



# V.V.A. Clermont County Chapter 649 MARCH NEWSLETTER 2017



## *March 30, 2011 Officially Designated, Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day*

### **Sick Bay Report - Good News**

Elaine Riley, wife of Cliff Riley, has now returned home & is doing well. Rumor has it, The Man upstairs, was so bomb-barded with prayers from those who know Elaine & Cliff, he patched her up after her 6 day stint in the hospital so she could be home **TO -Instruct Cliff, How** to make Chicken Noodle soup from a can, **How** to wash dishes, **AND** clothes, **Where** the trash-can is located, and also relax & watch the Oscar Awards on TV. Good to see you home Elaine, . . . *we all missed you.*

### **March 9 - Guest Speaker**

Our guest speaker for the March 9th meeting will be Linda Griffin Creech. Linda will be talking about her brother, Bruce F. Griffin. Bruce served with Company A, 1st Battalion, 9th Marines and was the first soldier from Clermont County killed in the action in Vietnam. The date was May 21, 1966. It will be an honor to hear Bruce's story as we commemorate the 50 anniversary of the Vietnam war during the month of March. Bruce was a 1965 graduate of Goshen High School and enlisted in the Marines shortly after graduation.

### **Bruce F. Griffin Scholarship Fundraiser**

Stop by the Goshen Skyline Chili from 4PM until closing to help support the Bruce Griffin scholarship fund. Started by Bruce's sister, Linda, the \$ 500 dollar scholarship is given annually to a deserving Goshen High School student. One of the first scholarships awarded was to the grandson of Bruce's best friend in high school, and a member of VVA 649, Jim Arnold.

### **Chapter Elections :**

Chapter Elections will be held on April 13th. Talk to a board member about how you can run for office and help Chapter 649 continue to be a leader in Clermont County. More information will follow next month. This will not be your only election-notice. Pursuant to the Bi-laws of VVA Chapter 649, a post card will be mailed to every member around the first of March notifying them of the date and time of the election with instructions for contacting a member of the nominating committee. The committee members are; Ray Autenrieb, Phil Dodge, and Danny Coleman.

### **50th Commemoration Of The Vietnam War - March 30 Vietnam Veterans Day**

Join us on Thursday, March 30th at 6:00 PM at the Helicopter Memorial for a short ceremony to honor Vietnam veterans and commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war. The observance of the 50th anniversary of the start of the Vietnam War began in 2012 with a proclamation by The President of The United States. The objective is to honor the veterans and their families for their sacrifice during the county's 13 year engagement in Vietnam. At that time, the Federal Government partnered with state and local governments, private organizations, and communities across America to participate in the Commemoration. Governor Kasich set aside March 30th for Ohio's day of observance. VVA 649 is a Commemorative Partner and has pledged to recognize the event annually.

### **REMINDER :**

**March 13, - VA Hospital - 649 Activities Night 2017** Call: Mark Brandon 513. 309. 3568 - for more information.

**APRIL 3, - Deadline Date, For Submissions Of Scholarship Applications**

**APRIL 8, - District 3 - Directors Meeting, Hosted By VVA 97 - Huber Heights,** ( Dayton, Ohio )

((Director- Ken Williamson)) View <http://www.vva649.org/calendar/2017/649news2017.htm> for more information

### **OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday March 9**

#### **LOCATION**

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

**Guest Speaker immediately  
after the pledge of allegiance**

**April Meeting Date  
Thursday - April 13**

#### **AVVA Membership**

Associates of Vietnam Veterans  
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



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### February - Talent Show



On Feb. 9th, Chapter 649 received an invitation from Megan Dauterman, informing our chapter that she is a Senior at Goshen High School, and would be performing in the Talent Show, held Feb. 10th, and wished to invite all Veterans to attend this event, as she will be singing the song *“Traveln Soldier”* (original sang by the Dixie Chicks) and show her support to all veterans.

Knowing that Goshen School has supported VVA Chapter 649 very generously over the years, and that in 1961, I too took to the stage to play music, and have continued playing music for the past 56 years, I walked through my neighbors back yard to the Goshen High School, to view the evening event.

The entire show was very enjoying. Lots of talent, lots of comedy involved.

On behalf of VVA Chapter 649. *“Thank you Megan, for your support to all Veterans”.*

### March 11 BSC Membership Meeting

Chapter 649 Delegates will attend the Buckeye State Council, General Membership Meeting, to be held in Lima, Ohio. Then Provide to Chapter 649, at our April membership meeting, a updated report of new information, passed to, all Ohio Chapters of any changes, additions, or upcoming events throughout other VVA chapters within Ohio State Council has moved two VVA Chapters, from District 2, into District 3. **VVA Chapter 783, (Mercer County, Celina, OH )** and **VVA Chapter 1126, ( Auglaize County - Wapakoneta, OH )** Buckeye State Council, Ohio District # 3, now consist of the seven following Chapters.

**District 3 Director - VVA Chapter 649 - Ken Williamson**

**Chapter 10 - Hamilton Co.- Reading, OH / Chapter 97 - Montgomery Co. - Dayton, OH / Chapter 592 - Lebanon, OH - ( IV )**

**Chapter 649 - Clermont Co - Batavia, OH / Chapter 930 - Green Co - Xenia, OH / Chapter 783 - Mercer Co - Celina, OH**

**Chapter 1126 - Auglaize Co - Wapakoneta, OH**

*View map of all 44 VVA Chapters within Ohio [Here](#)*

### MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 03 / 03- Albert Short    | 03 / 09- Paul Sims     | 03 / 20- Gary Nutley    |
| 03 / 06- Bruce Birkley   | 03 / 10- Butch Bennett | 03 / 20- Russ Ruehrwein |
| 03 / 07- George Kinnaird | 03 / 10- Jim Sullivan  | 03 / 22- Charles Coomer |
| 03 / 09- Ben Joehnk      | 03 / 10- Roger Ramsey  | 03 / 22- Harold Ligon   |
| 03 / 09- Fred Suelter    | 03 / 11- Ed Clay       | 03 / 23- Vernon Clark   |
| 03 / 09- Jack Haigwood   | 03 / 16- Charles Vance | 03 / 25- Neal Kersey    |
| 03 / 09- Jack K. Deering | 03 / 19- Joe Wagner    | 03 / 26- Wayne Gillman  |

### Chapter 649 - Board Of Directors 2017

Ken Williamson	President	Don Sheppard	B.O.D.	Don Sheppard	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Michael Newman	1st Vice	Steve Tam	B.O.D.	Steve Tam	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Mark Brandon	2nd Vice	Gene Wilt	B.O.D.	Michael Newman	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Dan Schulte	Secretary	Bill Barker	B.O.D.	Gene Wilt	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Wayne Gregory	Treasurer	Thomas Olenick	B.O.D.	Tom Bixler	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term

**A.V.V.A. - Chapter 649 - Elected Representative - Joann Gregory**

**To all of our New Members, & subscribers, who may not be aware of;  
Other VVA Websites Links, that you may wish to “Save”, for easy access.**

- VVA - Chapter 649 Website - <http://www.vva649.org/index.html>
- VVA - Buckeye State Council Website - <http://www.vvaohio.com/index.htm>
- VVA - National Website - <http://www.vva.org/>