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## Meetings

The Chapter 120 membership meeting will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 7:00pm in the Machinists Union Hall, 357 Main St., East Hartford.

The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, January 30 at 7:00pm. Call the Chapter office for any changes in schedule. Chapter members are welcomed to attend.

## Notice

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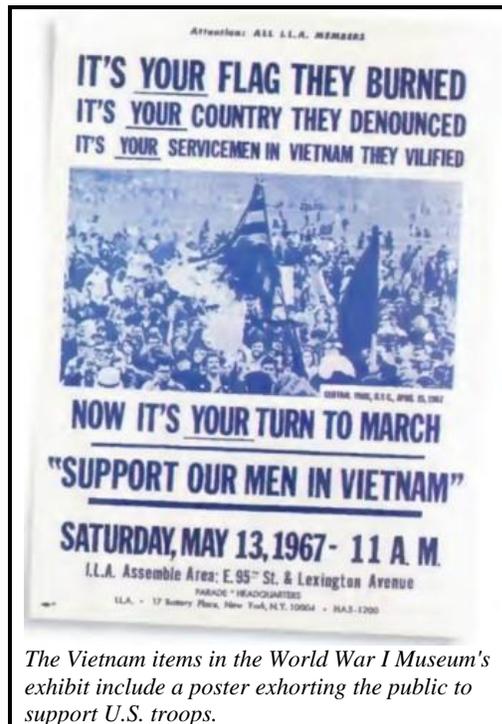
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## Museum Notes WWI -Vietnam Ties

A museum devoted to World War I is putting the Vietnam War on display.

The National World War I Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, Missouri, has created a special exhibit, "The Vietnam War 1945-1975," which was scheduled to open Veterans Day weekend and will run through May 31, 2020.

"Some might wonder why the National WWI Museum and Memorial would host an exhibition about the Vietnam War," acknowledged the museum's president and CEO, Matthew Naylor, in a news release announcing the exhibition.



The Vietnam items in the World War I Museum's exhibit include a poster exhorting the public to support U.S. troops.

"As we seek to achieve our mission of informing the public about the Great War's enduring impact, events that took place in Vietnam are quite connected to and were most certainly influenced by World War I," he explained.

Naylor listed some of those connections, including:

- During the 1919 Paris peace talks at the end of World War I, a young Vietnamese man requested the help of world leaders in his quest for independence from France. Shunned, he aligned himself with communists and later took the name Ho Chi Minh.
- World War I artillery Capt. Harry S. Truman and tank Capt. Dwight D. Eisenhower would

later, as presidents, make decisions that increased American involvement in Vietnam.

The museum's exhibit, set up in collaboration with a New York Historical Society traveling exhibition, includes items that date to 1945 when fighting erupted between France and Vietnamese seeking independence. Visitors will be able view more than 300 documents, photographs, works of art, historic film footage and artifacts.

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*Chapter/State News*

**Member of the Year**

Member of the Year was awarded to an anonymous Chapter Life member who has donated \$200 to the Chapter each month for the past 30 years. The money donated to the Chapter has assisted our programs for veterans, including our Helping Hands for Fellow Veterans. We are so grateful for such a generous member for so many years. Thank you!

**Appreciation Award**

The Chapter Appreciation Award was given to Leigh Lovering, who has rejuvenated our product sales program. Additionally, Leigh has contributed many hours of volunteer work for the Chapter.

**Coats for the Needy**

Thanks to the efforts of Bob Burgess, 117 coats were purchased at a significant price reduction to distribute to needy veterans and their families. Most of these coats will be distributed throughout the surrounding towns.

**Veterans Hall of Fame Inductees for 2019**

On December 6th ten Connecticut Veterans were inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame which recognizes the community service of Veterans outside of their military service.

