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Meetings

Chapter 120 membership meeting will be held on Thursday, January 5, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Machinists Union Hall, 357 Main St., East Hartford. *State and East Hartford COVID-19 guidelines apply.*

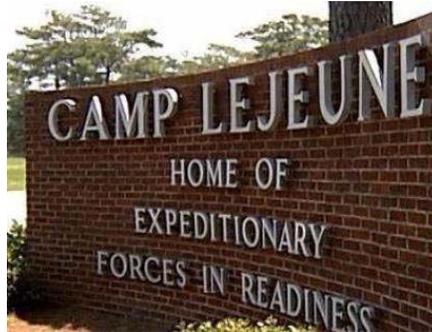
The Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, January 26 at 7:00pm. Call the Chapter office for any changes in schedule. Chapter members are welcomed to attend.

Notice

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VVA MOU with B&M: Camp LeJeune Claims



At their last meeting, VVA's Board of Directors approved an MOU with the private law firm Bergmann & Moore in connection with claims filed under the Camp LeJeune Justice Act (CLJA). VVA is committed to ensuring that veterans and family members considering filing claims under the CLJA are not taken advantage of by bad actors.

Accordingly, the VVA Board of Directors took two important actions:

(1) Signed a MOU with Bergmann & Moore (B&M), a trusted law firm that has an established partnership with VVA. B&M will offer screening services to VVA members, their friends, and families, to advise them as to whether filing a CLJA claim is in their best interests (because of the offset, some claimants might actually lose money depending on their VA rating relating to conditions arising from exposure to contaminated water in Camp LeJeune);

(2) Enacted the following motion: "To recognize that there are several law firms and organizations seeking to profit from the Camp LeJeune Justice Act (CLJA) at the expense of our veterans and resolve that no individual from VVA National, State Council, or Chapter should associate, in their official capacity, with a firm seeking to solicit VVA members for CLJA cases without the express approval of VVA's Board of Directors, effective November 10, 2022."

Our Director of Communications and Marketing, Mokie Porter, has put out excellent information on VVA's website and social media accounts. If you encounter veterans, or their family members, or friends, that may have lived in Camp LeJeune during the specified periods (for at least 30 days between August 1, 1953, and December 31, 1987), please refer them to our website: (<https://vva.org/news/the-camp-lejeune-justice-act-evaluating-and-understanding-the-benefits/>).

Also, Marc McCabe is spearheading the effort of making sure that VVA members, claimants, friends, and family are properly informed. You can send inquiries directly to him at: mmccabe@vetslawyers.com.

You can also direct people to (<http://camplejeunelitigationteam.com/vva/>) and 727-742-3188. The hotline is staffed by real people.

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Chapter/State News

Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Inductees for 2022 Announced



Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz and State Department of Veterans Affairs Commissioner Thomas J Saadi today announced the twelve men and women who will be inducted into the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2022. The Hall of Fame recognizes distinguished veterans who have made significant contributions to their communities after leaving military service.

“Since 2005, the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame has formally recognized veterans in our state who, after discharging from military service, have distinguished themselves through a life of service at the local, regional and state levels as leaders in veterans' organizations, in public service, and as volunteers and community advocates. These men and women have enriched their communities through their commitment and application of their talents, to bettering the lives of others. Publicly recognizing and honoring these veterans each year is one of the highlights of serving as Commissioner as it is these honorees who embody the true meaning of service to our nation and to our communities,” said Veterans Affairs Commissioner Saadi.

“For nearly two decades the Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame has recognized veterans, who sacrificed everything as they served their country and continue with a lifetime of service to their communities. While these brave men and women come from different backgrounds, they all share the same characteristics - courage, strength, pride, and selflessness. Congratulations to this year's inductees! Thank you to the 2022 class for their bravery their continued leadership and commitment to bettering our communities and state,” said Lt. Governor Bysiewicz.

Lt. Governor Bysiewicz and Commissioner Saadi will be joined by leaders of the state's veterans' community at the induction ceremony, which is scheduled for Thursday, January 19, 2023, at 5:00pm at the CT National Guard Armory Drill Shed. Each inductee will receive a commemorative medallion and certificate recognizing their induction.

