

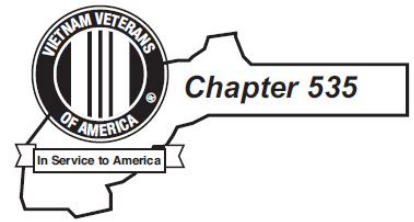


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VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

CHAPTER 535

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President's Message

Here we go again!!! It's fair time again. We have our usual information booth at the same old place. We have five Captains with each having a day that they chair. There are three shifts a day of four hours each. We always have two guys there on each shift. Find a time that works for you and get signed up. It's actually a good jig, you get to meet a lot of folks and see a lot of people to watch.

Matters of interest as outlined at Board Meeting of July 21, 2016:

- President Harold Graves and Dick Corn shared that VVA-535 member Jerry Molloy passed away unexpectedly on July 15, 2016. Dick has met with Jerry's wife, Susan, to ascertain where VVA-535 should direct a \$100 memorial donation. Susan's preference is the donation be made in Jerry's memory to Sierra Roots, the Nevada County organization that serves the chronically homeless.
- Bart Ruud was asked to continue serving as the INCOMING interim editor for an undetermined period of time.
- VVA-535 will sponsor a bronze plaque to be installed at the Armed Forces Pavilion & Garden, 991 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA.
- Set-up for the Nevada County Fair booth will occur on Tuesday evening, August 9, 2016.

Upcoming Events

August 4, 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

Nevada County Fair – 8/10 – 8/14/2016

Three shifts per day will be manned at the VVA-535 booth: 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Booth Captains: Wednesday – Dave Chaix; Thursday – Dick Corn; Friday – Dave Johnson; Saturday – Chuck Holmes; Sunday – Harold Graves.

Booth Captains need assistance; please do volunteer. Contact respective booth Captains to coordinate a time to sit the booth and convey the Mission of VVA.

American Legion Post 130 2nd

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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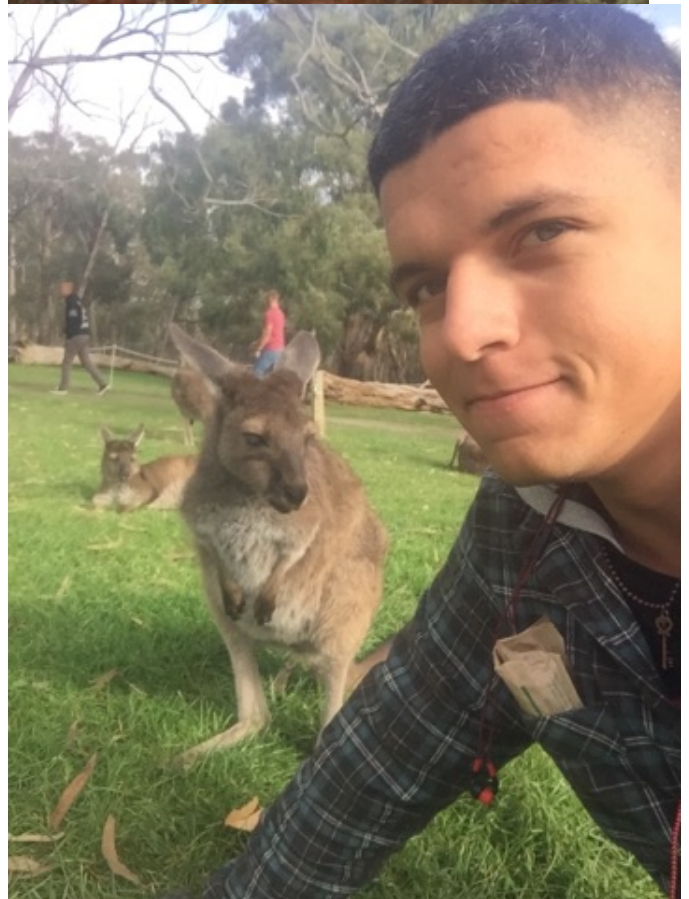
VVA 535 Jackets

President Harold Graves has reported that all jackets ordered by the membership have been received. 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 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 - 535 Vice-President's son follows his Dad as a 21st Century Marine

LCpl Jesse Hernandez, son of Al and Peggy Hernandez, is currently attached to the 1/1, C Company, Weapons Platoon at Camp Pendleton, CA. He is currently at the halfway point of his first deployment with the Marine Corps to "a land down under" - Australia - as part of Marine Rotational Force-Darwin. Before beginning joint operations training with the Australian troops, Jesse and his fellow Marines attended classes to learn about the local plant and animal life including a class on crocodiles. In between training operations in both northern and southern Australia, Jesse and his

fellow Marines have had the opportunity to engage in some unique R & R opportunities including diving with great white sharks off the coast of southern Australia. Jesse and the other members of Marine Rotational Force-Darwin will return to Camp Pendleton in October.



Life Memberships Noted in July/August **VVA Veteran magazine**

In reading the California column on Page 5 of the July/August 2016 "Veteran" it was noted that two additional members of VVA-535 have attained life membership status with the VVA. Read it for yourself and find that Michael J. Gregersen and Charles E. "Chuck" Holmes have been posted as life members. Congratulations are extended.