Hall of Fame Class of 2019: Robert T. Cahill Sr. (posthumous), U.S. Army Air Corps, Alfred H. Comeau, U.S. Army, Richard King Gorman, U.S. Navy, Jesse Monroe Harrison (posthumous), U.S. Army Air Corps, Lenell Kittlitz, U.S. Coast Guard, Leonard Gene Lanza, U.S. Navy, Patrick R. Nelligan, U.S. Army Reserve, Morton Melvin Pear, U.S. Air Force, John A. Sarlo, U.S. Army and John "Jack" Shea, U.S. Army.

Veterans Affairs Commissioner Thomas Saadi was joined by Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz and CT National Guard Adjutant General Fran Evon in presenting each honoree with their medallion and certificate of induction.

“I know I speak for all of Connecticut, in thanking these Honorees for their service in Uniform and continued service to our towns, state, nation and fellow Veterans after they hung up their uniforms. Induction into the Veterans Hall of Fame recognizes the impact and inspirational work of these Honorees who have contributed, and continue to contribute, to the community at large. Our honorees, living and posthumous, collectively served for decades in the military - in WWII, Korea, Vietnam War, during the Cold War, and in Operation Iraqi Freedom. We honor them tonight for their military service and for their continued contributions achieved for others – for their neighbors, their fellow Veterans, and for a multitude of communities, causes and residents across this state. . . your Country, State, fellow Veterans honor you and your accomplishments for others”, stated Commissioner Thomas Saadi during his remarks.

**VVA Membership Change**

On October 20, 2018, VVA's National Board of Directors passed a motion to have one class of membership: Life membership. All active and pending three-year members have been converted to life members. This change was reflected on the October 2018 membership roster. After October 31, 2018, all dues payments received for one-year membership will be refunded along with instructions for renewing as a life member. Active one-year members will remain active until their current term expires and are invited to renew as life members thereafter. The link to the membership renewal application is <https://vva.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/VVA-Member-EZ-Renewal-Form.pdf>

**Birthday Wishes**

Birthday wishes go to our members born in January. May you have many more!

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| <i>James G. Ashwell</i>     | <i>Vernon Biederman</i> |
| <i>Stephen Brown</i>        | <i>Andrew Crafa</i>     |
| <i>Arthur N. Desrosiers</i> | <i>Stanley T. Duro</i>  |
| <i>Henry E. Jackson</i>     | <i>Helen McDonald</i>   |
| <i>Thomas Parker</i>        | <i>William M. Quirk</i> |
| <i>Penny Siggia</i>         | <i>Jim Tackett</i>      |



## POW/MIA News



## Update on Pearl Harbor Identifications

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) announced it has identified 250 unaccounted-for service members from the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor.

The identifications have come from ongoing projects to identify Pearl

Harbor Unknowns from the USS Oklahoma, USS West Virginia, and USS California.

All of the service members had been buried as Unknowns at the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, called the Punchbowl, in Honolulu.

The USS Oklahoma Project is the first, largest, and most successful of the Pearl Harbor projects.

The first disinterment happened in 2003 after an independent researcher contacted the agency. Five service members were identified; however, DNA testing indicated that additional service members were present and further analyses were necessary to continue identification efforts. An additional one-casket disinterment and identification was made in 2007.

The full disinterment of the remaining USS Oklahoma Unknowns took place in 2015. In the four years since, 236 more identifications have been made, and work is on-going to identify the remaining 152.

The project to identify the 35 Unknowns from the USS West Virginia began in mid-2017. To date, eight have been identified.

The USS California Project is the most recent, beginning in 2018 and while none have yet been identified, 25 have been exhumed and are currently undergoing scientific analysis.

DPAA has partnered with the Armed Forces Medical Examiner System-Armed Forces DNA Identification Laboratory (AFMES-AFDIL) to identify all of the unaccounted-for service members.

The lab takes DNA samples from the remains and compares them with DNA family references samples. This, combined with dental and anthropological analysis from DPAA labs in Hawaii and Nebraska, makes identification possible.