The 2022 Connecticut Veterans Hall of Fame inductees are:

- Edwin Gomes, U.S. Army, Bridgeport - Posthumous
- Craig Jordan, U.S. Army, South Windsor
- Alvin Kinsall, U.S. Navy, New London
- Thaddeus Martin, U.S. Air Force, Suffield
- Daniel Matthews, U.S. Marine Corps, Winsted
- James Matthews, U.S. Army Reserve, Winsted
- David Paul McCaffrey U.S. Navy, Somers
- Thomas Olson. U.S. Navy, Noank
- Regilia Rush-Kittle, U.S. Marine Corps/Army Reserve, New Haven/Rocky Hill
- John Waggoner, U.S. Navy, Preston
- Ronald Weil Sr., U.S. Army, Hamden
- Michael Zacchea, U.S. Marine Corps, Brookfield - Posthumous

Note: Craig Jordan is a Life member of VVA Chapter 120, and John Waggoner is a Life member of VVA Chapter 270. Congratulations to you both!

Birthday Wishes

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

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| <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



US POW/MIA chair praises kingdom

Ann Mills-Griffiths, chairwoman of the board of directors of the National League of POW/MIA Families, praised Cambodia for being one the league’s most supportive partners as it sought to repatriate the remains of American soldiers who went missing during the war. Mills-Griffiths offered her

thanks during a courtesy call with Minister of Interior Sar Kheng at the National Assembly on December 6.

“Despite the Covid-19 situation in Cambodia, the Kingdom has shown that there has been no slowdown in the search for the remains of missing American soldiers, and progress has been made. Cambodia has worked closely with its US partners,” she said.

During the meeting, she told Sar Kheng that she has visited Cambodia many times, but this would likely be her last journey to the Kingdom. She extended her thanks to King Norodom Sihamoni, Prime Minister Hun Sen, Sar Kheng and all of the officials who had worked tirelessly to provide humanitarian assistance in helping search for the remains of missing Americans.

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Though names of Vietnam War missing seldom appear in recent DPAA releases, the League is thankful that US personnel lost in WWII and the Korean War are being disinterred from US cemeteries worldwide and, in a few WWII cases, being recovered. These Americans are being identified and returned to their families for burial with full military honors.

The League is grateful that our efforts since formation on May 28, 1970, are now bringing about long-overdue recognition, but remains hopeful that answers on our Vietnam War missing will soon increase and end the uncertainty of impacted families.

Ann Mills-Griffiths, Chairman/CEO

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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 \$1,800 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

On The Hill



From Connecting Vets

Senate bill would limit payday for lawyers representing those sickened by tainted water at Camp Lejeune

Legislation has been introduced in the Senate that would place a limit on the fees that trial lawyers can charge when representing those sickened by contaminated water at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune.

The Protect Camp Lejeune Victims Ensnared by Trial-lawyers’ Scams (VETS) Act was introduced on Nov. 17 by Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK). It amends the Camp Lejeune Justice

Act and caps legal fees at a maximum of 10%. The legislation also mandates that attorneys are not paid before a veteran or family member as a result of any award made.

The Camp Lejeune Justice Act became law in August in the larger Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act. The PACT ACT expands opportunities for VA health care and benefits to the roughly 3.5 million veterans exposed to burn pits and airborne toxins during their service across all eras.

During a Nov. 16 meeting of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, Sullivan said that since passage of the law, trial lawyers across the country have unleashed hundreds of millions of dollars in television ads and social media campaigns seeking out Marines for Camp Lejeune-related cases.

“There’s going to be billions of dollars going to these predatory law firms at the expense of United States Marines,” said Sullivan, a colonel in the Marine Reserve and Alaska’s former attorney general.

“This was predicted. This is now happening. The American Legion is raising the alarm bell. The VA is raising the alarm bell. The Biden administration Justice Department raised the alarm bell. And, unfortunately, the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee didn’t do anything. As a matter of fact, some of you guys blocked it. So we need to fix it and I want to work with the VA and the Justice Department to fix it. But U.S. Marines who are sick should not have to go begging unscrupulous trial lawyers who are going to take all of the money...

