

V.V.A. Clermont County Chapter 649

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2014



Membership Update

VVA; Chapter 649 obtained six new members during the months of Aug. /Sept. / Oct. 2014

John D. Rudolph- US Army / Richard Rubson- USMC / Stephen Workman- US Army
Ronald Flick- (unknown) / Guy Ford US Navy / Ivan Paul Randolph- US Army

AVVA; Judi Gustin, Long time AVVA Member, became a Life Time Member

George James, has also become a new associate member

Guest Speaker: Erica Helmle - (Pro Seniors)

Erica's organization acts as legal advocates for seniors having legal, and long-term care problems.

* * * NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

11 / 01- Al Rodenberg Jr	11 / 15- Dwight Kirkendall Avva	11 / 26- Larry Evans
11 / 01- Charles Pearce	11 / 14- Robert Bibb Jr.	11 / 28- Chuck Schlemmer
11 / 02- Jerald Lindsey	11 / 15 - Vance J. Miller	11 / 29- Glenn Figart
11 / 03- Stephen Tam	11 / 16- Ora Steward	11 / 29- Paul Hornscheimer
11 / 05- Election Day	11 / 17- J C Baldwin	11 / 30- Candy Steward Avva
11 / 06- Robert Bennett	11 / 17- Joseph Walriven	11 / 01- David Sanders
11 / 07- Keith Sissel	11 / 21- Michael Faul	
11 / 11- Veterans Day	11 / 22- Thanksgiving Day	
11 / 12- Dexter Thornberry	11 / 23- Ron Chapman	

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday November 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

December Meeting Date 6:45 pm

Thursday - December 11

Owensville Fairgrounds

Christmas Dinner - 7:00 PM

October 3, 4, 5 - Meet and Greet - 2014 October Pumpkin Run



Chapter 649 maned the booth at the Pumpkin Run For A Meet & Greet, to inform all Veterans, and Families of Veterans who attended this event, of the Benefits which are available to them, through the V.A.

- . Hospital, Providing Brochures & Information for Veteran Support Foundation (VSF)
- . Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) II Exposure To Agent Orange dioxides
- . Chapter 649 Membership Applications II Commemorative Brick Purchase and other helpful information



Many thanks to Cliff Riley Insurance for sponsoring VVA Chapter 649 with payment of the booth rental.

.Thank you to all visitors who provided donations, and to those who worked the booth and braved the cold, wet, weather conditions. Mark Brandon - President - VVA 649

October 4th - State Council - District 3 Directors Meeting

Buckeye State Council, -District 3 Director Ken Williamson (Chapter 649) held the Bi-annual directors meeting at Union Twp. Civic Center . . . Coffee & Donuts were provided 9:30 AM.



10:00 AM the meeting was called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, opening prayer, with the POW / MIA ceremony provided by Mark Brandon (Chapter 649 President)

Introductions were then provided by each attending VVA member.

BSC Membership Chairman - Ray Autenreib (Chapter 649) provided information for ways to increase chapter membership. Such as, *Warring a Veterans Hat, when recruiting new members.*

A representative from each of the five chapters within District Three, provided information as to past 2014 events, and also future events to be held in 2015.

District 3 Director, Ken Williamson spoke of different options for, "Chapter Fundraisers".

The agenda also provided each one in attendance the opportunity to ask questions to each State Council - member, followed by Cliff Riley (Ohio State Council- President) providing "Topics Of Interest" of the newly formed "Veterans Support - Foundation" (VSF) (Helping homeless, disable, and needy veterans with shelter, counseling and government benefits assistance.



NOVEMBER 11th - Veterans Day - Special Offer - Anderson Dental:

FREE X-rays / Comprehensive Exam / Fluoride Treatment / Cleaning / Prophylaxis
Plus 50% Off any Fillings or Crowns diagnosed during Exam.

