March 13th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time: 8:00 Sharp
GENERAL MEETING - March 27th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time: 8:00 Sharp

Welcome back Tony Garcia, we need strong individuals like yourself in our ranks.



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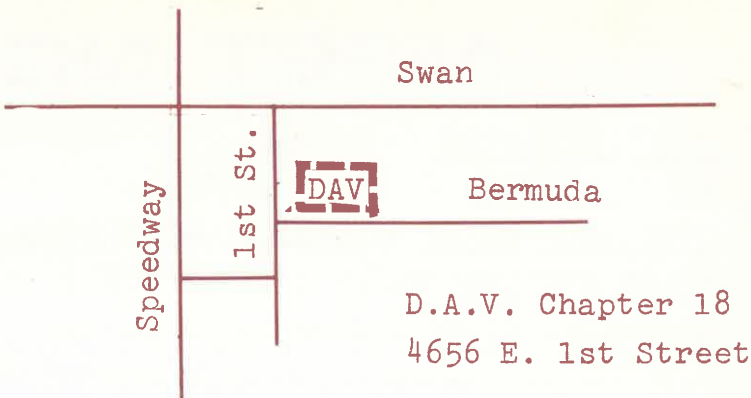
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