These projects would not be possible without the additional partnership of the Department of Veteran Affairs and the Navy POW/MIA Branch.



## On The Hill



## Chairman Takano Announces New Compromise on Legislation to Address Veteran Suicide

The House Committee on Veterans' Affairs Chairman Mark Takano (CA-41) announced a new compromise that will amend legislation to address veteran suicide. Chairman Takano's compromise amendment to H.R. 3495, the IMPROVE Well-Being for Veterans Act, introduced by Representative Bergman and Representative Houlihan, will utilize a public health approach that helps connect veterans with existing

community resources in an effort to provide key services before a veteran reaches a point of crisis.

"After months of working with VSOs, mental health professionals, and subject matter experts in addition to several meetings with my Republican colleagues and their staff, we finally have a new approach to veteran suicide prevention," said Chairman Takano. "By allowing VA to responsibly partner with the community organizations already serving veterans, we can protect VA's expertise in providing clinical care and begin to reach the 60 percent of veterans not using VA healthcare. Through this public health approach, I believe we can reduce the overall number of veteran suicides."

Chairman Takano's public health approach will:

- Connect veterans with resources already available within their communities
- Strengthen the coordination and capacity of community based organizations that serve veterans
- Ensure taxpayer funds are spent responsibly

As amended, H.R. 3495 delivers a public health solution focused on "upstream intervention" - the idea that if we provide wrap-around services to address life stressors such as housing insecurity, unemployment, or social isolation, we can better prevent veterans from experiencing the acute hopelessness that often leads to suicidal ideation itself. By authorizing VA to provide grants to community-based organizations that both coordinate and deliver social services that mitigate known life stressors, this legislation creates a public health infrastructure and ensures key accountability measures are in place to protect these taxpayer funds. Through these community networks, this legislation creates an opportunity for communities as a whole to surround and support veterans with the services they seek most often.

Chairman Takano's amendment to H.R. 3495 was considered at the Committee's markup on December 5th and cleared the committee.

From Military.com

## 'Widow's Tax' to Be Eliminated by 2023 in Defense Budget

The final version of the fiscal 2020 defense budget would phase out the so-called "widow's tax" over three years if passed.



For decades, military families have tried to change a policy that has kept about 65,000 surviving military spouses nationwide from receiving their full survivor benefits. The National Defense Authorization Act

proposal would eliminate, over the course of three years, a system by which survivor compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs is deducted from annuities provided by the Defense Department-funded Survivor Benefit Plan.

The SBP is like an elective insurance policy in which military retirees contribute part of their retirement benefit to ensure family members receive up to 55% of their retirement pay when they die. Many military survivors receive payments through the VA's Dependency or Indemnity Compensation Plan, or DIC; but those who also receive SBP see their VA DIC payments subtracted from the total.

The average offset of the "Widow's Tax" is about \$925 per month, experts say.

The first change would occur in 2021, when SBP recipients would begin receiving one-third of the offset amount, according to the NDAA. The following year, the amount would be raised to two-thirds; and in 2023, survivors would receive their full SBP monthly payments in addition to DIC.

Benefits would not be retroactive.

"The last thing that military spouses should have to deal with after losing a loved one is an unjust reduction in income," Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-New Hampshire, said in a news release.

"This bipartisan reform finally provides the surviving spouses of our servicemen and women with the full benefits and financial assistance to which they're entitled."

There have been several efforts over the last 18 years to change the policy, but critics have said the cost, which is estimated at \$5.7 billion over a decade, would first need a funding source.

Congress is expected to vote on the NDAA on Wednesday, more than a week before the current continuing resolution ends on Dec. 21.

## Veterans Affairs News



From Nextgov

## What Veterans Affairs Aims to Accomplish Through Its Artificial Intelligence Institute

The Veterans Affairs Department recently launched a National

Artificial Intelligence Institute (NAII) to coordinate and advance strategic vet-focused research and development efforts to harness the budding technology.



