



# INCOMING

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

## CHAPTER 535

Website: [www.vva535.org](http://www.vva535.org)



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### President's Message

No President's report as of publishing deadline.

Matters of interest as outlined at Board Meeting of June 16, 2016:

- President Harold Graves has asked for a volunteer to step forward and serve as Quartermaster for VVA- 535.
- VVA Convention – June 24, 25, 2016 delegates will be Chuck Holmes and Harold Graves.
- VVA-535 will participate in the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Nevada City. Muster to decorate the courtesy M35 deuce and a half at 0900 at the Nevada City Veterans Hall. The parade begins at 1100 hours. US flags remaining in the inventory will be sold along the parade route. Harold needs assistance with this. Some 75 entries are entered in the parade.

### **Editorial Comment**

**Unless someone steps up with the next edition of INCOMING, there will be nothing forthcoming for August, as the interim editor will be traveling 5-6 weeks.**

### Upcoming Events

July 4, 2016 – Parade – Nevada City - 11:00 a.m. VVA – 535 will be second in the line-up.

July 7, 2016 – General Chapter Meeting – 6:00 p.m.

August 10 – 14, 2016 – Nevada County Fair

Sept. 11, 2016 – Constitution Day Parade, 2:00 p.m., Nevada City.

Sept. 24, 2016 - Summer picnic – Lake Wildwood Noon to ?. Save the date; details to follow.

December 2016 – Victorian Christmas

### American Legion Post 130 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment Sweepstakes

Raffle tickets remain available for a Mossberg 500 Tactical 12 gauge shotgun and a Glock 19 semi-automatic 9 mm pistol. Tickets are \$10 each or 11 tickets for \$100. Winner need not be present to win. Contact Dick Corn at 530-277-8856 for updated information.

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## **VVA 535 Jackets**

President Harold Graves reported at the general meeting of June 2, 2016 that all jackets ordered by the membership have been purchased. An additional five jackets of various sizes were added to the order. The jackets are in secure storage and will eventually be sent to the embroidery business where patches will be sewn according to protocol. Completed price of each jacket will be \$100. Members who have committed to purchasing a jacket will be responsible for obtaining their unit patches and promptly getting those patches to Harold. It is suggested that one peruse the patches available from **Medals of America**, or a supplier of choice, as found on an Internet website. Unit patches from Medals of America cost around \$6.95 each

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and shipping is similar. Timely accommodation will assist in moving forward with this project. **The Chapter is actively seeking someone to provide oversight of this project.**

## **VVA Board Member Pays a Visit to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.**

Dave Chaix's deployment to Vietnam was during he period 1967-68 and he served with the 4th Infantry Division in the so-called Central Highlands of Vietnam. Dave saw service across a broad geographic area and recalls places such as Ban Me Thuot, An Khe, Pleiku. Kontum, Dak To, all in close proximity to Laos and Cambodia. The "Ivy Division" was headquartered at Camp Holloway, south of Pleiku. During the Division's four+ year deployment to Vietnam, it suffered 2,531 KIA and 15,229 WIA casualties.



Dave Chaix at The Wall  
April 2016

## Vietnam Veterans Memorial Collection



*Vietnam Veterans Memorial reflects the Washington Monument at sunrise.*

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial serves as a testament to the sacrifice of American military personnel during one of this nation's least popular wars. The memorial consists of three distinct sections. *The Memorial Wall*, the *Three Servicemen* statue and flagpole and the *Women in Service to the Vietnam War* statue. The purpose of this memorial is to separate the issue of the sacrifices of the veterans from the U.S. policy in the war, thereby creating a venue for reconciliation.

## Collection Summary

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Collection, international in scope, is comprised of objects that have been left at the Memorial Wall. The collection includes objects directly related to military service (dog tags, patches, uniforms and military clothing, combat boots, c-rations, discharge papers, photographs, and metals); archival materials (letters, poems, birth announcements, birthday cards, personal dedications, newspaper obituaries, books, Bibles, family photographs, and Vietnam snap-shots); personal offerings associated with the names on the wall (high school diplomas, teddy bears, liquor bottles, records, and clothing); and protest items (Missing in Action and Prisoner of War bracelets). The collection also includes objects related to the designer Maya Ying Lin's involvement in the design and construction of the monument; objects related to Joel Meisner Foundry's involvement in the design, construction, and installation of the Three Serviceman statue.

**Collection Size** ~400,000

## AmazonSmile – A Work in Progress

Board Member Ralph Remick is working on setting up an Amazon Smile account for VVA-535.

