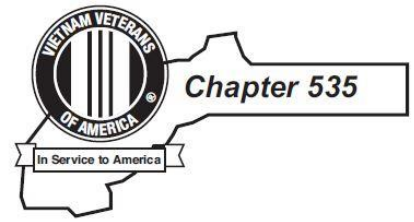




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President's Message

Greetings,

Another year is almost down! Victorian Christmas is upon us again along with the Christmas dinner.

Christmas dinner is on the 7th of December. It is a potluck dinner so please bring a dish. Also, contact Ric if you haven't made your reservation. The dinner will replace the monthly meeting that night.

We pretty much have enough volunteers for Victorian Christmas but things usually change and any additional help would be appreciated.

On the 17th I attended another meeting regarding the Memorial Park. Seems as though things were shaken up with the city council of Grass Valley and they are now aware of the veterans groups and being attentive to our concerns regarding Memorial Park and its' original purpose. Pickle ball courts will be placed in another area of the park but the subject is still open for further concerns and the full plan for improving the park and keeping out vagrants.

Ken Farmer was our delegate for the NCCVC and is now busy with his Post at the American Legion. We do need a new delegate for NCCVC. It will be covered for now but please

consider that post. Thank you Dick Corn and Ralph Remick for picking up the slack.

I am also looking for someone to replace me as a delegate for the State Council quarterly trips to Fresno. I am looking to take someone with me in January. Also begin thinking of our presidential election next year.

I will be moving to Nevada sometime during the first half of next year. I negotiated a purchase on a nice place which will meet the needs of myself, my parents and older sister.

For the time being, the VVA trailer is at my house. Today I will be serving the axles, installing E-track and applying VVA decals. Unfortunately while parked at the Memorial hall there was some vandalism. The battery was ripped out of the tongue area of the trailer. I will rewire and install the battery inside the trailer.

Last issue of concern is our office door has been left open. We suspect county workers that go up to the roof. I will be contacting the county this week.

Best regards,

Chuck

ANNUAL VVA CHAPTER 535 CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

Our VVA Chapter 535 Annual Christmas Potluck will happen on Thursday, December 7, 2017, beginning at 5:00 p.m., with a potluck dinner starting around 6:00 p.m. The hour beforehand will allow time to visit with fellow VVA members and their families.

This year, ham, turkey and soft drinks will be provided. Please bring your favorite side dish (e.g. stuffing, potatoes, salad, or dessert) to share. Don't worry about what dish to bring; just bring it.

Jose Gonzales will be bringing two deep—fried turkeys. Ric Sheridan will bring a ham.

Optional: Bring an unwrapped toy for local distribution by the Marine Corps League "Toys for Tots" toy drive.

Questions or comments call Ric Sheridan at 530-274-1413 or email rfsheridan@sbcglobal.net

- Grass Valley Veterans Memorial Building (downstairs dining hall) 255 South Auburn Street, Grass Valley, CA 95945

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Matters of interest as outlined at Board Meeting of November 16, 2017

Ryan Wealth Management, an independent financial services firm located in Yuba City, CA has been sent 105 "vouchers" for our Victorian Christmas fare – cider, hot chocolate and brownies – for distribution to their clients. Rather than collecting \$2 for each ticket, the Board, as it did a year ago, opted to release the vouchers for \$1.75 each.

April 28, 2018 remains a potential date for a Chapter 535 sponsored concert that might be coordinated with Center for the Arts in Grass Valley. Ralph Remick has sent inquires to the several military service branches regarding the possibility of a performance by one of their bands or ensembles. If a contract was to be extended to one of these entities, VVA-535 would be obligated to pay their expenses. **NOTE: Your suggestions for a band or venue of whatever type are actively sought.** And, thank you for giving this consideration.

The storage trailer, parked in the Veterans Hall parking lot has sustained vandalism damage. Alternative parking of this unit is imperative. Perhaps someone among our VVA membership, will take an active role and visit RV storage businesses to see what alternative might be found?

The old storage trailer was sold for \$600 and these funds offset the total cost our or new storage trailer.