Offer available to all current & Former military personnel Free offers are only available by appointment on Tuesday, November 11, 2014.
50% off fillings or crowns applies to only fillings or crowns diagnosed at time of exam.

Appointments to complete fillings or crowns will be made separately and billed at time of appointment.
Insurance company will be billed as normal, but patient will only be responsible for 50% of his or her portion of the cost.

Please speak with our office manager Angel for more details. . . . *Anderson Dental Care*

FOOD DRIVE INFORMATION

If you missed our October monthly meeting and will be attending our December Christmas Dinner, please attend our November meeting, and provide AVVA Representative, Joann Gregory, with information of the covered dish you plan to provide at the dinner. You may also call Joann 513. 722. 3318 (Leave Message If no answer)

Sign-Up Sheets will be distributed at our November general membership meeting for members to submit information as to:
Will You Be Attending Our Christmas Dinner ?
What type of covered dish you wish to provide at our 2014 Christmas Dinner.
Chapter 649 needs this information well in advance allowing us to calculate the amount of meat needed, for the amount of people who plan to attend.

For our new members who may not be aware, each year Chapter 649 provides 10 to 12 "Food Baskets" to be given to, Clermont County Veterans in Need. We provide each family with empty banana boxes containing canned food, & staples, thus providing not only Christmas Dinner, but many meals thereafter.
Chapter 649 provides food, plus a Gift-Card to each family.

As of November 1, 2014 we only have two small plastic Wal-Mart bag containing @ 8 cans each, of food to be used to help our Clermont County "Veterans In Need"
There were no local area schools able to provide assistance for our food drive this year.
Heisler Park Bingo (senior citizens) have been the only contributors to our 2014 food drive.
If you have any contacts who may wish to support our food-drive, please contact these persons, so we may once again provide help our vets In Need.

Items needed, Canned; Corn / Beans of all kinds / Spinach / Tomato's etc.
Soups of all kinds, / Navy Beans / Corn-Bread mix / Spaghetti / Macaroni / Mac & Cheese / Stuffing, etc.
Sauces; Spaghetti / Apple, / Jell-O, Kool-Aid, Peanut-Butter, Jelly, Lunch Cakes / etc.
Soap; Bath / Dish / Hand / Laundry / Paper Towels / Bathroom Tissue / etc.
Personal-Care-Items / Razors / Shaving Cream / Kleenex / etc.

NOTE * Any of the items mentioned above can **NOW** be presented to chapter 649 at our monthly meetings, held in **November**, and up to **December 11**, during our Chapter Meeting at the Owensville Fair Grounds.
Basically, any non-perishable food or Food Staple you yourself, would serve or be served, if fixing a meal for your family.
PLEASE CHECK ALL DONATIONS FOR EXPIRATION DATES Please, No Food Expirations Before 2015



DECEMBER - Christmas Dinner

Just a reminder to those who anticipate attending our 2014 Christmas Dinner.

Our **December Monthly Meeting** will be held at the **Owensville Fair Grounds**, to be followed by our Christmas Dinner.

Doors Open at 6:00. There will be a short meeting. Dinner served at 6:30

Dinner will be served Buffet Style, (**you don't like the food before, you don't have to eat that food !**)

Christmas music will be played through the P A Sound system during the evening meal, followed by 50's / 60's music after the meal. (for those who may wish to show-off your dancing skills)

Rumor has it Santa Clause is coming, photos will be taken of members who wish to sit on Santa's lap OR stand beside Santa, for a Photo Op.

Remember, Meat for the dinner is provided by chapter 649, all other food is provided by those members attending the dinner. This is why it is important to know how many members and guest will be attending.

We want the members at the end of the line to have the same choices as those at the front of the line.

If you have questions, please contact Joann Gregory, at our November 13 meeting, or call 513. 722. 3318.

We still need information as to what dish you wish to provide.

