

VIETNAM WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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NEWSLETTER – September . October 2026

Upcoming Events:

Sept. 17th –(1) NC Veterans Picnic – 11 AM to 2 PM – Field 6A Eisenhower Park

(2) Executive Board Meeting – 7 PM- Bellmore Veterans Hall

Sept. 18th – POW/MIA Service – 7 PM – Veterans Plaza – Eisenhower Park

Sept. 19th & 20th – Bellmore Street Fair – Set-Up 8:30 AM to 6 PM

Sept. 22nd – General Membership Meeting – 7:30 PM – Bellmore veterans Hall

Oct. 3rd - VWVA Color Guard – Mepham HS (N. Bellmore) – Homecoming-2:30

Oct. 22nd - Executive Board Meeting – 7 PM – Bellmore Veterans Hall

Oct. 27th - General Membership Meeting – 7:30 PM – Bellmore Veterans Hall

COMMANDER'S COMMENTS:

Well, the tide has turned on the summer and despite the remaining warm day, we will soon be faced with the winter months. Hopefully, everyone had an enjoyable and healthy. As we head into the month of September the activity level for the organization will increase. This is especially true for this coming week where several events are planned or scheduled. So here we go:

Sept. 17th – NC Veterans Picnic – Besides a BBQ there will be various organizations offering a variety of services or assistance to veterans. If you are planning on attending the event, you have to call the Veterans Service Agency (516-572-6565) and advise that you will be attending.

Sept. 18th – POW/MIA Service at 7 PM at the POW Monument in Eisenhower Park Veterans Plaza. All members are encouraged to attend to keep alive the memory of those who went missing and did not return from war, including the 1500 still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. Please let me know if you will be attending.

Sept. 19th & 20th – Bellmore Street Fair – VWVA will again have a tent and set-up at the fair again this year. This is one of our best opportunities to raise funds to help our fellow veterans in need. If you can spare even an hour or two on Saturday or Sunday or both, please do so. On Friday, the 18th, we will be at the Bellmore

Veterans Hall loading up a van with our supplies for the fair which usually takes about an hour so and as the saying goes, “many hands makes less work”.

Oct. 3rd – Mepham HS in North Bellmore has again requested that we provide an honor guard for their Homecoming Football Game. We can use another couple of bodies so if you can get into that uniform one more time. Please do so. Game is at 3 PM but the color Guard has to be there by 2:30 PM

The NC Veterans Service Agency has released a flyer regarding the new Veterans Tax Exemption that allows a County, Town, Incorporated Village, and School Districts to offer veterans with a service connected 100% permanent and total VA disability compensation rating, a property tax exemption. There has been much controversy as to who can apply for this exemption but the following are the requirements as detailed by the NCVSA:

- The taxing authority in your area must opt-in to this amendment**
- The veteran must have an Honorable Discharge or was Discharged Under Honorable Conditions**
- The Veteran must have a VA Disability Combined Rating of 100% Total & Permanent**
- The property must be the veteran's primary residence and must be located within Nassau County**

You can call the Nassau County Assessment Office for more information at:516-571-1500 or the NC VSA at 516-572-6565. Must have documents are: DD-214, most recent VA Disability Award Letter showing a 100% Total & Permanent rating, and a valid photo identification.

At our September membership meeting on Sept. 24th, we will have a guest speaker who runs a local support group for veterans.

And on the Health sector, some not so good news. Member Bill Green and his wife Elaine were seriously injured in a car accident recently but are at least not back at home recovering. We wish them a speedy and healthy recovery. And some of you may have recently heard from Pat Yngstrom. His daughter called me recently and advised that Pat has been diagnosed with dementia and despite what he might tell you on the telephone, he is in a nursing facility. Please also remember in your prayers all of our other members or their spouse who may be ill at this time.

**Bob Kohler
Commander**