VVA-535 member Tom Woollard is working hard to line up guest speakers for upcoming VVA – 535 meetings. Thank you, Tom.

Victorian Christmas kitchen crew and booth workers are still needed. The needs yet to be filled will be known when the readership receives an updated shift schedule.

Brownie Preparation: Preparation of plain and nutted brownies for Victorian Christmas remains a conundrum. We are absolutely realizing how valuable the preparation of brownies for years on end by Harold and Patricia Graves has been. **Ricardo Fuentes** (Thank You, Ricardo) has done a huge amount of investigation to find a solution for baking brownies. Ricardo made inquiries at as many as 13 bakeries but nothing was found that was affordable. SaveMart came the closest but their product does not meet our needs. We are stumbling, and only a partial solution is in the offing.

Upcoming Events

General Meeting ..Dec. 7, 2017 (X-mas dinner at Veterans Hall, Grass Valley)
 Director’s MeetingDec. 21, 2017
 CSC Full Council - January 26-28, 2018, Fresno
 - April 27– 29,2018,Fresno
 - August 24 – 26, 2018, Fresno
 VVA Leadership Conference, Palm Springs, CA
 July 22 – 30, 2018
 NCCVC meeting. 10:00 a.m. Dec. 7, 2017
 Victorian Christmas – Dec. 3, 10, 13, 17, 20, 2017

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 8:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:00 are “Walk-In” days.

**VVA Calls for Passage of Bill to Repeal
 Amendments to Controlled Substance Act
 and to Ensure Access to Effective Pain
 Treatments
 Oct. 23, 2017**

“Vietnam Veterans of America strongly urges passage of Senate Bill 1960, co-sponsored by Sen. Claire McCaskill (D – MO) and Sen. Joe Manchin III (D – WV), which would repeal the amendments made to the *Controlled Substances Act* by the *Ensuring Patient Access and Effective Drug Enforcement Act of 2016*,” said John Rowan, National President of VVA. “The opioid

epidemic confronting America is a growing public health crisis from which none of us are immune. The impact of this epidemic is felt by veterans and their families across the country. The Drug Enforcement Agency is one of our first lines of defense against this all-consuming disease. The DEA must be permitted to enhance its law-enforcement efforts to fight the opioid epidemic and prosecute those responsible for fueling it," said Rowan.

"Vietnam veterans suffer a variety of sustained and chronic injuries and afflictions, including exposure to the herbicide Agent Orange. Many of these veterans have been living with chronic pain for more than 40 years, and the access they have to medications and treatments is often the difference between being productive and being bedridden," noted Rowan. "Whether the pain stems from head trauma, spinal chord injury, or amputation, there must be a variety of options available to treat the unique symptoms our veterans are experiencing. The rise in prescription drug abuse threatens to stifle these options for fear of the further spread of abuse and misuse. We must not let that happen."

"Make no mistake, prescription drug abuse is a grave concern within the veterans' community," said Rowan, "and we support proactive measures to educate veterans of this threat and to encourage responsible prescribing to ensure that these medicines stay out of the hands of those who abuse and misuse them. However, we cannot allow for the abuse dynamic to restrict the veterans' access to the highest quality medications and treatments needed to relieve their pain. Addressing the opioid crisis requires a multifaceted approach, involving everyone, including the prescribers, pharmaceutical companies, mental-health professionals, pharmacists, federal and state agencies, and professional organizations, such as the American Medical Association."

Note: Latest Action: 10/16/2017. Read twice and referred to the Senate Committee on the Judiciary.

Army looks for new ways to address misbehaving generals

By Lolita C. Baldor | AP September 24



An aerial view of the Pentagon. The Army is putting together a series of new mental health, counseling and career management programs to shape stronger, more ethical leaders. The move is an effort to grappling with an embarrassing rash of misconduct and behavior problems among senior officers.

WASHINGTON — Struggling with an embarrassing series of misconduct and behavior problems among senior officers, the Army is putting together new mental health, counseling and career management programs to shape stronger, more ethical leaders.