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

Every item available for purchase on [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) is also available on

AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)) at the same price. You will see eligible products marked "Eligible for AmazonSmile donation" on their product detail pages.

For more information about the AmazonSmile program, go to <http://smile.amazon.com/about>

### **Veteran's Pavilion plaque** – Auburn, CA

VVA-535 member Tom Eberlein, a former US Marine, has been a dedicated volunteer with the Forgotten Soldier Program for many months. With limited help, Tom has brought the Pavilion to fruition and it truly is a special place. At the June VVA-535 meeting, Tom presented information regarding bricks for purchase to honor veterans from all callings at a cost of \$95 each. In addition, Tom presented a brief overview regarding bronze plaques that acknowledge and honor wars and police actions

### **Bombing missions over Iraq, Syria and Afghanistan during 2015** (As reported by the Army Times, March 7, 2016)

The US Air Force flew a reported 21,113 sorties over Syria and Iraq during 2015. Some 28,730 weapons were dropped during 9,908 of those engagements. In addition, the US Navy flew

undertaken by U.S military forces over the millennia. It is believed that VVA -535 is interested in a plaque and will likely move forward with a purchase once details for an inscription are better understood. A plaque will cost \$625. Tom Eberlein will be consulted for further information before a decision is made to purchase a plaque.

4,420 sorties and dropped 1,822 weapons during Year 2015. Additionally, the US Air Force flew 4,676 sorties over Afghanistan during 2015 and dropped 947 weapons in 411 of the 4,676 sorties.

During January 2016, The US Air Force dropped 2,695 weapons in Iraq and Syria. The US Air Force also dropped some 128 weapons in Afghanistan during the same reporting period.



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# BRICKS

## *In the Veterans Garden*

Sgt John Doe  
USMC  
1965-1969

The Forgotten Soldier Program is offering the opportunity to leave your veterans mark in a very special place. Bricks are available to be engraved with your customized message until we sell out.

Honor a family member or organization in a very special way.

The cost is \$95 per brick for one to three lines, limited to 23 spaces per line. The Forgotten Soldier Program will verify information before engraving and will contact you when installed.

### ORDER FORM

(Please Print Clearly)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Purchaser : \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

### NAME/ORGANIZATION

(Please Print Clearly)

LINE 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
LINE 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
LINE 3 \_\_\_\_\_

*\*The Forgotten Soldier has the right to approve all messages.*

All proceeds go directly to The Forgotten Soldier Program a non-profit. A receipt will be provided for tax purposes. Please pay with cash or check made out to the Forgotten Soldier program.  
Contact The Forgotten Soldier Program @ 530-889-2300 Or Email [info@the-forgotten-soldier-program.org](mailto:info@the-forgotten-soldier-program.org)  
Or complete and mail form to 991 Lincoln Way Auburn Ca 95603

# June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 General Meeting 6:00 p.m.	3	4
5	6 D-Day Allied Invasion of Europe	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Flag Day US Army Founded (1775)	15	16 VVA 535 Board 6:00 p.m.	17	18 Armed Forces Day
19	20	21	22	23 VVA State Convention 6/23 – 6/26	24	25 Korean War Began (1950). Battle of the Little Big Horn began 1876
26 Battle of the Little Big Horn ended 1876.	27	28	29	30		

## July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 U.S Army Air Corps Established (1926)
3	4 Independence Day. Parade, Nev.City 11:00 a.m.	5	6	7 VVA-535 General Meeting 6:00 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 VVA - 535 Board 6:00 p.m.	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 VVA Board meeting 6:00 p.m.	22	23
24	25	26	27 Korean War ended (1953)	28	29	30
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Application For Membership

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC., CHAPTER 535  
P.O. Box 37, Grass Valley, CA 95945

Individual membership is open to all Vietnam-era veterans who served on active duty for other than training purposes between August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975 and In-Country Veterans: February 28, 1961 – May 7, 1975.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter No. 535 Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ ID No. \_\_\_\_\_

◆ \_Membership Type: ■ \_Individual – 1 year @ \$20 annual ■ \_Individual – 3 years @ \$50

(select one) ■ \_Life Member Payment Plan ■ \_\$50 down, \$25/mo Until paid in full

Select Age Group ■ \_Ages 56-60 \$200 ■ \_Ages 61-65 \$175

■ \_Ages 66 and over \$150 ■ \_Ages 72+ \$100

◆ \_Payment Method: ■ \_Check ■ \_Money Order ■ \_Visa ■ \_MasterCard (select one)

◆ \_Card Number \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature