

JOBS, JOBS AND MORE JOBS:

There is still the need for a chapter secretary, who must be a regular member. The minimum requirement is to attend all regular board meetings and special meetings where votes or motions are to be made and take minutes, get them typed, copied for distribution and maintain them for the balance of the year.

Still more, we are severely lacking in State Council representation. We need three (3) reps, two regulars and one alternate to attend quarterly meetings, one is held in Tucson, two in Phoenix and one in Prescott annually. Let's not let the other chapters in the state rule our lives because we don't have representation. The term for these positions are two years.

MEMBERSHIP:

National membership continues to plague us as always. For the first time ever, I renewed my membership **early**, in November of 1992, and was still receiving renewal requests from our state and national organization two weeks before the election. Chapter officers have discussed this problem and have come up with a solution. We will make up special VVA 106 membership cards and send them out to members. It's unfortunate that it takes up to three months to be accepted by our national membership committee, but if this is what it takes to make sure our members are recognized, so be it. This will be accomplished next month.

INCARCERATED VETERANS:

A request has been made from the minimum security unit of the Wilmot Correction Facility to have Chapter representatives come out to talk with them. A tentative meeting is set for sometime in May. Any chapter member desiring to assist can contact John Shirley by leaving a message on the chapter phone, 323-6798 or by contacting Betty Slaybaugh at 296-7040.

FUTURE MEETINGS:

Although this April's meeting may not be blessed with a guest speaker or presentation, beginning in May, every general meeting will have at least one special presentation or guest speaker. The purpose of general meetings will be to be informed and share common knowledge. Among the up and coming presentations are the Tucson Police Gang Unit (you should remember these guys in the newspaper with the Nam Jam posters on the wall next to the gang paraphernalia); Alan Lurie, former Vietnam POW for seven years, retired as Davis-Monthan Base Commander and is now Executive Director of Southern Arizona Home Builders Association. In addition we will have two video presentations this year. Hopefully we can get Fred Shipman, Tucson Fire Chief and Vietnam Veteran (former Chapter member); possibly a repeat performance from political cartoonist Fitzsimmons of the Tucson Daily Star and Doug Kreutz, Star reporter and Vietnam veteran. With your input, we'll have these and more.

At chapter general meetings, please limit your reports to one or two minutes. If your report is lengthy and involved, please submit copies for members to review while you give a brief summary. This information can also be shared by all members through the newsletter.

NEWSLETTER/NOTES:

Deadlines for submission of copy are the 2nd Thursday of each month, the board meeting date. Please submit readable info or type written copy. Timely events should be submitted 6 weeks in advance for good responses.

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Outing: Chris Flandera has been asked to find a close location where we can have an over night outing and pig roast. If you have any ideas contact Chris at the Chapter by leaving a message.

Festival: Executive officers have asked Louie Leos to come up with a southside event to appeal to our Hispanic brothers, in hopes of bringing more participation into the chapter. It's still too early to set the date, but you can look forward to a good cultural event.

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Golf: Though nothing is presently scheduled, some members have asked about the Golf Tourney. Although we don't really have a lot of golfing members in the Chapter, the event always made money and brought exposure to folks we wouldn't have otherwise met. So, this too is under consideration and needs a committee chairman.

ASSOCIATES:

Deborah Fahrnstock, newly elected Associate Liaison, has come up with some great programs for associates and members. Stay tuned for upcoming info and dates. Our associate members are the chapters most valuable asset.

LAST NOTE:

Despite all of the new material you have read here, and might get involved in, we are STILL involved in our primary goals: VA Medical Center with regular donations of time and money, the Agent Orange issue on a national level, incarcerated veterans, transitional housing (Esperanza en Escalante), and many other veteran related issues. Stay tuned and "Welcome Home Brothers and Sisters".

NEXT GENERAL MEETING THURSDAY APRIL 22
VFW 549, 1884 S CRAYCROFT, 7:30 P.M.
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