The programs stem from a broader worry across the military about the need to bolster professionalism within the officer corps while holding accountable those who abuse their power. The Army plan appears to focus more on building character than berating bad conduct.

In recent years, general officers from the one-

star to four-star level have violated the military code of conduct they've lived under and enforced — often for decades. Some infractions involved extramarital affairs, inappropriate relationships with subordinates or improper use of government funds. “The idea that we’ll be perfect, I think, is unrealistic, but we can be better and we strive to be better,” said Lt. Gen. Ed Cardon, tasked by the Army’s top officer to review the problem and devise ways to strengthen the senior officer corps. “Competence is no longer enough. Character is as or even more important.”

Among the incidents fueling the order was the suicide of Maj. Gen. John Rossi shortly before he was to become lieutenant general and assume control of Space and Missile Defense Command. Army leaders worry they missed opportunities to deal with the high levels of stress and self-doubt that reportedly led Rossi to hang himself.

In the past nine months, the Army found two senior officers guilty of misconduct, forcing them out of their jobs and demoting them as they retired. One lost two stars; the other lost three.

“We recognized senior executive leaders, with varying amounts of stress, lacked a holistic program that focuses on comprehensive health,” said Gen. Mark Milley, the Army’s chief of staff. The military has strived to combat stress disorders, suicide and other problems, he said, but the focus often has been on enlisted troops or lower-ranking officers.

A new emphasis on senior leaders is needed, he said. In an interview with The Associated Press, Cardon said several pilot programs have started

and others are under discussion. The Army, he said, needs to better help officers manage stress, organize calendars, make time for physical fitness, take time off and reach out to mentors or coaches for support. Cardon said a key effort is finding ways to build self-control and self-awareness, ensuring officers and their families can quickly recognize and deal with problems that arise. Ethical behavior should be reinforced.

“Most generals are very good at morphing themselves,” Cardon said. “They can be with the troops and they present this persona. They can be with the secretary and they present that persona. They’re very good at it and they get even better. The challenge is how do you uncover all that, and I think this is where that self-awareness, self-control, self-mastery has to help us out.”

Accurate numbers of senior Army leaders who have been disciplined or fired from a job for bad behavior are limited and unreliable. Some officers quietly retire or move to a different post, sometimes with an official reprimand in the file. Or sometimes without. In response to a request for data, the Army said there have been nine general officers “relieved of duty” among active duty, the National Guard and Army Reserves since 2012. Two high-profile cases in which senior officers were forced out and demoted weren’t included in those statistics due to complicated legal or administrative reasons, making it clear the numbers underestimate the problem.

One pilot program, said Cardon, creates a one-stop health care facility replacing the military’s often far-flung, disjointed, multistep system. It’s modeled after executive clinics that take a more in-depth, holistic approach to medical care.

Other ideas focus on time management, encouraging high-level officers to take longer vacations. He said every general should take 10 to 14 uninterrupted days off each year to unplug, breaking with a military culture making them believe they're too important to disconnect.

On schedules, officers would be urged not to overbook themselves. Packing their calendars with events all day and every evening can increase stress and make it difficult to prioritize.

The role that chaplains, mentors, executive coaches and colleagues can play is being studied, and how individual or group discussions might help.

Too often, three-star and four-star generals working as base commanders are posted in remote locations around the world and have few or no equals in rank to socialize with or ask for advice. They can become isolated, ego-driven or surrounded by subordinates afraid to challenge them on inappropriate behavior. A possibility, said Cardon, are programs strengthening officers' relationships with spouses, who often notice problems first. Ninety percent of the approximately 330 active duty generals are married, he said.

Army officials stress only a minority of general officers are problems. "We have tolerated people doing things they shouldn't be doing because we say all of them are extremely competent and really good at what they do. And that's not good enough now because you're not only damaging yourself, you're damaging the institution," Cardon said. "We have great trust with the American people, every time one of

these things happens, you're putting a nick in that."

Army Personnel Chief: No Change in Standards for Mental Health Waivers

Military.com | 13 Nov 2017 | by Matthew Cox

The U.S. [Army](#) said Monday it has made no changes to its policy for granting mental health waivers to recruits entering the service.

