

V.V.A. Clermont County Chapter 649

MARCH NEWLETTER 2014

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* * * Sick-Bay : Report —

Chapter Member, Bob Gustin will undergo scheduled surgery March 12
Please keep Bob within your prayers.

* * * MARCH BIRTHDAYS

03 / 04 Albert Short	03 / 10 Butch Bennett	03 / 20 Russ Ruehrwein
03 / 06 Bruce Birkley	03 / 10 Roger Ramsey	03 / 22 Charles Coomer
03 / 07 George Kinnaird	03 / 10 Jim Sullivan	03 / 22 Harold Ligon
03 / 09 Ben Joehnk	03 / 11 Ed Clay	
03 / 09 Paul Sims	03 / 16 Charles Vance	
03 / 09 Fred Suelter	03 / 19 Joe Wagner	
03 / 09 Jack Haigwood		

* * * Guest Speaker : Teresa Lewis

Teresa handles veterans issues for Representative Brad Wenstrup and will speak to us about some of those issues.



* * * February 15– VFW Military Ball

A Few Chapter 649 Members, who are also VFW Members attend the District 4 Military Ball to show their support for, V F W- Member and also Chapter 649 Member, Kenny Cook.

Kenny is the 2014 recipient of the "Veteran Of The Year Award"



* * * Billboards Soon To Arrive

February 25, 2014 members from VVA Chapter 649 (State Convention - Committee), met with Sean Duermit to discuss various types of Billboard Advertisement to be used along the Interstate highways and within Clermont country, to inform all Veterans, and families of Veterans, of the FREE seminar Buckeye State Council will be conducting, concerning the effects of exposure to Agent - Orange, and the effects this toxic may potentially have on future generations of children and grandchildren,



* * * Clermont County VSO Officer / U. S. Marine Sent To Jail

Andera Bryant needed \$1,500.00 to raise for her bail. She did not have the money so off to jail she went. Her bail-money was then given to MD (Jerry's Kids) as an MDA fundraiser. I haven't seen or heard from Andera, in that mug-shot, she looks a bit worried. Hang in there Andera, ... Your veteran friends will do their best to set you free.

What is MDA? The Muscular Dystrophy Association is the world's leading nonprofit health agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and other neuromuscular diseases. MDA funds worldwide research; provides comprehensive health care services and support to MDA families nationwide; and rallies communities to fight back through advocacy, fundraising and local engagement.

Jerry Lewis hosted the MD Telethon shown on TV during Labor Day Weekend, for years. I myself participated with the MD fundraiser in the 70's, which was held in downtown Cincinnati. The Guest Hosts were Jim Scott (WLW radio) and TV's Soupy Sales. Jim & Soupy stayed inside the building where the t v cameras were. I was part of a three-piece Country Music band (Jimmy Williams / Mike Litire and myself, were outside providing music for the people on the sidewalk & street, asking the public to make a donation. Our Three piece Band, raised 14,000.00 between the hours of, Noon till 6:30 PM. (All 3 band members earned the title of "Kentucky Colonel") - E-4 in the Navy an a Kentucky Colonel in Ohio Hats Off, to Andera Bryant, one of our many Clermont Country Veterans Service Commission workers, for a job well done.

NEXT MEETING
Thursday March 13

LOCATION
Union Twp. Civic Center
4350 Aicholtz Road
Clermont County, Ohio
Food @ 7:00 PM
Business @ 7:30

Guest Speaker immediately
after the pledge of allegiance

April Meeting Date
Thursday - April 10

AVVA Membership
Associates of Vietnam Veterans of Am. Members actively participate and work in supporting VVA .
If you have a friend or relative who is not eligible to join VVA, talk to them about joining AVVA.

For a \$20.00 annual dues fee you can become a member, and help further VVA programs.
Applications are available on Chapter 649 website



*** * * FEBRUARY**



*** * * BINGO - At The VA Hospital**

Wednesday February 26, 2014 - Chapter 649 Members Traveled To V A Hospital, Cincinnati, To Sponsor Bingo Night At The VA Hospital

Chapter 649 Provided 120 Hot Dogs, including, Chips, and Sodas as the VA Patients filled the room for Bingo Night. With Jo Ann Norton Calling Out Bingo Numbers for the Players, and 649 Members Confirming Each Game Winning Card. (Two / Three / and Four Winners Per Game)

Chapter 649 Wishes To Thank All Members Who Participated In This Event, and also Thank, VA Hospital For The Invitation.



NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CHARLIE SHEEN NARRATES NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC CHANNEL'S POWERFUL VIETNAM WAR SPECIAL: *BROTHERS IN WAR*

Inspired by the Popular Book, "The Boys of '67: Charlie Company's War in Vietnam," the Two-Hour Documentary Recounts the Gripping, Personal Story of One of the Last Combat Infantry Companies to Be Drafted, Trained and Sent to Fight Together in Vietnam

Brothers in War premieres Wednesday, March 26, at 8 PMET/PT on NGC
Produced by Lou Reda Productions

(Washington, D.C. – Feb.26, 2014) In 1967 the boys of Charlie Company went to war in the Mekong Delta, the homeland of the Viet Cong, and entered a foreign land of murderous heat, unforgiving jungle and a new age of guerrilla war fare. This "band of brothers" journeyed from boot camp to combat and, for the lucky ones, back home —experiencing their horror, their pain, their misery, their happiness and, above all, their camaraderie together. Now, nearly 50years later, they're uniting once again to share their stories of courage under fire with the world.

*** * Chapter 649 Brick Application Locations**

The Businesses shown below have Commemorative Brick Forms available for you, if you desire to buy a brick. Although the snow is still hanging around, Memorial Day will be upon us soon. Order you brick now, beat the rush !

Amelia Amelia Florist Wine & Gift 1401 Ohio Pike	Amelia PC – ER (Inside Wal-mart) 1815 E. Ohio Pike	Amelia Campbell's Barn 1852 State Route 125	Amelia Joe Kidd Automotive 1065 Ohio Pike
Milford Recreations Outlet 885 St. Rt. 28, 513. 383. 7837	Milford Olde Milford Barber Shoppe 726 Lila Ave. 513. 248. 8223	Goshen LCNB National Bank 6726 Dick Flynn Rd.	Goshen Skyline Chili 1877 State Rt. 28
Batavia Clermont Co. Veterans Service Office 3rd Floor	Union Twp. Civic Center 4350 Aicholtz Road Suite 220 East- Gate Area	Day Heights Milford Cliff Riley / Am. Heritage Ins. 1120 St. Rt. 131	East - Gate Area Harley Davidson Of East- Gate 699 Old St. Rt. 74



*** * * 20 / 20 Awards**

The 2014 20 / 20 will be held March 11, Chapter 649 member Cliff Riley will be the recipient of the Veterans Award.

Clermont County 20 / 20 Awards Dinner

When - - March 11 -

Where - - Oasis Golf Club & Conference Center /

Time - - 5:00 Pm - 8:00 Pm

Address - - 902 Loveland-Miamiville Road - Loveland, OH 45140

Dinner Tickets : \$ 30.00 Per Person / Contact : Christa Davidson - 513. 576. 5000

*** * * Attention Chapter Delegates**

Buckeye State Council - Membership Meeting

When - - March 15

Where - - Columbus Home Office - E. 35 Chestnut Street - Suite 501

Time - - 10:00 a.m.

*** * APRIL**

*** * * Chapter 649 - Elections - Officers / Board / Delegates**

When - - April 10

Where - - Union Twp. Civic Center

Time - - Food Served @ 7:00 Pm / Meeting Starts @ 7:30 p.m.



*** * MAY**

*** * * V. V. A. OHIO - 2014 STATE CONVENTION**

Friday, May 9, 2014 -

Break-Out Sessions Provided By, V V A National Personal

Saturday, May 10, 2014

Opening Ceremony: - Election Day / Break-Outs / Banquet

Sunday, May 11, 2014

Town Hall Meeting : - Agent Orange "The Faces Of Agent Orange"

(what's effecting our children & grandchildren)

Where - - Holiday Inn - East Gate - Clermont County

Note : All State Council Officer Positions are Open.

*"I strongly encourage all attending members to reserve your Room and Banquet seats early !
We have 40 chapters within the state of Ohio attending, and only a limited number of room available"
(Convention Hosted By; Chapters: 649- Batavia, Ohio / Chapter 10- Reading, Ohio*

*** * MAY**

*** * * Chapter 649 - Memorial Day - Remembering Our Fallen**

When - - May 26

Where - - Union Township - Veterans Memorial Park

Time - - To Be Announced)