This is despicable. We have to fix it.”

Executive Director of Government Affairs for The American Legion Chanin Nuntavong expressed the organization’s support for the bill in a press release.

“With the passage of the Camp Lejeune Justice Act, veterans and their families were finally able to pursue legal action against the government for their exposure to toxic contaminated water at Camp Lejeune,” he said. “After decades of waiting, and suffering the realities of life-threatening medical conditions, they were bombarded by advertisements from unscrupulous law firms charging exorbitant fees. We commend Senator Sullivan for correcting this injustice by introducing legislation that caps legal fees at a reasonable amount to ensure our veterans and their families are not taken advantage of.”

The American Legion also submitted congressional testimony to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee in mid-November during a hearing on PACT Act oversight that called for the capping of legal fees on Camp Lejeune Justice Act cases.

Sullivan made a motion for unanimous consent for his bill on Nov. 30.

Veterans Affairs News



VA to begin processing PACT Act benefits claims immediately for terminally ill Veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs announced on Dec. 12

it will begin processing PACT Act benefits claims for eligible terminally ill Veterans.

While VA does not have the authorities or capabilities to begin fully processing PACT Act claims for all other Veterans until Jan. 1, 2023, VA was able to expedite processing for terminally ill Veterans to Dec. 12. This ensures terminally ill Veterans will receive their earned benefits and health care on the earliest possible date.

“These Veterans have stepped up to serve our country in the times when we needed them most — and now it’s our job to step up for them,” said VA Secretary Denis McDonough.

“It’s the right thing to do to get these heroes the world-class health care and benefits they’ve earned as soon as possible, and that’s exactly what we’re going to do.”

Dec. 12 is the earliest date VA could begin processing claims for terminally ill Veterans. Until Jan. 1, 2023, VA will only finalize decisions on PACT Act claims that result in a grant of benefits for terminally ill Veterans. Claims that cannot be granted immediately will be held for further evaluation after publication of sub-regulatory guidance implementing the PACT Act.

When VA can begin processing all PACT claims Jan. 1, 2023, VA will continue to prioritize the processing of PACT Act

claims for terminally ill Veterans. At that point, VA will also prioritize PACT Act claims filed by Veterans with cancer, Veterans experiencing homelessness, Veterans older than 85 years old, Veterans experiencing financial hardship and Medal of Honor and Purple Heart recipients.

From the moment that the PACT Act was signed into law VA’s priority has been getting Veterans the benefits they deserve as quickly as possible. VA sped up the timeline for Veterans to get their PACT Act benefits by several years by deciding not to phase in PACT Act benefits through 2026, as written into the legislation, and instead make all conditions in the PACT Act presumptive on Aug. 10, the date President Biden signed it into law.

Since President Biden signed the PACT Act into law on Aug. 10, more than 176,000 Veterans have applied for PACT Act-related benefits. VA is currently executing the largest Veteran outreach campaign in its history to inform Veterans, their families and survivors about the PACT Act and encourage them to apply for the health care and benefits they have earned. As a part of that effort, this week, VA is hosting more than 90 events across all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico as a part of a PACT Act Week of Action.

For more information about PACT Act and how to file a claim, visit va.gov/PACT. If Veterans, their families, caregivers or survivors have questions about PACT Act and wish to speak with someone to help, they may call 1-800-MyVA411 at any time.

From Connecting Vets

VA to offer new life insurance program beginning Jan. 1



The Department of Veterans Affairs is set to offer its first new life insurance program for veterans in more than 50 years beginning Jan. 1, 2023.

VA will begin offering VALife as guaranteed acceptance, whole life insurance available to all veterans aged 80 and under with any level of service-connected disability, Dan Keenaghan, Veterans Benefits Administration insurance director, told reporters during a media roundtable on Nov. 29.

“This is really exciting because historically, insurance programs have had limited time windows to sign up and some veterans may not have met medical underwriting requirements,” he explained. “With the launch of VALife, there’s no medical underwriting required and there’s no time limit to apply for veterans age 80 and under.”

VALife will be available in increments of up to \$10,000, to a maximum of \$40,000 and the premium rates are competitive with or better than what you can be found in the private sector, Keenaghan said.

“Those rates will be locked in once life insurance coverage goes into effect,” he added.

As a whole life program, the VALife policy will build cash value after the first two years it is held.

“If the insured dies within the first two years of entering the program, the premiums will be paid to the beneficiary or survivor plus interest,” Keenaghan said.

The VA currently offers what it calls Service-Disabled Veterans Insurance, which has a limited 2-year sign-up window from when a veteran is issued a new service-connected disability rating.

“That program by law is going to close on Dec. 31 of this year,” Keenaghan said. “Veterans who are interested in that program have until Dec. 31 to sign up. And then from Jan. 1 forward VALife will be available to all veterans.”

VALife is the result of the Johnny Isakson and David P. Roe, M.D. Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act of 2021 which Keenaghan said was drafted in partnership with veterans and veteran service organizations because a lot of veterans did not understand the limited-time sign-up eligibility window.

The new VA life program is designed to be completely online from applying with instant decisions to policy management to submitting claims, Keenaghan said.

“And it’s going to be integrated with VA profile, which holds a veteran’s profile to verify sources of information,” he continued. “We’re also able to access it through DoD or the Department of Defense through combined access cards as well as identify if they want to do military retirement offsets for payments and then again with Treasury so that veterans can be pre-verified and elect more options to pay premiums than ever before.”

Keenaghan said the first goal is to make sure all service-connected veterans are aware that the program exists.

“There’s over 4 million service-connected veterans out there and we want to help educate them on the value of a whole life insurance program versus a term life insurance program and the difference between them,” he said.

VA has not set any benchmarks for enrollment in the new program.

“We’ve just successfully completed a pre-enrollment test period for the new system that we launched on Veterans Day, so Nov. 11 and then we closed at 11 days later on Nov. 22,” said Keenaghan. “What it allowed us to do was to reach out to a population of veterans to try the system to see how the integrated online process works, ensure that our payment

processes work and then also do focus groups for feedback with actual, veterans and stakeholders on what drew them to apply, what were the features that they liked, what they didn’t they like, what were some of the challenges or other questions that they had.”

For more information, visit:
<https://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance/valife.asp>

Extracted from Connecting Vets

VA studying racial bias in its claim decisions

Racial disparities in benefits claims decisions are the subject of an ongoing Department of Veterans Affairs study.

During his monthly press conference on Dec. 1, VA Secretary Denis McDonough said the results of the study will be published, but it is uncertain when it will be completed.

“This is an issue that we’ve been pressing on with some urgency now for some time, but we’re also not waiting for the conclusion of that study to take action,” he said.



Vietnam veteran Conley Monk Jr. teamed up with the Veterans’ Legal Clinic at Yale Law School on a federal suit alleging racial discrimination in VA claims. He said he waited more than 40 years for benefits he should have received.

McDonough’s comments followed the filing of a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Connecticut on Nov. 28 which alleges that VA was more likely to reject disability benefits claims made by black veterans than white veterans from 2001 to 2020.

“The result of VA’s racial discrimination has been to deny countless meritorious applications by Black veterans, depriving them and their families of care and support that their faithful service had earned,” the lawsuit alleges.

The lawsuit was filed by Yale Law School filed the lawsuit on behalf of Vietnam veteran Conley Monk, Jr. The VA initially

rejected his applications for disability, education and housing claims before granting them in 2015 and 2020. The lawsuit claims that VA never fully compensated Monk for the harm it caused him by denying his benefits applications.

VA’s Center for Minority Veterans is now working individually with minority veterans through Veteran Experience Action Centers. From April through June, VA has assisted more than 650 minority veterans as a result of the centers.

McDonough said the VA plans to help more.

“Additionally, we’re taking steps to ensure that our claims process battles institutional racism, rather than perpetuating it,” he said.