A statement from Lt. Gen. Thomas C. Seamands, deputy chief of staff for Army personnel (G1), came a day after USA Today reported that people with a history of self-mutilation, bipolar disorder, depression, and drug and alcohol abuse can now seek waivers to join the service under an unannounced policy enacted in August.

"Recent reports that the Army has changed medical entrance standards for those with mental health issues are inaccurate," Seamands said in the statement. "The Army has made no such policy change and follows the accession standards prescribed by the Department of Defense."

USA Today reported the decision to open Army recruiting to those with mental health conditions comes as the service faces the challenging goal of recruiting 80,000 new soldiers through September 2018.

To meet last year's goal of 69,000, the Army accepted more recruits who fared poorly on aptitude tests, increased the number of waivers granted for marijuana use, and offered hundreds of millions of dollars in bonuses, the outlet reported. The Army, however, said it made a "simple, administrative change" to how waiver requests are approved, Seamands said.

"Previously, these waiver requests could only be

approved at the Department of Army Headquarters level," Seamands said. "What the Army has done is change the delegation authority over who may consider a waiver, allowing those requests to be reviewed and approved by U.S. Army Recruiting Command, or in the case of the [National Guard](#), by the State Adjutant General."

Seamands said that a child who received behavioral counseling at age 10 would be "forever banned from military service were it not for the ability to make a waiver request."

"We're not prepared to close the door on such individuals who are otherwise medically, mentally and physically qualified for military service," he said. "We think this is the right thing for our Army, and the selfless young men and women who wish to serve."

The statement, however, didn't address whether the Army granted waivers to individuals who had practiced self-mutilation, such as slashing the skin with sharp instruments -- a behavior that can signal deeper mental health issues, according to USA Today.

McCain: Military personnel's 100-hour work weeks must stop

By: Karen Jowers November 15, 2017. Military Times

Senators made it clear to Defense Department nominees at a nomination hearing Tuesday that they expect action to address problems with military personnel readiness.

"I look you in the eye and tell you a 100-hour work week is too long for a young member of our armed forces," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee. "They are working 100-hour weeks. It has to stop. Otherwise you'll see more tragedies such as took place with recent

collisions."

McCain described it as a "military readiness crisis" that has affected every branch of service, with ship collisions, air crashes, vehicle accidents and personnel shortages in critical roles like aviation and cybersecurity.

"The department is struggling to make do with budgets that are too small, unpredictable and driven by politics rather than strategy," he said.

Unfortunately, he said, personnel and readiness are hardest hit by these budget issues.

McCain said when he recently visited with the families of sailors on the destroyer John S. McCain, 10 of whom were killed in the aftermath of a collision with a merchant vessel, they told him "they believe their young people were not provided with what they needed to effectively operate in defense of this country." An example of that, he said, is the 100-hour work week.

"Something's got to change," he said. I don't like looking at those mothers whose children's deaths could have been prevented. This is a serious issue. It's pretty obvious according to the chief of naval operations, that this could have been prevented. And Congress is also complicit in this almost criminal behavior."

McCain pointed to the shortage of pilots, noting that it will be a crisis. "I want a new look at this whole issue," he said. "If I had a priority for you, I would address that first." He urged the nominees — Anthony Kurta, nominated to be principal deputy undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, and James E. McPherson, to be Army general counsel — to visit pilots and ask why they joined the military.

"I know enough of them to know they joined the military to fly airplanes, not because they want more money. Money is an important factor, but

the defining factor is whether they're happy with their lifestyle and ability to fly airplanes and fly in combat."

A related issue is the Defense Officer Personnel Management Act, or DOPMA — a personnel system which McCain described as overly rigid, and one that requires pilots and others to assume numerous staff assignments and move every few years in order to be promoted. The senator said it's time to modernize the policy to improve efficiency and attract more qualified recruits.

