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General Meetings Moved to VFW 10188

After much discussion about changing the location of future chapter meetings, the board has decided to move to Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10188 located at 345 E. Roger road. For those not familiar with the location, Roger is the next major street north of Prince, and the Post is about half way between First Avenue and Stone.

Most of the time we will be meeting in the annex just West of the main building and on special occasions we may be able to use the main hall pending availability. The meetings will still be held on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Don't miss out on this offer, Bob DeVarco, 10188 Post Commader, offers a free tour and inspection of the facilities for any of our members anytime. So just stop by and say Hi! "We're all veterans working toward a common goal of service to our fellow veterans and the community."

If you are also a member of a VFW as well as VVA, I urge you to apply for transfer to 10188 or if you have been considering joining, please check out 10188. I'm sure, you will find the Post to be the friendliest in the city.

There are a few valuable benefits to VFWs which VVA lacks, including a \$1000.00 life insurance policy free with annual membership, discount auto insurance, much better rates than found locally and several other discounted benefits.

Programs

Last month we heard from Arizona Daily Star feature writer Doug Kreutz. Doug gave an interesting presentation about what it takes to be a good reporter and shared some of his journalistic experiences with members. We thank Doug very much for taking the time and showing his interest in the chapter and look forward to reading his stories in upcoming issues of the paper.

This months guest speaker will be Mr. Allen Lurie, Col. U.S.A.F. Ret. During Allens' career in the military service he spent 7 years as a P.O.W. in Vietnam and retired at Davis-Monthan as Base Commander.

Mr. Lurie is currently the Director of the Southern Arizona Home Builders Association. He has contributed greatly to Esperanza en Escalante our transitional housing project.

At the fall 92' State Council meeting in Tucson, Mr. Lurie was presented with a plaque of appreciation. Allen said to me, "People should not recieve awards for something that is their obligation to do." Needless to say I still believe that Allen was much deserving of the plaque even though his name was spelled wrong. Sorry!

Summer Fun at Fish Hook

Here we go! "FISH HOOK" AZ., located a bit southwest of Benson, Arizona, at the far tip of St. David is "Fish Hook", a unique private fishing park, with select lakeside hookups & R.V. facilities, year-around fishing, (3.5 acre, stocked fish'n hole. license not required.) swimming and shower facilities. August 6 & 7th.

The plan is to come down as early on Friday the 6th and stay over night to prepare a pit and start the weener pig cooking for serving the next day. Your admission ticket is attached to this newsletter. The only thing that we ask is to bring this ticket and fill in the blanks. This way we can cover the honest cost of the facilities, a current VVA membership card will also be OK if you lost your ticket. Please bring a friend and/or your family to this summer time get-to-gether.

Just a reminder, since this facility is privately owned NO FISHING PERMIT is required.

Bob Taylor, Chief of Volunteer Services at VAMC and fellow chapter member, asked Chuck Bald-Coulter, VVA Volunteer Rep, if he could bring a couple of vets from the hospital. Chuck asked me and my reply was, "how many can the bus hold?" Bring'm! We'll even lend our fish'n poles out for a couple of hours. I think this is what we're all about.

Seeing how the Chapter is paying for the stay and main course dish, please try and bring something to supplant the pork, such as chips & dip, salad, beans, dessert or beverage, ice tea or lemonade. I do love pork, so don't feel that you hav'ta bring anything besides yourself.

If you need some options for grub, call my digital beeper, enter the numbers 106 at the tone followed by your number. Dial 410-2755, I'll get back with you ASAP. 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Saturday.

Tidbit - Jesse Brown, Department of Veterans Affairs Secretary, will be visiting the Tucson VAMC in mid-August, it is hoped, that during his visit, he'll be able to come on site and view Esperanza en Escalante. More details will follow as information becomes available.

Bienvenidos

Louie Leos reported that he had been to VFW 10015 on the South side of town and talked with the commander about holding a get-together to attract some of our Hispanic brothers to the chapter.

Louie felt comfortable that they would be willing to let us use the hall for the event. Louie expects to have things tied down soon, so we can have the happening in mid-September, more details in the next newsletter.

CALENDAR

July 22, 1993 - General Meeting, VFW 10188, 345 E. Roger road. 7:30 p.m.