"VA has a unique opportunity to be a leader in artificial intelligence," Secretary Robert Wilkie said in a statement. "VA's artificial intelligence institute will usher in new capabilities and opportunities that will improve health outcomes for our nation's heroes."

Home to America's largest integrated health care system, the VA trains more doctors and nurses than any other entity in the nation and also houses the largest genomic knowledge base linked to health care information in the world. Throughout 2019, the agency unveiled a variety of deliberate investments and projects to leverage artificial intelligence to better meet veterans' needs. For example, the agency and tech giant IBM launched an AI-powered mental fitness app to help veterans transitioning to civilian life earlier this year, and VA collaborated with DeepMind Health to develop an AI system that can forecast a life-threatening kidney disease before it appears.

The agency also appointed Dr. Gil Alterovitz as its first-ever national artificial intelligence director this summer. A Harvard Medical professor who has led national and international collaborative initiatives that used data and technology to innovate across the health care landscape, Alterovitz will serve as the NAII's director and oversee all of its efforts. He told Nextgov Monday that the new institute has been several months in the making and will garner some federal funding for its efforts. Alterovitz also confirmed that the institute will be housed directly at the VA.

"There is a special opportunity to work for veteran needs via AI by focusing on improving health and well-being [through research and development]," he said. "We hope to focus on veteran priorities in such work."

NAAI will engage veterans and stakeholders across the health care sector to solicit and execute flagship AI research projects that emphasize topics like deep learning, explainable AI, and privacy-preserving AI. They'll aim to "demonstrate [the] size, scope, and magnitude of capabilities that deliver positive real-world outcomes for Veterans." According to agency insiders, "one of the first tasks the NAAI took on was surveying the existing use of AI by VA researchers" and going forward, the institute will also boost AI-related research projects already underway by offering up fresh resources and forging new possibilities for collaboration.

"Medical centers are across the country and new insights can be best done working together," Alterovitz said.

The AI director also has extensive experience leading projects known as tech sprints, which essentially enable outside organizations to test out data in the VA format to develop tools and programs that can lead to new data-driven insights—without waiting long periods to establish partnership agreements. NAAI insiders will lead AI tech sprints to accelerate innovation in the ecosystem and also aim to create an "AI Tech Sprint handbook" to help new teams orchestrate sprints to introduce health care solutions.

"We envision a future where AI can give us tools to serve Veterans in the best way possible, as they did for our nation," Alterovitz said.

## VA's Board of Veterans' Appeals plans virtual hearings in 2020



The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) and Office of Information and Technology (OIT) are working towards nationwide availability of virtual hearings for Veterans this year, allowing access using their mobile phone or laptop via the VA Video Connect app.

The virtual hearings are based on the Veterans Health Administration's tele-health platform and lets Veterans participate in their appeals hearings from the comfort of their homes.

"VA strives to provide integrated solutions that leverages 21st century technology to significantly increase the number of hearings completed annually," said VA Secretary Robert

Wilkie.

"Giving Veterans the ability to participate in secure, confidential virtual hearings is another aspect of VA's modernization to provide Veterans with the ultimate customer experience."

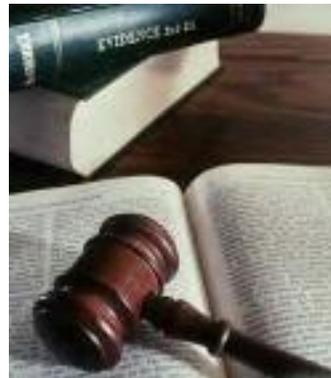
The testing of virtual hearings began July 2019. The collaboration with OIT, Veteran Service Organizations and other Veteran representatives has been positive. To date, the Board has held

155 successful virtual hearings. Veterans who otherwise would have had to cancel their hearings were able to participate in virtual hearings and receive decisions.