DOPMA "served the military well for many years," Kurta said in response to a question from Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C. "For a large majority of the force, it works." But as the nature of warfare has changed, DOPMA is constraining, he said. He noted DoD needs flexibility to bring in talent needed in certain fields. Tillis urged Kurta "to get on a fast track" to provide lawmakers a "punch list" of ideas for modernizing the system.

McCain noted that Kurta has held senior positions in personnel and readiness over the last three years, during a time when readiness has declined to "a nearly unprecedented level." He highlighted numerous cases of senior officer misconduct, a crisis in pilot and aircraft maintenance personnel retention, and DoD's roadblocks to the Armed Services Committee's attempts to streamline the military health care system.

Kurta said he didn't disagree with the premise, but took issue with the statement about military health care system reform. In the past eight months he's been the acting under secretary of defense for personnel and readiness, DoD has sent two reports on how DoD intends to enact military health systems reform, he said.

Writing Your Story for INCOMING

(Ongoing repeat solicitation)

Ideas for your story:

- Think about what you appreciated about the Vietnam experience. There is surely a means to segue into that with very little reflection on the negative aspects of war.
- What did you appreciate about the Vietnamese people during your deployment?
- Can you steer away from the bad stuff and reflect on the best experience you had in the Nam?
- Surely you had a close buddy and you supported each other. Maybe there is a story in that.
- What really got you through the day-to-day anxieties and fears? There might be a positive recollection in that regard.
- How did your experience instill in you a sense of patriotism that you possibly express every day of your life.

So far we have heard from Ruud, Epps, Chaix, Hamer, current Marine LCpl. Jesse Hernandez, Kent Hawley, and Mike Laborico. (Thank you!)

No writer needs to dwell on the negatives of war. Each of us who was there lived the negatives, and all of us are better people for having served, especially when we look at how we matured as a result of our experiences. Each of us has derived a sense of being and an energy that is different from what it might have been had we not been sent across the pond.

Do share with us, in your own words, something of that chapter of your life. And, thank you for your service.

Forward your story to Bart Ruud at bruud45@gmail.com or hand deliver to Bart.

Veterans can register now for chance at early access to online military exchange shopping

By: Karen Jowers June 5, 2017 Military Times

All honorably discharged veterans interested in shopping online at the military exchanges can begin their verification process immediately, exchange officials said, and some may be able to shop prior to the program's full launch.

Some veterans who register at VetVerify.org will be invited to be beta testers, with the ability to shop online earlier than the planned Nov. 11 launch date. Officials said the sooner veterans register on the site, the better their chances of being chosen as a beta tester.

The exchange websites offer tax-free shopping, as well as discounted pricing. Actual online pricing can be seen only by those who are authorized to shop at the websites: shopmyexchange.com; shopcgx.com; mymcx.com; and mynavyexchange.com.

VetVerify.org uses information from the Defense Department's Defense Manpower Data Center to verify a veteran's status; veterans will receive notification of their acceptance as online shoppers or, if their records are incomplete, will receive guidance on the steps they can take to update those records.

Doing this process ahead of time will allow veterans to start shopping Nov. 11, or earlier if they are among the "beta testers" chosen to try out the system in advance of the launch.

This new benefit, which would increase the online shopping base by an estimated 13 million veterans, applies only to shopping online at the military exchanges, not at the physical buildings on military installations. Until now, online military exchange shopping was available only to active-duty, reserve and Guard members,

retirees, 100 percent disabled veterans and their dependent family members, and certain others.

"It's an honor to now provide this service and benefit to our well-deserving veterans. Once a Marine, always a Marine," said Cindy Whitman Lacy, Marine Corps Exchange Director of Business and Support Services at Headquarters Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs, in a statement today announcing the verifying website.

"This initiative is one of many ways to keep our community connected."

Army and Air Force Exchange Service CEO Tom Shull formally proposed the idea of expanding the benefit to honorably discharged veterans on May 14, 2014, noting that it would provide a modest benefit to those who had served but left the military short of retirement.

"The exchanges began working to recognize the service of millions of veterans without exchange privileges while generating additional financial support for critical budget-constrained quality-of-life programs," Shull said, in a statement. "We are proud to stand with our sister exchanges as we welcome our veterans home to their military family and protect and preserve hard-earned military benefits."