AmazonSmile – A Work in Progress

Board Member and Treasurer Ralph Remick is continuing his effort to set up an Amazon Smile account for VVA-535. Ralph has reported progress in coordinating this opportunity and hopes that AmazonSmile will soon become a reality for our membership.

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 is also available on AmazonSmile (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 and former Marine Tom Eberlein has continued his dedication as the lead volunteer in the development of Auburn's Armed Forces Pavilion & Garden. The Pavilion is a project undertaken by The Forgotten Soldier Program, an IRS approved holistic healing resource for military veterans. (See: <http://www.theforgottensoldierprogram.org>) At the July VVA-535 Board meeting, Tom presented information regarding bronze plaques, which are meant to commemorate Veteran's groups and U.S. military engagements. While the plaques are available for \$650 the VVA Board of Directors was hesitant to expend that sum for a plaque, which will be installed in Placer County. Sensing hesitancy, several Directors, including Al Hernandez, Dave Chaix, Dave Johnson, Ralph Remick and Bart Ruud offered assistance to defray the cost of a plaque. Their collective \$450 leaves a potential outlay of \$200 to be absorbed by VVA-535. Further contributions may yet offset all or a portion of the total cost. Contact Harold Graves and Ralph Remick if you are interested in helping to defray the costs of the plaque that will bear the inscription, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." The phrase, coined by the VVA, was a founding principal of the organization. The plaque will be inscribed with Nevada County Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 535 as being its sponsor.

Inscribed bricks for individual or group purchase to honor veterans from all callings are available at a cost of \$95 each.(See attachment).

Funds raised through the purchase of plaques and bricks will assist with offsetting maintenance costs at the Pavilion and might also be utilized in the hoped-for purchase of the site, which is currently leased for a nominal annual fee.

Past VVA-535 President Pete Burelle honored for his service to our country and to Chapter 535: A photo essay.



Legendary INCOMING editor Bill Holman recognized for years of dedication to VVA – 535 with presentation of a plaque honoring his diligence and expertise.



The Forgotten Soldier Program of Auburn benefits from 111 mile motorcycle ride.

On Saturday July 23, 2016 some 200 riders embarked on a Placer, Nevada and Yuba County back roads tour that saw them log 111 miles. The sixth annual ride is representative of the roughly 11,000 miles between Auburn and Iraq. The ride was followed by a BBQ lunch, a dedication of the Veterans Pavilion & Garden and the presentation of the colors by the American Legion Post 84 Auburn area Honor Guard. Riders were entertained by the music of “Flat Busted” and also had opportunity to participate in a High/Low Hand poker challenge.

The Forgotten Soldier Program provides comprehensive transitional therapies without charge to Veterans and their family members. The goal is to help overcome moral injuries, traumatic brain injuries, PTSD and Military Sexual trauma.



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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

Or complete and mail form to 991 Lincoln Way Auburn Ca 95603

August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 Operation Desert Shield began (1990)	3	4 General Meeting 6:00 p.m. US. Coast Guard established (1790)	5	6 First Atomic Bomb Mission. Hiroshima (1945)
7 Purple Heart Medal established (1782)	8	9 Second Atomic Bomb Mission, Nagasaki (1945)	10	11	12	15
14 Japan surrendered ending WW II (1945)	15 Allied invasion of southern France (1944)	16	17	18 VVA 535 Board 6:00 p.m.	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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

Win a Free Trip Through VFW's "Return to Vietnam" Drawing



If you received a Purple Heart for being wounded in Vietnam, you could be one of 9* lucky veterans to win VFW's "Return to Vietnam" trip. This in-country tour from **April 20-May 3, 2017**, will include Hanoi, Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City), the DMZ, Khe Sanh, Hue, DaNang, Hoi An, Marble Mountain, Cu Chi and Tay Ninh. Airfare, accommodations and meals are included. Don't miss this chance to revisit battle sites and share your experiences with fellow Vietnam veterans.

Entries must be received prior to the drawing on **Dec. 2, 2016**. Winners will be notified by mail or e-mail immediately after the drawing. To claim their trip, winners must send a copy of their Purple Heart documentation to VFW National Headquarters by **Jan. 6, 2017**, and their passport by **Feb. 10, 2017**. If you do not have a passport, please apply immediately upon notification that you are a trip winner and that your Purple Heart has been documented.

Please consider the following conditions before entering the drawing.

- Trip includes traditional American food when possible, but mainly Vietnamese meals.
- Long bus rides and excessive walking.
- There are no handicap facilities anywhere on the trip.
- Everyone **must** participate in every trip and activity in Vietnam.

Note: Previous VFW-sponsored trip-winners to various events are not eligible.

*** At least two winners will be selected from each VFW Conference.**

Winners will receive:

- Economy airfare from your hometown to Vietnam.
- Single-room accommodation with three meals daily.
- Tour of sites listed above.
- Travel visa fee.

Send entries to:

Adjutant General
Attn: Vietnam Trip
VFW National Headquarters
406 W. 34th Street
Kansas City, MO 64111

Fill out this form and send today!

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____

E-mail address _____

VFW Post No. _____

Location _____

Military Service, Unit: _____

Dates in Vietnam: _____

Non-member check to receive VFW membership information.

Yes No