

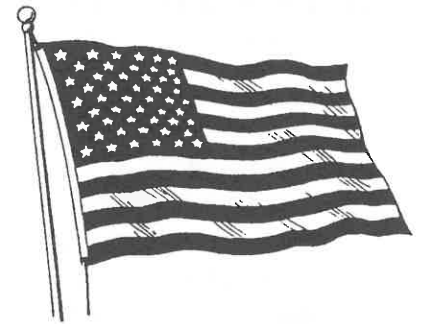
VVA 106 elects 1996 slate of officers

VVA 106 members elected **Chester Rick II** for a third term as president of the chapter. **Walt Maxam** was elected vice president, **Mike Brasher**, secretary. **Pete Duerr** was reelected as treasurer.

The chapter also chose **Mike Brewer, Max Clark, Don Hargis, Louis Leos, Gary Morgan, Dan Olivares, Gail Skinner, Al Snell, Robert Taylor, Dennis St. Germaine, Rita Ramey, Dave Croteau, Joe Luke and Chuck Bald-Colter** as the new board of directors.

The following members will hold the following board slots for 1996:

Gail Skinner	Chaplain
Walt Maxam	Membership Affairs
Mike Brewer	Public Affairs
Joe Luke	Government Affairs
Robert Taylor	Veterans Affairs
Mike Brasher	Community Services
Gail Skinner & Louis Leos	Minority Affairs and Veterans Incarcerated
Rita Ramey	Constitution
Joe Luke	Finance
Mike Brasher, Max Clark & Don Hargis	Homeless Veterans
Mike Brewer	Public Affairs
Karen Sertich & Shawn Swartzmiller	Product Sales
Chuck Bald-Colter	Chapter Armorer and VA Volunteer Service Representative
Dennis St. Germaine	Monsoon Tribune editor



VVA 106 members elected the 1996 slate of officers and directors at the regular chapter meeting on April 22.

The Chapter has forwarded its nominations for the VVA Arizona State Council. Those nominations are **Peter Duerr** for president, (Pete is currently serving as president of the state council, filling the position for the previous president who moved to a national position) **Walt Maxam** for secretary, and **Chester Rick II** for treasurer, **Mike Brasher** and **Joe Luke** for the board of directors, **Dave Croteau, Loius Leos** and **Dennis St. Germaine** as delegates from VVA 106 and **Dan Olivares** and **Gail Skinner** as alternate delegates.

Announcements

Vietnam Helicopter Crewmembers

The Vietnam Helicopter Crewmembers Association, International will hold its annual national reunion in Tucson from July 10 through July 14. Anyone who served as a helicopter crewchief, gunner, aeromedic, flight engineer, PJ, Oscar, or other flight specialist is welcome. You do not have to be a member to attend the reunion. Reunion information is available by calling 1-800-842-6201 or by writing to VHCMA - PO Box 752592 - Memphis, TN 38175-2592. Local contact, Terry Rolinger, PO Box 7382, Nogales, AZ 85628. Phone (520) 287-7920.

Run for THE WALL

Run for THE WALL, a reunion and POW/MIA awareness cross-country, motorcycle run will be leaving from Ontario, CA enroute to THE WALL on May 15. The run will pass through Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia and Virginia. Anyone who rides any kind of motorcycle is welcome to join for all or part of the run. Cars, trucks, campers and trailers are also welcome. The run will visit various Vietnam Memorials and VA Hospitals along the way. AT many stops camping and meals are provided free of charge by local veterans. The run will stay overnight in Ash Fork, Arizona on Wednesday, May 15. The State Council voted earlier to support the event by pledging money and manpower to put on a barbeque for participants at the Ash Fork KOA Campground. Sarge Lintecum will perform that evening as well. For more information call Terry Rolinger at (520) 287-7920.

Run to the North WALL

On June 6, VVA Chapter 9 of Detgroit, Michigan, will sponsor "Run to the North WALL." More than 30,000 Canadians joined the U.S. Armed Forces to fight alongside us in Vietnam. The run will commemorate the first anniversary of the Canadian Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. A convoy will leave Chapter 9 to join in the Canadian ceremony and to honor our northern brothers. Following the ceremony, there will be a HOT LZ in Detroit with live bands food and brotherhood.

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Tucson Chapter 106

Schedule of events

May 10-12		Stand Down '96	Kennedy Park
Wed, May 15	6:46 p.m	Bingo	VA Medical Center, Bldg. 4
Wed, May 15		Run for the Wall	Ash Fork, Ariz.
Sunday, May 19	4 p.m.	Nam Jam '96 mtg.	740 E. Speedway
Monday, May 27	7:30 p.m.	Chapter 106 mtg.	VFW, 345 E. Roger Rd.
Sat. June 1	1 p.m.	Ariz. State Council	Phoenix, Ariz.
Wed. June 19	6:46 p.m.	Bingo	VA Medical Center, Bldg. 4
Monday, June 24	TBA	Chapter 106 mtg.	VFW, 345 E. Roger Rd.
Aug. 1-4		VVA 2000 Natl. Leadership Conf.	Louisville, Kentucky

April 18, 1996

I N C O M E			
		Jan. 22 thru Feb. 29, 1996	Mar. 1 thru Above Date
1	Contribution, Gift, Grant	0	1,387
2	Program Service Revenue	0	0
3	Membership & Life Rebate	540	479
4	Interest / Investment	78	139
5	Special Events Income	0	20
6	Product Sales	49	796
7	Other Revenue	0	270
Subtotal - January 22, 1996 thru February 29, 1996			667
Subtotal - March 1, 1996 thru Date Above			3,091