The exchanges currently provide more than \$300 million a year from their profits to support military quality of life programs. The veterans online shopping benefit is expected to increase that monetary support. In a Jan. 18 DoD memo, officials noted that AAFES will invest about \$1.8 million a year to cover costs associated with the expansion of the online platform. If 0.3 percent of the newly eligible veteran group, or about 45,000 veterans, shop online, that cost is expected to be recouped.

"We are excited to be welcoming our shipmates back to the NEX," said retired Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, CEO of Navy Exchange Service Command, in a statement. "Inviting veterans to shop online is just another way for us to honor them for their patriotism and service to our country."



the Middleton's Annual Christmas Get together

Sat 12/16 Sun 12/17
1PM - 5PM

While you are out and about shopping and other holiday errands...

TAKE A BREAK
share Holiday cheer and good tidings with friends

JoAnne's Snow Village and other festive decorations

Enjoy
Dave's Chili
Homemade Soups
Homemade Christmas Cookies
Coaco/Cider/Coffee
BYOB
ALL ARE WELCOME

STAY AS SHORT OR AS LONG AS YOU LIKE

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Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) is the only national Vietnam veterans organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families.

We are a non-profit 501 veterans organization, with our local Nevada County Chapter 535 formed in 1992.

Over the past 25 years, VVA Nevada County Chapter has supported many community efforts including Meals-On-Wheels, local high school scholarships, emergency one-time financial help for veterans, and Information and Referral services for veterans. More recently, our local chapter provides direct financial support to Friends of Vinh Son, a group of Montagnard (mountain people) orphanages neglected by the Vietnamese government.

To fund our community efforts, our VVA Chapter depends on our members fundraising activities. Our primary fundraising activity is during the weeks of Victorian Christmas, when our members sell hot cider, hot chocolate, and homemade brownies from our booth in Nevada City.

Our current need is to have a location available to store our approximately 8'x16' trailer containing our booth equipment and supplies for about 11 months out of the year, when the trailer is unused. As a business entity, the value of your space donation should be tax deductible and would be very much appreciated by our VVA Chapter and those we serve. An IRS tax ID Number can be provided.

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

Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, or in **any duty location** between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (_____) _____ Cell Phone: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____ Gender: _____

(Optional) Chapter Number: _____ Sponsor: _____

_____ I am already a VVA member and I want to become a Life Member. My VVA Number is _____.

Type of Membership: Individual _____ 1 year @ \$20. Individual _____ 3 years @ \$50.
Life Membership: _____ \$100. (Check type of membership)

ATTENTION New members and new life members: You must submit a copy of your DD-214 form along with this application and dues payment.

Payment Method: ___ Check ___ Money Order ___ Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, AMEX, Discover)

Credit Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Return your completed application, payment and a copy of your DD-214 to:

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November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 VVA General Meeting	3	4
5 Daylight Savings Begins	6	7 Election Day	8	9	10 US Marine Corps established 1775	11 Veterans Day Parade
12	13	14	15	16 VVA Director's Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 <u>Thanksgiving</u> <u>Day</u>	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3 Victorian Christmas	4	5	6	7 VVA-535 Christmas Dinner	8	9
10 Victorian Christmas	11	12	13 Victorian Christmas	14	15	16 Wreaths Across America
17 Victorian Christmas	18	19	20 Victorian Christmas	21 Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	22	23
24	25 <u>Christmas</u>	26	27	28	29	30
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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 New Year's Day	2	3	4 VVA General Meeting	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	16	17 Operation Desert Storm began 1991	18 VVA Board Meeting	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Signing of Vietnam Peace Accord 1973
28	29	30	31			

February

2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 VVA General Meeting	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Boy Scouts of America founded 1910	9	10
11	12 Lincoln's Birthday	13	14 Valentine's Day	15 VVA Board Meeting	16	17
18	19 President's Day US Marines Landed on Iwo Jima 1945	20	21	22 Washington's Birthday	23	24 Operation Desert Storm ground campaign began 1991
25	26	27	28			