The Board of Veterans' Appeals (Board) makes final decisions for VA regarding appeals for Veterans' benefits and services. The Board's mission is to conduct hearings and issue timely decisions for Veterans and other appellants in compliance with the law.

*From AirForce Times*

## Court rules vets exposed to radiation from 1966 nuke disaster can sue for benefits



An appeals court on Friday ruled that elderly disabled veterans who were exposed to ionizing radiation while cleaning up a 1966 nuclear bomb disaster in Spain are eligible to sue for disability benefits for their related illnesses in a class action suit.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims issued a 6-3 decision in the case *Skaar v.*

Wilkie certifying the class of veterans, who have been denied disability benefits for illnesses they have suffered as a result of their service in Palomares, Spain. About 1,600 veterans deployed there after a B-52 Stratofortress bomber collided in mid-air with a refueling tanker and crashed.

Four hydrogen bombs were released, and two exploded conventionally, littering the countryside with radioactive plutonium dust.

Veteran Victor Skaar, a retired Air Force chief master sergeant who participated in the cleanup, filed the case against Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie.

After serving in Palomares, Skaar later developed the blood disorder leukopenia and believes his radiation exposure caused it, the court said in its decision. Air Force radiation dose estimates found his level of exposure was far below the level that would have been required to cause his disability, and the Board of Veterans Appeals denied his claim that his disability was connected to his service.

“For more than 50 years, the VA has denied Palomares veterans benefits for our service recovering, detecting and removing 5,400 drums of radioactive contamination at Palomares,” Skaar said in a release from the Veterans Legal Services Clinic at Yale Law School, which represents both him and the class. “I am happy that the court’s opinion means I can continue to fight for recognition alongside my fellow Palomares veterans, many of whom are too ill to fight on their own, and their widows. I have been fighting this battle since I was 45 years old and am hopeful that the court’s decision will finally allow me, at the age of 83, to receive benefits for my numerous radiation-related illnesses, including cancer.”

It is the first time the veterans’ claims court has certified a class action suit from a direct appeal from the VA benefits system. The court did not rule on Skaar’s claim that his disability is, in fact, service-connected, but found the veterans satisfied the requirements for class certification used in other federal courts.

“Our decision today heralds the beginning of an era in which we will entertain, but by no means always certify, class actions in the first instance, making us the only federal appellate court in the nation to do so,” Judge Michael Allen wrote in the court’s majority opinion. Our “nation’s veterans deserve no less.”

The Vietnam Veterans of America and the environmental group Friends of the Earth applauded the decision, as did Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn.

“The Palomares nuclear disaster — one of the largest in history — caused untold suffering and pain to the men and women in uniform sent to the clean-up,” Blumenthal said. “This ruling represents one more step forward in the fight to provide these veterans and their families the health care and benefits they deserve. I commend the diligent efforts of the Yale Veterans Legal Services Clinic in this litigation and will continue to advocate for passage of the Palomares Veterans Act, providing veterans with statutory presumption that their illnesses and diseases are caused by their exposure to radiation at Palomares.”

*From the Guam Daily Post*

**Advocates: VA needs to make rules to compensate Guam Agent Orange vets**



Military Veterans Advocacy, a veterans advocate group base in Louisiana, is urging Secretary of Veterans Affairs Robert Wilkie to have the VA quickly create rules to compensate vets who served on Guam and Johnston Island and were exposed to Agent Orange.

The request was first made a year ago.

"Last spring, MVA representatives met with Wilkie, who said he would look into the issue. Wilkie visited Guam in July, but no policies have yet been crafted or implemented to provide care to sick and terminally ill veterans with Agent Orange-related illnesses," MVA said in news release.

The organization has acquired and presented substantial evidence that veterans who served on Guam between 1972 and 1980, and on Johnston Island from 1972 to 1977, were exposed to toxins of Agent Orange, Cmdr. John Wells, the MVA lead attorney, said in the release.

