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HOW DOES THE VET OUTREACH CENTER HELP VIETNAM VETERANS?

The Vet Center in Tucson has seen many Vets in the past five years and is seeing more each week. Between 10 and 16 a week are visiting the Vet Center for the first time to seek advice and information.

Why are the services at the Vet Center available to Era Vets as well as the in-country Vet?

Does the Vet Center provide help for the family of the Veteran suffering from P T S D?

The man most qualified in town to answer those questions is Ray Madrid. Ray has been Director of the Vets Outreach Center in Tucson for only 4 months, but has been with the Veterans Administration program since it's start in 1979. His last assignment was Team Leader of a ten man staff at the Vet Center in downtown San Francisco. Working with Veterans with P T S D as well as incarcerated Vets for over six years, adds up to a lot of experience.

The program for this months general meeting will feature Ray Madrid of the Vets Outreach Center. The Center in Tucson has a staff of four and is very busy providing services greatly needed in our community. If you have questions on what services are available, come to our June meeting and get the answers.

And..On To TRIVIAL PURSUIT Why don't some one answer the questions?! Too Hard? I could use a \$25 gift certificate from Mervyn's (New shirt and Pants). Lets Try Again! How 'bout some help...sounds like "Oh Darn". The 4 aces, what were their names? What type of aircraft? Take a guess. A-10, F-4s. How many were pilots, (some were back seaters). Who had the most kills? One of them had 2. Send the answers to Chapter 106, Trivial Pursuit, P.O. Box 40903, Tucson, 85717. Let's see the answer Chuck! Read preceding newsletters for details. \$25.00 for the right answers! Aw c'mon give it a try!!!!

AND MORE.....

DAV 18 has been open and receptive to the Vietnam Veteran since day one of our Chapter. Not much has been said about them, but I'd like to take your time to say THANKS for the hospitality and continued consideration and support that the DAV has given us. If you're a member of this Chapter and qualify as a DAV member, please consider DAV 18 as a start. SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US. Chapter meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at DAV 18 located at 465 1st St. Start time 7:30 to 8:00 PM.

PRESIDENTS CORNER

by Albie Ginaro

I'd like to start the column by informing you that in last month's column I told you that since the Federal Charter passed, V.V.A. National would be getting a list of all Vietnam-Era Veterans. THE CHARTER PASSED, but in speaking with Mary Stout, National Secretary, she told me that V.V.A. WOULD NOT be getting any such list in the near future, not only that, but she doesn't think that NATIONAL will get a list at all. SORRY, but I can only inform you as I've been informed.

On a positive note, the Children's Variety Show and Fundraising effort has netted our Chapter \$4,000.00, with more pledges still coming in through re-billing. (By the way, the Variety Show was the 18th of May, not the 15th. Sorry !) I'll explain more at the Chapter Meeting later this month.

We as Veterans have a big National holiday coming up, and I for one really look forward to it - THE 4th of July. On the same note, we have been invited to participate in the Tucson 4th of July Parade and Picnic. Anyone interested in participating please call me at home. By the way, I have a phone answering machine for my business, GINARO SERVICES COMPANY, so if I'm not home, please leave a message. Thanks.

The Board of Directors is presently involved in several programs as well as working on becoming ON-LINE with National's format regarding policies. This is reflected in the new designations for various committees. Care to get involved in a committee ? Or start a committee ? Then please come to this month's meeting.

Fourth of July this year is SPECIAL. It's the 100th Anniversary of the Statue of Liberty. The "LADY" stands for Freedom and nowhere in the world is there more freedom and a true sense of Liberty than in the United States of America.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, AMERICA. And HAPPY BIRTHDAY Dear "LADY" LIBERTY.

The Secret Agent

Agent Orange Committee

I want to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Bill Risner for a very informative presentation on the ongoing Agent Orange lawsuit.

