

MONSOON TRIBUNE

Issue 3

May 1993

Volume 7

BLOODS, CRIPS *and* Teenage Violence

In keeping with the commitment of programs this months general meeting on May 27th should appeal to everyone, the first of this series will deal with gangs and teenage violence, the program will be hosted by Officer Campbell of the T.P.D. Gang unit. If you want to know more and be informed about this problem facing our community, don't just bring a friend, bring your neighbors too. This is serious business and you need to know the facts. Your input on future programs is welcome, please attend.

Reaching Out

Rich DeFalco was assigned the task of coming up with some programs that would be of benefit to our veterans at the V.A. Medical Center. Rich felt we had great success with our Xmas visit, where chapter members distributed hand made Xmas cards by Terry Rolingers' 5th grade class in Nogales and goodies to almost every ward in the hospital, and we will continue it on a regular basis, coming up is Memorial Day, traditionally Sunday this year. May 30th, we will assemble at the Volunteer Services Office and go from there. Round-up time is 1:30 p.m. the tour will last till 4:00 p.m. Future dates in addition to the Memorial Day visit will be Veterans Day and Xmas to share with our fellow hospitalized comrades. If you don't know your way around the V.A. Med Ctr., park in the east parking lot, go to the main entrance and get directions to Volunteer Services in the court yard. The gratitude you receive will be well worth time the time you spend. and hopefully you'll come back again.

Is That Next Week? Or Did I miss Something?

Yes folks you did! Held in a virtual oasis in downtown Tucson, we don't want to say there was great food and beverage, don't want to say there was great music by Sarg Linticum, don't want to say there was a wholesome atmosphere where everybody enjoyed themselves. You flat out missed one of the best get-togethers we've had, the Nam Jam gathering May 1, at Deborah Fahrnstocks' home. These events are not just for our regular members and associates but for everyone receiving this newsletter. You have expressed interest or contributed in some way to VVA Chapter 106 and we want to share our feelings and gratitude with you. And hey, bring a friend! For those of us that tend to forget take a small push-pin locate it about 1 inch above the center of your eyes and stick the newsletter to your forehead as a reminder. I'm sure you'll develop a small headache and it will also impair your vision but within a day or so it should be ingrained in your mind.

ESPERANZA EN ESCALANTE UPDATE

We had a couple of busy months on site, so here's a brief update:

- 3-20-93** Southern Arizona Home Builders Association and U.S. Homes officially dedicated their duplex at a brief but moving early morning ceremony complete with the Marine Association Color Guard presenting the colors. Plaques of appreciation were presented to S.A.H.B.A. and U.S. Homes from VVA 106 for their outstanding support of our project. Many special thanks also go to sub-contractors and suppliers who donated their time and materials to make this happen. Congressman Jim Kolbe, Councilperson Molly McKasson, Steve Craddock, Art Flagg, Supervisor Paul Marsh and John Shirley cut the ribbon making it official.
- 4-7-93** What a re-leaf! We've got trees! Tucson Electric Power Company purchased beautiful mesquite and blue Palo Verde trees through the Trees for Tucson Cool Community program and planted them for us! Just in time for . . .
- 4-8-93** Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Celebration Day. Board members and volunteers from EEE provided and served lunch to representatives of CDBG and organizations who provide funding for various programs throughout our community. Thanks to all who provided and served a very special luncheon for these folks.

SOMETIMES YOU CAN'T SAY "THANK YOU" ENOUGH!

The CDBG luncheon took a lot of time and effort on the part of a lot of people. We all have full time jobs or other commitments, however schedules and obligations were rearranged for this event and several organizations donated time and items which made this possible. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to **Our Mother of Sorrows Catholic Church** for providing chairs, tables and tablecloths; to **Rincon Market** for their delicious selection of meats, cheeses, breads and condiments for our "spread" and to **ALL** the folks who provided the wonderful "extras" (you know who you are!).

Special thanks also go out to the **VVA Speedway Outlet Thrift Store** for all of the household items they have donated to EEE. Thanks also go to individuals and families too numerous to mention here who have donated everything from kitchen items, clothing and drapes to large furniture. Another very special thank you goes to **VFW Post 10,188** for their commitment of \$25.00 per month to EEE.

If I have missed anyone, please accept my apology and thanks, and if anyone has anything to add, let us know so we can put it here in future newsletters!

Love you all!

"Hilary"

Veterans

Speaking of other veterans organizations, four reps of VVA 106 attended the "V.F.W. Loyalty Day Celebration," at Freedom Park. Over 15 various veterans posts, posted colors in mass with a great picnic following the ceremony. We signed on four new people to our mailing list and received many other inquires. I believe that veterans working together for a common cause will benefit all veterans more than any individual organization, strength is in numbers. Welcome Home!

Jobs

On to the jobs at hand, secretary. I discussed with Terry Nolan, State Council Prex, the problem of us finding someone to fill the slot. We came up with a proposal which will fill the need, pending associates participation. The position of Secretary will be filled by a board member, I as president will appoint a committee chair titled, Historian. With the general memberships approval, that nominee will assume most duties of the Secretary, associates do qualify.

National Convention

There was a board meeting on Thursday, May 13, 1993. Although not enough were present to constitute a quorum, it was suggested to send (2) Reps to the National Convention. Mike Brasher stated that State Council might pick up half of the cost. Nominations of Terry Rolinger and Pete Duerr, where discussed. We will talk more about this at the next general meeting.

Calendar

General Meeting - May 27th at VFW 549
1884 S Craycroft at 7:30 p.m.

VA Hospital Visit - Sunday May 30th, 2:00 p.m.
Meet at Volunteer Service Office

Board Meeting - June 10th, 2914 N. 22nd St., 7:30 p.m.

June General Meeting - June 24th, VFW 549

Vietnam Veterans of America

A Congressionally Chartered Veteran's Organization

Membership is open to Vietnam-Era Veterans and Associate Membership is open to the Public at large



New Member

I am a Vietnam-Era Veteran (Jan. 1, 1959 - May 7, 1975)

Enclosed \$20.00 Annual Dues and copy of my DD Form 214.

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 #** _____

Name _____ Gender _____ Phone # _____

Address _____ Social Security # _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth _____

I want to donate more! Enclosed \$ _____ All Contributions are tax deductible

Recruited by _____ Membership # _____ Chapter No. _____

Return this form to:

Vietnam Veterans of America
Tucson Chapter 106
P. O. Box 40903
Tucson, Arizona 85717



When ONE American is not worth the effort to be found, we as Americans have lost.

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
TUCSON, ARIZONA
PERMIT NO. 2458

Vietnam Veterans of America
Tucson Chapter 106
P.O. Box 40903
Tucson, Arizona 85717