"Secretary Wilkie has that information. We understand that federal agencies require some time to implement policies and new rules, but our first request to Sec. Wilkie on this matter was on Dec. 3, 2018 – 366 days ago. Veterans are sick and dying and can't get proper benefits from the VA," he added.

‘We’re not going to stop advocating’

Last year, MVA won a landmark case against Wilkie, requiring the Department of Veterans Affairs to recognize the exposure of U.S. Navy personnel who served in the harbors and territorial seas of Vietnam. Wilkie placed an administrative stay order on implementation of that recognition, the MVA stated.

"More and more, it seems the VA's policy is to stall long enough so that all affected veterans die," MVA Executive Director Col. Rob Maness said in the release. "We're not going away, and we're not going to stop advocating for these veterans."

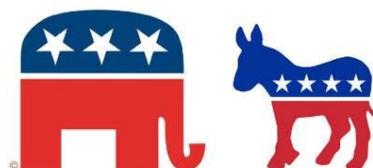
Brian Moyer, a veterans advocate and founder of Agent Orange Survivors of Guam, was on island in October to help local and federal officials find sampling sites for traces of the herbicide.

Preliminary results from that sampling are anticipated to come in January 2020.

*VVA Press Release - December 3, 2019*

**Vietnam Veterans of America and Campaign Endorsements**

Vietnam Veterans of America National President John Rowan noted today that VVA may not make any endorsements of political candidates for any elected office. “VVA’s Constitution and our not-for-profit tax status strictly prohibit the national organization, as well as local VVA chapters and state councils, from making any such endorsements. Occasionally, confusion arises when individual VVA members--who are often very politically active--are identified as representatives of our organization. To preclude any misunderstandings, as required by our membership, we must get the word out to clarify the record,” Rowan said.



“The federal tax code is very clear in this regard, and any implication of improper activities could cause us to lose our tax exemption and not-for-profit status.

As long as no VVA endorsement of a political candidate is given or implied, individual VVA members are encouraged to participate in the political process. As private citizens, we have every right to do so,” said Rowan.

## 50 Years Ago

**January 1** - PHILIPPINES CIVIC ACTION GROUP WITHDRAWS. Due to political pressures and lack of funding support, the Philippines Government withdraws the Philippines Civic Action Group.

**January 5** - FRANKLIN D. MILLER, MEDAL OF HONOR

**January 9** - DANNY J. PETERSON, MEDAL OF HONOR

**January 31** - RAYMOND M. CLAUSEN, MEDAL OF HONOR

**January 31** - RICHARD A. PENRY, MEDAL OF HONOR

*From Vietnam Magazine*

### The Army and Marines' Heavy Hauler Helicopter in Vietnam

On June 3, 1963, the first four U.S. Army CH-37B Mojave helicopters arrived in Saigon, followed in September 1965 by a detachment of eight CH-37Bs that deployed to Monkey Mountain, near Da Nang. The Marine Corps also flew the CH-37 in Vietnam, its version designated the CH-37C Deuce. Designed to fly even with the loss of a rotor blade or one of its engines, the aircraft was a robust but complicated machine to operate.



Aircraft-maker Sikorsky's first twin-engine rotary wing craft, the CH-37 was proposed as a heavy assault helicopter for the Marines. It first flew in 1953 and was the Western world's best heavy-lift copter until the introduction of the CH-47 Chinook in 1961. The CH-37's engines were housed in external pods, or "nacelles," to maximize cargo space. The nacelles also held retractable landing gear and fuel tanks, which had the unfortunate tendency to ignite in a crash. Other novel features included a hydraulic blade-folding system and automatic stabilization equipment, both firsts for a helicopter.

Troops and cargo entered the helicopter through clamshell doors on the nose. The cargo bay could hold a 105 mm howitzer or up to three M442 "Mighty Mite" trucks. The CH-37 also had a cargo hoist that could lift 2,000 pounds up through a hatch in the cargo bay floor.

