

Arizona Has a New Chapter!

White Mountain Chapter 778 meets at 381 North Central Avenue in Show Low, Arizona. The President is Steve Diano, Vice-President Robert Jarvey and the Secretary / Treasurer is Ed Barido. This group has two members that worked hard in starting and forming the Chapter, John and Kathleen Adams. The Chapter is a group of hard working Veterans with harder working wives. They make up a group that will grow to be one of the best Chapters of Vietnam Veterans of America. Our next Arizona State Council meeting will be Saturday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. at the home of White Mountain Chapter 778, 381 North Central Avenue in Show Low, Arizona.

The American Dream... Interrupted

The up coming production of the original musical, *American Dream, Interrupted*, by Jackie Marx, which is being produced and performed by the students and faculty members of the Phoenix College Theatre Department. Production dates are March 6-8 and March 13-15, 1997. All productions are performed at the John Paul Theatre, Phoenix College Campus.

Due to the department's collaboration with "Visions Unlimited" and the connection to Veteran's Associations the department has agreed to donate \$.50 (50 cents) of each ticket sold to the Arizona State Veteran's Home. A portion of each ticket sold will also go for the continued support of drama scholarships for theatre students at Phoenix College. The remaining funds are slated for production costs of *American Dream, Interrupted*. The Phoenix College staff and students are grateful for the support and patronage of Veterans groups which plan on attending this gripping musical drama of the Vietnam War and the lives of the people it touched.

Questions about ticket prices (\$8.00 Gen. Admin.; \$6.00 Seniors; \$4.00 Students) and group discounts of ten or more, please call 602-285-7300. Prior to calling for yourself or group, please contact C. J. RICK II, President V.V.A. Chapter 106, prior to Feb. 24, 1997, as it will be re-announced at the Board Meeting and the General Meeting to follow to obtain the number of tickets and for which performances VVA106 can purchase **Blocks of Tickets**.

In the interest of showing the School and the political powers to be that "we the veterans of Vietnam are interested in education", the performances need to be sold out (they are only interested in the number of tickets sold). Set the word out about the Vietnam War through Entertainment - Education through Entertainment.

Monsoon Tribune



This might be the **LAST** issue! We do not have anyone to compile the available information for this newsletter. We need some help putting the information together for our Monsoon Tribune. This is just a small newsletter that gives out information needed for the members of Vietnam Veterans of America and our friends. We need an individual that will fill the position of Editor. Someone with a lot, a little or we will accept someone with no qualifications. This person will fill the position (Monsoon Tribune Editor) on the board of Tucson Chapter 106. Call one of the following persons:

Chester Rick, President 297-4268 Pager 793-0309
Mike Brasher, Secretary 298-6426

Walt Maxam, Vice-Pres. 744-1473
Pete Duerr, Treasurer 887-5626

Annual Meeting & Election Mark it on your calender!

Monday April 28 7:30 p.m. VFW hall 345 E. Roger Road

The Annual Meeting will provide a report from each Executive Officer and each Committee Chair showing the results of their work for the year, March 1, 1996 thru the present time.

Executive Officers

President Chester Rick II
Vice-President Walt Maxam
Secretary Mike Brasher
Treasurer Peter Duerr

Nominating Committee

Co-Chair . . . Gail Skinner
Co-Chair . . . Robert Taylor
Co-Chair . . . Louie Leos

Committee Information

Chaplain Gail Skinner
Membership Affairs Walt Maxam
Associate Member Liaison
 Co-Chair . . . Patty Bald-Coulter
 Co-Chair . . . Ruth Luke
Homeless Veterans
 Co-Chair . . . Mike Brasher
 Co-Chair . . . Max Clark
 Co-Chair . . . Don Hargis
Minority Affairs
 Co-Chair . . . Louie Leos
 Co-Chair . . . Gail Skinner
Veterans Incarcerated
 Co-Chair . . . Louie Leos
 Co-Chair . . . Gail Skinner