August 6 & 7, 1993 - Chapter camp-out and picnic Fish Hook, see map.

August 12, 1993 - Board Meeting, Chapter office 2914 E. 22nd St. 7:30 p.m.

August 26, 1993 - General Meeting, VFW 10188, 7:30 p.m.

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NAM JAM '93'

June 28, 1993

Dear Friends,

ARE YOU READY FOR 93? I sure hope so as things are storming ahead to make this year's JAM even bigger and better than the unforgettable ones of the past. Promotion of the event is possibly the most important task in having a successful day, and I'm excited to report two major improvements in this area due to the hard work of Deborah Fahnestock. First, we will have posters in all Sun Tran buses for the month prior to the event. Secondly, we will have a quarter page announcement in *The VVA Veteran*, the national magazine of Vietnam Veterans of America. This was donated by VVA National. We are also working on having Dominos Pizza include NAM JAM in the advertising that they send out with each pizza.

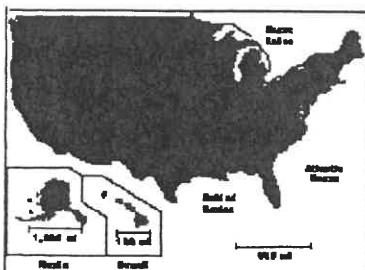
Each year we try to make a few changes to keep interest up and to attract new folks. This year we are planning a large GP tent with displays of artifacts from Vietnam as well as original art and photography by veterans that deals with the Vietnam experience. There has been some discussion on expanding the participation of our Native American veterans. We are also hoping to have either a helicopter on display again or to arrange a flyover. Very little is set in stone at this point as we are hoping that all of you will add your ideas and energy to the final product.

One major change this year is that Deborah Fahnestock has agreed to become co-chairperson with me. Deborah, an associate member of VVA 106, is a tireless worker with great creativity. She will be taking over the major tasks of promotion and overall coordinator. This means that Deborah will be the point of contact for NAM JAM 93 for both the committee and the public. Aside from lifting a tremendous amount of responsibility off my shoulders this will facilitate communication by having our headquarters in Tucson again.

I am looking forward to more of the wonderful get togethers like we had last year in the planning of NAM JAM 92. A meeting schedule has been set up and a copy is included with this letter. At the July 11th meeting we will be trying to decide on a theme and t-shirt design for this year in addition to other business so please come and share your ideas. Notice that we will be meeting on Sundays at 2:30pm from now on. As last year, a social hour will follow for those who have time to stay. If you know of anyone who might like to participate please pass on a copy of the meeting schedule, give them a wake up call the day before the meeting, and pass on their name, address, and phone number to Deborah.

Yours in peace,

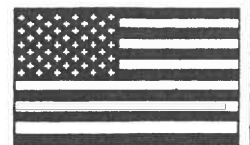
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**Never again shall one generation of veterans
be abandoned by another!**

NAM JAM 1993

Proudly serving, then and now!





1993 MEETING SCHEDULE

July 11 - Deborah Fahnestock's House - 529 S. Meyer - 622-5428
(a few blocks south of Cushing St. Bar)

August 1 - Dave & Bernie Croteau's House - 1607 E. 10th St. - 792-9109
(one block north of Broadway at Cherry Ave.)

August 15 - Nancy Burkhardt's House - 2531 E. Lind St. - 323-0035
(one block north of Ft. Lowell at Tucson Blvd.)

September 5 - Deborah's House

September 19 - Croteau's House

October 3 - Deborah's House

October 8 - VVA 106 office - 2215 E. 22nd St. - 323-6798
(one block west of Reid Park)

October 10 - NAM JAM

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ALL MEETINGS EXCEPT OCTOBER 8 ARE ON SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT 2:30. YOU ARE WELCOME TO BRING BEVERAGES AND/OR SNACKS AND TO STICK AROUND TO SOCIALIZE AFTER THE MEETING.

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A VVA 106 MEMBER TO PARTICIPATE. ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IS INVITED COME AND GET INVOLVED.

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Soap box veteran finally gets win

By Stacy J. Willis
The Arizona Daily Star

Three times proved to be the charm for soap box derby racer Angelique Arcala yesterday at Golf Links and Pantano roads.

Racing for her third time in as many years, the 16-year old Arcala won the Kit Car division by edging second place finisher Brandon Sallaway in the final race of a double-elimination event.