From VA History Office

National Home Beer Token



NHDVS beer hall token (Central Branch-NHDVS, Dayton, Ohio)

“The beer hall is more attractive to a large number of the members than either the library or reading room.” – Edward Cobb, Civil War Veteran and resident, Southern Branch-National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers

Beer halls and beer gardens were familiar to Civil War Veterans who resided at branches of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers (NHDVS). A predecessor to the modern VA medical campuses, the NHDVS system was established for Union Veterans after the war. The military-like setting included barracks-style housing, uniforms, formations, and a disciplinary system to maintain order. Veterans had assigned duties such as raising crops, tending the small herds of domesticated animals, and performing kitchen labor. Residents also formed marching bands and baseball teams, cultivated flower gardens, and engaged in a variety of other leisure and recreational activities.

Many sites also established on-campus beer halls.

Alcohol consumption was commonplace among Civil War soldiers—and Veterans. This led to habitual intemperance among Veterans and incidents of drunkenness. NHDVS managers attempted to prevent residents from overindulging through rules limiting alcohol on campuses. Regulations also discouraged residents from frequenting establishments outside NHDVS gates willing to sell them as much liquor as they could consume. The creation of on-campus beer halls was an agreeable compromise for controlled access to alcoholic beverages.

The Northwestern Branch-NHDVS in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, began selling beer on the grounds in the late 1870s. In 1887 the Central Branch in Dayton, Ohio, reported reduced rates of drunkenness and improved order after opening a beer hall. NHDVS administrators limited consumption in these beer halls by selling beer tokens or tickets that were exchanged for beer. The compromise was welcomed by administrators and Veterans alike.

Tokens were round and made of brass or other metals, usually less than one inch in diameter. They were produced for NHDVS sites by craftsmen like James Murdock, Jr., an engraver from Cincinnati, Ohio.

At the Southern Branch-NHDVS in Hampton, Virginia, resident Edward Cobb recalled, “The quality of beer is of the best, and the glasses are large. On pension day and for a week afterward, the place is crowded; the men [are] standing in long lines.”

In early 1907, as the prohibition movement gained momentum nationwide, Congress banned alcohol at National Homes, and the era of the beer halls came to an end. By this time, the number of Civil War Veterans was declining. After World War I, a new model of veteran care replaced the self-sustaining National Home campuses.

From *Task & Purpose*

That time Gen. Douglas MacArthur ‘stopped’ WWII to celebrate the Army-Navy game

The annual Army-Navy football game has been through some ups and downs. It’s one of the longest-held and storied college football rivalries around, even if the teams themselves aren’t among the best in the game.

At the height of World War II, though, both West Point and Annapolis were having some of their best years ever, and the notoriety around the game was such that legendary Gen. Douglas MacArthur claimed he “stopped the war” to celebrate an Army victory in the game.

Heading into the 1944 matchup, Army and Navy were ranked as the top two college teams in the nation. The widespread induction of young men into the ranks of the U.S. military, necessitated by the global conflict, had been a boon to the service academy football programs, as plenty of the top football players in the nation were now suiting up for them. Two of the star players for Navy, for example, tackle Don Whitmire and running back Bob Jenkins, had both transferred from the University of Alabama to play at Annapolis. Some colleges, like Michigan State or Stanford, had suspended their football programs altogether. Others were now filling out their teams with younger players or those otherwise ineligible for the draft, and many players were diffused into “service teams,” essentially playing football for the Army or Navy while in training and competing against various colleges. In 1943, for instance, a team from the Navy’s Great Lakes Training Base ended Notre Dame’s undefeated season.

The Army and Navy teams were especially dominant, though, so the 1944 game was considered kind of a big deal. With Army ranked as the top team in the nation and the Naval Academy right behind it, this was a de-facto national championship game for college football. Grantland Rice, one of the country’s preeminent sports writers at the time, said it would be “one of the best and most important football games ever played.”

