



## Why should you attend a VVA Chapter 23 meeting?

A word from our 1st Vice President; SGT Richard J Bongiorno

Our Chapter meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month, officially at 1800Hrs (6:00PM). However, most of our members usually arrive at 1715Hrs for a full-course meal, plus dessert. The full-course meal is paid for by Chapter 23. After dinner, we start the meeting. The primary focus of our Chapter meetings is to ensure our Veterans receive the V.A. Benefits they earned and deserve. Secondly, we help our Veterans navigate through the difficult V.A. Healthcare System.

New VVA members are welcome at our meetings. New VVA members should bring their DD 214 to the meeting so they can join and become a member of the Chapter. Enlisted and Officers are welcome. Membership fees are paid for by Chapter 23. VVA Members are “boots on the ground” or Vietnam Era Veterans. All Veterans with service dates from November 1st, 1955 thru April 30th, 1975 will be Chapter 23 members, free of charge.

Other Veterans and AVVA Members can join Chapter 23, also free of charge. Veterans of any military branch or time period are welcome. In addition, Civilians or family members of VVA Members are welcome to join and help support Chapter 23 and serve in any capacity needed.

Meet your Chapter 23 Officers;

### **Major George Mutlos, USA Ret.** Chapter 23 President & Secretary

Prior Enlisted; Entered Service January 20th, 1967, Fort Polk, LA. AIT Fort Knox KY. Jul 1967 - Dec 1968: HHC, 2/33rd Armor, 3rd Armor Division, Germany. Levied to Vietnam. Rank; E5, MOS 11E20. HHC, 2nd Brigade, 4th ID. HHC, 2/8th Infantry (Mechanized) 4th ID, 1969-1970.

Officer Rank; Commissioned August 1977, Rank; O4, Infantry Officer. General Staff, 77th ARCOM, Ft. Totten, NY. Company Commander, S-1, Adjutant, General Staff. Graduate; Command and General Staff College. Retired May 10th, 1996. Total Service 26 years.

### **SGT Richard J Bongiorno**, Chapter 23 1st Vice President

Enlisted Rank; E5, MOS 68E20 15th Transportation Corps, 1st Air Cavalry Division (Airmobile), An Khe, 1966-1967

### **SGT Louis Cohen, USA Ret.** Chapter 23 2nd Vice President

Enlisted Rank; E5, MOS 16C20 Hercules Fire Control, C Battery, 6th BN, 56th Artillery, Tan Son Nhut, 1967-1968

### **BM2 (DV) Richard H. Kirshen**, Chapter 23 Secretary

Enlisted Rank E5, USS Banner (AGER-1) 1967-68, US Navy Diver (300+ dives), Riverboat Captain Mekong Delta Navy Dive School, Subic Bay 1968, NSF Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam & Mobile Riverine Forces, Nha Be, Vietnam 1968-70

### **PO3 Andrew Zoywoski, USN**, Chapter 23 Treasurer

Enlisted Rank; E5, Supervisor, Naval Support Activity Detachment, Binh Thuy, 1971-1972

Respectfully,

SGT Richard J Bongiorno  
1st Vice President  
VVA, Chapter 23