"This morning I got a twinge - I felt tingly - and I thought I might win, but I didn't want to get my hopes up," said Arcala, a junior at Salpoint Catholic High School.

This was Arcala's last year because of her age.

Thirty-two Kit Car drivers between the ages of 9-16 raced down a 1,200 foot hill for the chance to go to the World Championships in Akron, Ohio, on August 7.

"It's unbelievable," said her father, Barry, who helped her build the Sonic Boom, her derby car.

"She just wanted to keep trying each year. I think what finally did it was all the practice. She really kept the car straight," he said.

"Angelique was the first girl to register three years ago," said Don Clor, race director.

Good Luck to Angelique and Barry!

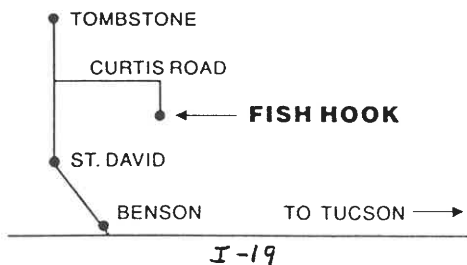
ESPERANZA EN ESCALANTE

Construction is moving right along with help once again from the Juvenile Intensive Probation folks. Five young men and a supervisor have made great progress on the two units currently under construction. Also helping us move forward is the local Carpenter's Union and their pre-apprenticeship program.

EEE has a short wish list and if anyone can help out, please contact Betty Slaybaugh at 296-7040. We need ceiling fans and another IBM compatible computer. The residents are currently enrolled in summer school and the computer they have is getting a real work-out! Any assistance is much appreciated.

Here is your free admission pass to Fish Hook!

Directions

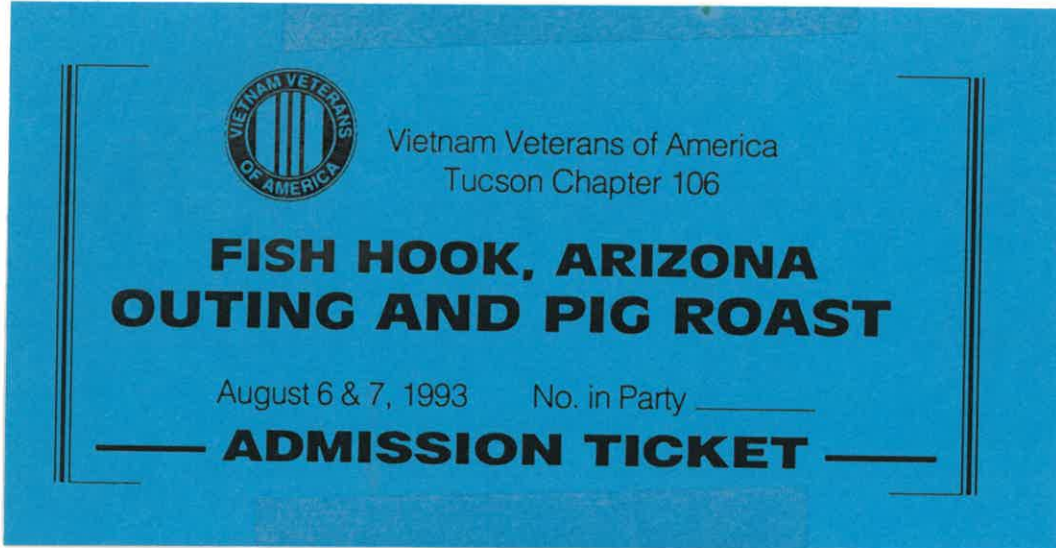


Drive East on Interstate 19 and take the Benson Exit. Drive through town toward Tombstone, St. David is the next community after Benson and Fish Hook is located about 3 miles south. Turn right on Curtis Road and follow the signs. It is about a 30 minute drive from Tucson.

Please fill in the number of folks with you and give to gate attendant. Enjoy, and have a great getaway!

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- I am a Vietnam-Era Veteran (Jan. 1, 1959 - May 7, 1975)
- I am NOT a Vietnam-Era Veteran and would like to be an Associate Member. Enclosed \$20.00 for Annual Dues.
- Renewal of Membership # _____ Chapter # _____

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