	Budget Year	Jan. 22 thru Feb. 29, 1996	Mar. 1 thru Above Date	Difference on Budget	TOTAL
INCOME		667	3,091		
Amount on Hand - Above Date					23,890
EXPENSES	41,242	3,396	2,780	35,066	
Amount Required - Prior to Nam Jam '96					26,066
Amount Required - After Nam Jam '96					9,000
TOTAL - Amount Needed					11,176

EXPENSES		Monthly Cost	Budget Yearly	Jan 22 thru Feb 29, '96	Mar 1 thru Above Date	Difference on Budget
9	Esperanza En Escalante	350	4,200	350	700	3,150
	VA Medical Center - Bingo	115	1,380	94	332	954
	VA Medical Center - Canteen Books	50	600	50	100	450
	VA Medical Center - Comforting Items	25	300	0	50	250
	The Veterans Scholarship		1,000	0	0	1,000
	Esperanza En Escalante (Special Donaiton)		1,800	1,800	0	0
	Other Allocations		1,227	0	120	1,107
10	Benefits Paid to Members		0	0	0	0
11	Firebase - Arizona Firebase		115	0	127	<12>
	Chapter Parties		572	0	0	572
	Meetings & Costs		64	0	0	64
12	Membership - State & National		2,328	281	442	1,605
13	Nam Jam (Prior to Nam Jam)		7,000	0	0	7,000
	Product Sales - Nam Jam (Prior to Nam Jam)		2,000	0	0	2,000
	Nam Jam (After the Nam Jam)		7,000	0	0	7,000
	Product Sales - Nam Jam (After the Nam Jam)		2,000	0	0	2,000
	Other Fund Raising Events		451	0	0	451
14	Bank Charges		76	0	0	76
15	Occupancy, Rent and Maintenance		0	0	0	0
16	Office Supplies		720	100	83	537
17	Printing & Postage - Monsoon Tribune	121	1,452	158	445	849
	Printing & Postage - Nam Jam		58	0	0	58
	Printing & Postage	95	1,140	74	50	1,016
18	CPA (Corporation Commission & Taxes)		125	0	125	0
19	Salary and Employee Benefits		0	0	0	0
20	Telephone, Pager & Long Distance	82	984	117	109	758
21	Region IX Meetings		500	270	95	135
	National Leadership Conference & Convention		3,000	0	0	3,000
	Lunch for State Council (Meeting is in Tucson)		150	102	0	48
22	Other Expenses		1,000	0	2	988

VVA Honors the 99th Congress

Legislators spearheaded VVA Charter 10 years ago

Washington D.C. -- With more than 45,000 members and 525 chapters nationwide, Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., thanked the legislators who spearheaded its congressional charter 10 years ago with the Second Annual Congressional reception Wednesday April 24 at 6 p.m. in the Rayburn House Office Building on Independence Avenue and South Capitol Street, SW.

VVA is the only congressionally chartered Vietnam veterans organization exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families.

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Jesse Brown said, "The wounds inflicted over those long years of the Vietnam Conflict were slow to heal. It was the haunting need for resolution that led to the strong growth of VVA and to the organization's congressional charter."

As a result, VVA continues to move forward with an ambitious agenda of securing legislative victories for veterans as well as raising public awareness of critical issues affecting Vietnam-era veterans and their families. With strong congressional allies and a caucus of 70 members of Vietnam-era Veterans in Congress, VVA is in a strong position to address the needs of its members.

With the average age of the Vietnam-era veteran nearing 50 years, the constituency VVA represents is truly taking the helm in providing leadership in this country," said Sen. Alan Simpson (R-WY), chairman of the Committee on Veterans Affairs. He added that the leadership role of Vietnam Veterans ranges from Congress to the executive ranks of corporate America.

"That growing influence," commented VVA National President James Brazee, "translates to the raising of more critical issues, the growth of legislative accomplishments, and better, more effective veteran representation." Vietnam veterans have benefited from VVA's legislative victories that have included landmark judicial review legislation permitting veterans to challenge adverse Veterans Administration decisions in federal court; the first laws assisting veterans suffering from Agent Orange as well as subsequent laws providing care on a presumptive basis; the passage of laws providing for increased job-training and job-placement assistance for unemployed and underemployed Vietnam-era veterans; and the establishment of the Vet Center system.

Without the efforts of members of the 99th Congress 10 years ago, today there would be no advocate for a significant segment of the U.S. population that participated in America's longest and most divisive conflict. VVA salutes the legislators who were honored at the reception for being advocates for Vietnam Veterans through initiating VVA's charter.

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Individual Membership is open to all Vietnam-era veterans who served on active duty for other-than-training purposes between Jan. 1, 1959 and May 7, 1975. **Associate Membership** is open to all veterans, family members, friends, and the general public.

Membership (select one):

- Individual Vietnam-Era Veteran with copy of DD Form 214
 Associate Membership
 Renewal of Membership Member Number

Name _____ Sex: Male Female
Phone _____ Date of Birth _____ Social Security # _____
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Membership Type (select one):

- Annual: Vietnam-Era Veteran or Associate
 1 year @ \$20 3 year @ \$50
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 ages 56-60 @ \$200 ages 61-65 @ \$175
 age 66 and over \$150

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