Deliveries to both the Army and Marines began in 1956 and ended by 1960. All received upgraded engines, crash-proof fuel

cells and improved auto-stabilization equipment by 1963. Even so, the CH-37 proved difficult to fly and maintain, quickly giving way to simpler, more powerful gas-turbine engine designs. They were replaced by CH-54 Tarhe Skycranes in the Army, beginning in 1965, and by CH-53 Sea Stallions in the Marines, starting in 1967.

Only three were lost in Vietnam—noteworthy, considering that the Marines' eight CH-37s participated in more than 1,500 missions, hauling more than 5,700 tons of cargo and 31,000 passengers without accident. Army CH-37s are credited with recovering more than \$7.5 million in damaged helicopters and aircraft. The last CH-37s departed Vietnam by 1969, and all were retired from military service by 1974.

#### Receive "The Connection" by E-Mail

The monthly Chapter 120 newsletter, *The Connection*, is available by e-mail. Currently, 100 members receive the newsletter by e-mail, saving the Chapter over \$1,600 in printing and postal fees annually. The newsletter is available in Adobe format (.pdf), attached to your e-mail. If you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail, please e-mail the newsletter editor at [ctchapter120@aol.com](mailto:ctchapter120@aol.com)

### From A Doc's Point Of View

As a Corpsman in green and not navy blue,  
I offer this poem from a Doc's point of view.  
We've been honored by stories, poems and such  
By Marines we have served with and respected so much.

They speak of our honor, bravery and skill,  
And the cry, "Corpsman up!" still gives me a chill.  
When a Marine goes down, what will it be?  
A trache? Tie off bleeders? Start an IV?

Only one thing is certain as we rush to the scene,  
Our ass will be covered by our brothers in green.  
You see we're adopted, "Sons of the Corps".  
No more "Anchors away" – "Semper Fi" evermore!

It's true when you're wounded, your life's in our hands,  
And we'll treat and protect you to the very last man.  
For you are our pointman, our cover, our shield,  
And we count on your skills all our days in the field.

Many a grunt laid his life on the line  
To make sure Doc got to the wounded in time.  
So, my brothers, I thank you, as all us Docs should.  
It's YOU who make us Corpsmen look good!

Semper Fi,  
Doc Hutch  
Alpha 1/5, 2nd Platoon, '68-'69, An Hoa Basin

## Helping Hands for Our Fellow Veterans



***Won't You Please Give a Helping Hand to a Brother or Sister Veteran?***

Several veterans have contacted Chapter 120 asking for help in paying the most basic of needs for themselves and their families. These veterans are those who do not qualify for regular federal, state or local assistance – they fall into that financial category where they make too much to qualify for assistance, but not enough to afford basic needs for their families, like food, fuel for heat, or clothing for their children.

Chapter 120 has decided to ask you – our members – to lend a helping hand to your fellow veterans and their families. Won't you please consider donating for this worthy cause? Even a small amount of \$5 can make a difference – or more if you can afford to help a fellow veteran and his or her family.

Please send your generous gift, made out to Connecticut Chapter 120, to:

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.  
Connecticut Chapter 120  
Attention: Helping Hands for Veterans  
P.O. Box 4136  
Hartford, CT 06145

Chapter 120 has established a separate line item in the budget to collect donations to assist these fellow veterans and their families in need. *And don't forget, your donations are tax deductible.*

## Newsletter articles/ stories/photos

Any articles, stories and/or photos submitted for the newsletter must be received by the "cut off" date for any given month. Photos must be accompanied by text which describes the event, names, dates and any other pertinent facts so our readers understand the story behind the photo(s). The newsletter editor will announce the "cut off" dates at each Chapter meeting. The "cut off" date for our February 2020 newsletter is 24 January 2020. Due to space availability, the editor reserves the right to include or not include photos for a given month.

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