Mr. Risner, is the Regional counsel for Agent Orange Orange claimants. Being involved with Agent Orange claimants, Mr. Risner had a wealth of information concerning the Agent Orange lawsuit. As it stands now the lawsuit against several chemical companies is on appeal, before the second court of appeal in the state of New York.

I have requested as Committee Chairman on Agent Orange, to be put on the mailing list of Agent Orange Review. The Review is published periodically to provide information on the studies being conducted by the Center for Disease-Control and other Federal Agencies as well as information on V.A. services to Vietnam Veterans. As I receive information concerning Agent Orange I will pass it on to our chapter. Anyone having questions are urged to contact me or our Chapter 106 for more information.

Again I want to take this opportunity to invite all members that are having problems or suspect that they or their families have problems related to Agent Orange please contact V.V.A. Chapter 106 or nearest V.A. Hospital. We want to help, thank you in advance for your response.

MEETING DATES

GENERAL MEETING - June 26th at D.A.V. Chapter 18, Time: 8:00 Sharp

BOARD MEETING-July 17th at DAV Chapter 18, Time: 8:00 Sharp

GENERAL MEETING-July 31st at DAV Chapter 18, Time: 8:00 Sharp.

Remember in order to take advantage of all Chapter benefits we MUST have your DD 214 on Chapter file.

OPERATION PEG-LEG

We have a problem. To many of our fellow veterans, the war isn't over. This condition has been called Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. There are ways of helping these people through the VVA and the VA Outreach. The trouble is getting them in. Seldom will they trust an organization or even an individual who isn't a Vietnam Vet, so the task falls to us. We have to saddle up for one more operation. This brotherhood that we have all fallen heir to, must be used to save lives once more. This time by pushing lead rather than throwing it. The reason for the emergency now is that a number of these vets are quietly doing themselves in. A lot of them aren't even aware of the problem. It's kind of like not hearing the round that gets you. They reach a point in their lives where just one more thing goes wrong and that breaks the last straw, as it were. Some of them lose jobs, maybe it's because of mid-life crisis. In any case, we have to stop this ever-increasing body count.

What I am doing is putting together a book on Vietnam on the positive side, even, if you will, the humorous side, in the hope that this book will get into the hands of those vets we are trying to reach. I feel they will respond a lot more to a lighter side rather than to the John Wayne side, they've seen enough of that already, and in the book I will ask for more material. I think they will contribute and when they do, I'll route them through the book's representative at the local VVA and we got them!

What I need from you is: a). in terms of membership, I need humorous war stories, funny short stories about Vietnam, good C-ration recipes, photos that can be reproduced, sketches, acronyms, cartoons, quotes, nicknames - anything on the positive side, and b). I need someone at your chapter who can coordinate this with me, just one specific person there to work through. So, if you can help with Operation Peg-Leg, please let me know with the enclosed card.

Thanks a lot for your time.

Jerry Donnellan

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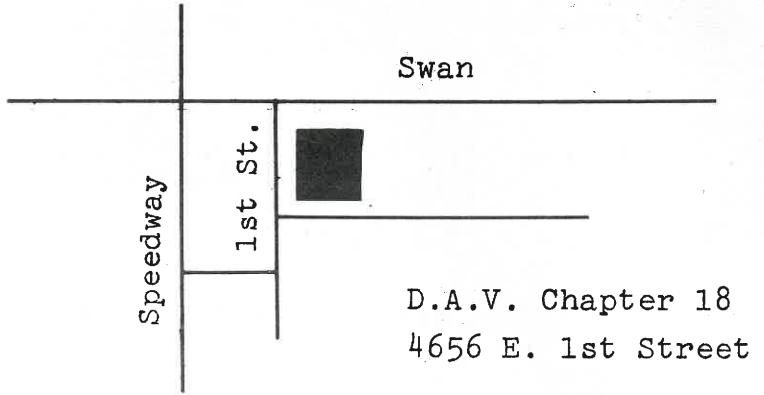
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