These days, the Army Navy game isn’t one of the best and most important football games ever played; some would even go so far as to say that “nobody actually cares about the Army-Navy game.” But the 1944 matchup was different. It was initially scheduled to be played in Annapolis, where Thompson Stadium could accommodate just under 19,000 people, rather than the

traditional location of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, as President Franklin Delano Roosevelt had ordered the location of the game to alternate between the two service academies for the duration of the war. Interest in the game was high enough, though, that on Nov. 17, 1944, the game was relocated to Baltimore, Maryland's Municipal Stadium. Tickets sales would go towards war bonds, and sold out in 24 hours. It raised \$58.6 million for the war.

The Naval Academy midshipmen sailed across Chesapeake Bay to Baltimore, while the Army cadets arrived on troopships escorted by Navy destroyers.

And on Dec. 2, 1944, in front of a crowd of 66,659, the game began. It started out as kind of a slog, with plenty of turnovers and New York Times sports writer Allison Danzig chronicling "the unusual ferocity of the give and take." By the end of the first half, the score was just 7-0 in favor of Army. By the end of the third quarter it was 9-7, after a touchdown by Navy and a safety by Army, it was 9-7. The game broke open a bit after that with Army scoring two touchdowns in the fourth quarter and eventually winning the game 23-7, surely much to the delight of Army fans everywhere.

Among those fans, of course, was MacArthur. The general never played for the Army football team, he was just the manager before graduating from West Point in 1903, but needless to say, the man liked sports. As he wrote to then President Calvin Coolidge following the 1928 Olympics during his time as the U.S. Olympic Committee president, "Athletic America is a telling phrase. It is talismanic. It suggests health and happiness. It arouses national pride and kindles anew the national spirit. In its fruition it means a more sturdy, a more self-reliant, a more self-helping people. It means therefore, a firmer foundation for our free institutions and a steadier, more determined hold on the future....Nothing is more synonymous of our national success than is our national success in athletics."

During World War II, MacArthur would reportedly send messages to the coach of the Army football team, Earl "Red" Blaik, discussing how the team was doing. Among them was a congratulations on winning the 1944 Army-Navy matchup, reading, "The greatest of all Army teams – Stop – [this was the days of the telegram] We have stopped the war to celebrate your magnificent success."

Of course, the war didn't actually stop. Hundreds of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines continued to face death in combat. Like the destroyer USS Cooper, which was sunk in the Philippines shortly after midnight on Dec. 3, 1944, with 191 lives lost. But the 1944 Army-Navy game would still be remembered as a brief moment of athletic celebration amid World War II, which wouldn't end for another nine months, and go down as one of the best remembered college football games in history.

On December 10, 2022, Army beat Navy 20-17 in double-overtime, at the 123rd annual Army-Navy game

My Brother

On a bunker in the evenin' breeze
We sat and talked and watched the trees
We talked of home and the girls we've known
And a fifty-seven Chevy you once owned

We were young and so far from home
In a place we had never known
But we were happy
And scared and so alone

We made a pact that very night
Amid the panic of a firefight
To get together when we got outta here
We'd meet in Boston and I'd buy you a beer

But that would never happen

We got so close in such a very short time
What was mine was yours and what was yours was mine
You always shared the packages you got from home
A can of spam, some kool-aid and a plastic comb
It meant so much to here from home
Six months down, and six to go
It won't be long now before it's time to go

We'll be standing on the corner in our old home town
Gassing up that Chevy just to cruise around
It's gonna feel so good to be back in the world
I'll finally see my family and my favorite girl

Now all that ever mattered was going home
Well that was twenty four years ago
Why things happened that way I don't really know

But here I am standing at your name
Standing at the wall in the pourin' rain
The tears won't stop and I can't see clear
But here I am holding onto two cold beers

Welcome home to you, my brother

On a bunker in the evenin' breeze
We sat and talked and watched the trees
We talked of home and the girls we've known
And a fifty-seven Chevy that you once owned
Welcome home, welcome home
To you my brother welcome home

Author Unknown



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 06147

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 2023 newsletter is 20 January 2023. Due to space availability, the editor reserves the right to include or not include photos for a given month.

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