Note * * Bob Wilms promised to make a large tray of Brownies, just like he use to made back in the 60's ! hummm

After Dinner Entertainment Agenda

. Jimmy Arnold contacted me saying he would be honored to read the "Night Before Christmas" poem.

. Michael & Joyce Newman: Will Be Singing "Santa Looked a Lot Like Daddy"

. A.V.V.A. Choir : will perform various Christmas Carols (38 members)

Fellowship, Food, and Entertainment !! Mark the date, Attend our Christmas Dinner, December 11, 2014.

ATTENTION ALL NEW VVA & AVVA MEMBERS

If you have recently became a member of Chapter 649, I would like to take a photo of you !

I use this photo to place upon our slide show which is presented prior to the beginning of each monthly meeting.

If you served in the military, I also would like **YOU**, to provide me with a photo of yourself, taken while serving in the military, so I may portray a photograph of you while serving (Then) and a current day photo of you (Now), which is also shown upon or website. <http://www.vva649.org/thenandnow/index44.htm>

To complete the current-day photo I must take your photo with you standing in front of a Green-Screen background, allow me to delete the green background, and replace the green with a photo of you standing in front of the American Flag.

Please refrain from wearing any clothing containing the color GREEN !

A.V.V.A. Members: I also would like to take a current-day photo of you to place with our other AVVA members photos.

Thank you for any help you may provide,

Wayne Gregory,
Chapter 649 Treasurer,
Chapter 649 Webmaster,
Chapter 649 Newsletter



*** * NOVEMBER 9th - Veterans Appreciation - Summerside Church**

November 9th, the Summerside United Methodist Church will be having a "Salute To Veterans" free breakfast .
Time: 8:30 AM - 10:30 A.M.

Location:

Summerside United Methodist Church

638 Old State Route 74

Cincinnati, OH 45244

(513) 528-3052 **Please Call in advance to confirm your attendance, so that preparations for meals**

NOVEMBER 11th / 13th - Veterans Day at Local Area Schools

. Milford Junior High - Nov. 11 - 6:45 a.m. - 12:00 Noon Wolfpen Road, Day Heights area

. Chapter 649 Memorial - Nov. 11 - 1:30 p.m. Brief Ceremony for our Fallen Comrades

. Amelia High School - Nov. 13 - 7:30 a.m. - 1351 Clough Pike

NOVEMBER

• **November - Food Drive For "Vets In Need"**

Collection Of Can-Goods and other Staples to help provide Veterans In Need, during the Christmas Holidays, will begin November 1, 2014 !

All donations of Can-Goods, Paper Products, etc. etc. will be delivered to the Veterans Family in need, Dec. 12 or 13.

If you have donations of any kind, or are seeking more information as to what to provide, please contact;

Chapter 649 AVVA Representative - Joann Gregory at Our General Membership Meeting, held on the

Second Thursday of Each Month - Union Twp. Civic Center Food @ 7:00 PM - Business begins @ 7:30 PM

(2013 - 11 Veterans received three banana boxes full of Food & other staples).

Honey Baked Ham also donated Honey Baked Hams to each veteran.

DECEMBER

• **DECEMBER 2 - Chapter 649 - Bingo Night- V A Hospital**

DECEMBER 11 - Chapter 649 December Monthly Meeting - - OWENSVILLE FAIRGROUNDS

Chapter 649 will conduct the December Monthly General Membership Meeting, to be held prior to our 2014 - Christmas Dinner.

Doors Open @ 6:00 pm / Monthly Meeting Begins @ 6:45 pm / Monthly Meeting Ends @ 7:00 pm /

Dinner Served @ 7:00 pm

All Donations for "Veterans In Need" *Not Yet Received*, Will Also Be Collected for Distribution To Veterans

Cost Of Dinner : Each Attending Member Please Provide A Covered Dish Suitable For Those Attending

Please Contact: AVVA Joann to coordinate Covered - Dishes needed & Serving Size.

(Eliminating Everyone Bringing the same Covered Dish)