Nam Jam '96 David Croteau
Finance Joe Luke
Constitution Rita Ramey
Chapter Armorer Chuck Bald-Coulter
VA Volunteer Service Representative
 Chuck Bald-Coulter
Newsletter Editor (Monsoon Tribune)
 Dennis St. Germaine
Public Affairs Mike Brewer
Community Services Mike Brasher
Government Affairs Joe Luke
Veterans Affairs Robert Taylor
Product Sales
 Co-Chair . . . Karen Sertich
 Co-Chair . . . Shawn Swartzmiller

After the business portion and the above reports of the officers and committee leaders they will turn the meeting over to the Election Committee. For the Election of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, the Board of Directors, and Nomination Committee. The Nomination Committee encourages every member of the chapter to become involved and participated in the process to insure the best future of Vietnam Veterans of America Tucson Chapter 106. The Nominations are open until the time of the election. Members of this committee are Gail Skinner, Robert Taylor and Louie Leos.

All nominations will remain open until the time of election of that office. When they nominate a person that person will submit a copy of his or her DD Form 214 or other acceptable forms of proof of military service.

Who won the drawing?

Sorry, Esequiel Benavidez was not at the meeting to win \$100.00. The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Louie Leo. He shared the \$16.00 with the Scholarship fund. We have two drawings! The first drawing is 50/50, the winner receives 50% and the other 50% go in our scholarship fund. The second drawing is for current members. All members have a number and one is drawn, the winner (except incarcerated members) must be present. If we do not have a winner, another \$10.00 is added for the next meeting. We schedule our next meeting for February 24th. Mark your calender!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

February

14	Fri	10:30 a.m.	Baseball Stadium Ground Breaking	Kino Veterans Memorial Park
19	Wed		VVA Bingo	VA Medical Center Building 4 Conference Center
21/23	Fri, Sat & Sun		Region IX Meeting	900 Louisiana NE Albuquerque, NM
22	Sat	6:00 p.m.	Profile of Courage Banquet	900 Louisiana NE Albuquerque, NM
24	Mon	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.
24	Mon	7:30 p.m.	General Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.

March

5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, & 15	Mon / Fri	8:00 p.m.	THE AMERICAN DREAM... INTERRUPTED	
At the John Paul Theater 1202 W. Thomas Phoenix (See Article on the Play)				
19	Wed	6:45 p.m.	VVA Bingo	VA Medical Center Building 4 Conference Center
24	Mon	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.
24	Mon	7:30 p.m.	General Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.
30	Sun		Easter	

April

16	Wed	6:45 p.m.	VVA Bingo	VA Medical Center Building 4 Conference Center
19	Sat	10:00 a.m.	Arizona State Council Meeting	381 N. Central Ave. Show Low, AZ
28	Mon	7:30 p.m.	ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTION	Tucson Chapter 106 345 E. Roger Rd.

May

17	Sat		Armed Forces Day	
19	Mon	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.
19	Mon	7:30 p.m.	General Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.
21	Wed	6:45 p.m.	VVA Bingo	VA Medical Center Building 4 Conference Center
26	Mon		Memorial Day	(Services / Functions to be announced)

June

14	Sat		Flag Day	(Put out your Flag! Let us show it to America.)
18	Wed	6:45 p.m.	VVA Bingo	VA Medical Center Building 4 Conference Center
20 & 21	Fri & Sat		Region III & IX Conference	Nugget Hotel Sparks, Nevada
23	Mon	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.
23	Mon	7:30 p.m.	General Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.

July

4	Fri		Independence Day	
?	Sat	10:00 a.m.	Arizona State Council Meeting	(Date to be announced)
16	Wed	6:45 p.m.	VVA Bingo	VA Medical Center Building 4 Conference Center
28	Mon	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.
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August

5 - 10	Tue - Sun		VVA National Convention	Hyatt Hotel Kansas City, Missouri
20	Wed	6:45 p.m.	VVA Bingo	VA Medical Center Building 4 Conference Center
25	Mon	6:30 p.m.	Board Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.
25	Mon	7:30 p.m.	General Meeting	Tucson Chapter 106 VFW 345 E. Roger Rd.