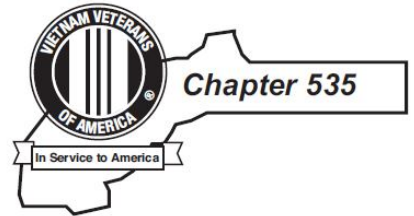




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VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE AUGUST 2019

I would like to thank all of those who participated in the 4th of July parade. We had an outstanding turnout and filled the bed of that deuce and a half. We presented Bill Slade and Son with a plaque honoring him for his contribution to VVA every year. We took pictures with his entire family. He really appreciated our acknowledgment. It was great to see Gary Barnes in attendance. I believe he actually walked the entire parade route. Good for you Gary! It was encouraging to see the people along the parade route stand and applaud when our unit passed by. We also got our picture in the Union newspaper. We did get some interesting stares from the police regarding our fake M-16's. A special thanks goes out to **Leo LaBrie** for compiling and publishing the 2019-2020 VVA membership directory. We will have them ready for distribution at our August meeting. Several meetings ago, we heard from our Veteran Service Officer, David West. We asked him to prepare a checklist our family could follow in case something happened to us. After a discussion I had with him it was decided to just inform your family to contact him should something happen. Some issues are too complex to be covered by a checklist. This way you will have the assurance everything will be

taken care of and your family will know all bases are covered. This will insure you (your family) receive all the benefits entitled to you.

We held a special meeting of the Board of Directors on July 3rd and discussed the purchase of a new pop-up tent for use by our chapter at special events. Dave Middleton and Dick Corn were appointed to purchase a new pop-up. The meeting was somewhat chaotic but we did accomplish something!

August 1st is the next meeting of our chapter. Please come prepared to sign up for fair duty. As of this writing the schedule looks pretty slim. This is very easy duty. Just sit in the booth and interact with people who may have questions. Vietnam vets usually stop by and chat, this is a good time to recruit them. We need help with set up on August 6th and take down August 12th. This is easy stuff! There are 30 spots to fill on the calendar. All four-hour shifts starting at 1000 hours and ending at 2300 hours. Two members for each shift are required. We have approximately 70 members. This calendar should be easy to fill. You may also work more than one shift. In years past, some of our members have worked over 10 hours in the booth due to lack of sign-ups. This is not what we want to happen again. If we do not get enough sign-ups I will ask the Board of Directors permission to cancel our involvement. Lets make it happen!

We may need a Secretary to fill Gary Barnes spot depending on his health so think about it. We will cover this at our meeting.

On a side note in closing. My wife and I celebrated our anniversary in Las Vegas a few weeks ago and attended a concert with Reba McEntire and Brooks and Dunn. At the end of their performance they sang a song about America. The curtain behind them raised and there was a military honor guard saluting the audience. This brought everyone to their feet. Fantastic!

VVA Chapter 535 Mission Statement

To foster camaraderie among members and assist those with disabling mental and physical injuries, to promote the welfare of our brethren affected by the war, and to engender public understanding of the sacrifice, patriotism and bravery of those who served, those who gave all, and those left behind.

Attention

If you do not drive and need a ride to a meeting or any VVA-535 function, please contact Bart Ruud or any local VVA -535 member and we will do our best to arrange transportation for you.

Guest Speaker for August 6, 2019

Mike Underwood will provide us with a summary of his observations at the VVA National Convention in Spokane, WA.

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Upcoming Events

- NCCVC Meeting – August 1, 2019
- General Meeting – August 1, 2019
- Director’s Meeting – August 1, 2019
- Nevada County Fair – August 7 – 11, 2019
- CSC Meeting Fresno – Aug. 23-25, 2019
- Roamin’ Angels Car Show – 9/6 – 9/8, 2019
- Nevada County All Veterans Stand Down –
October 18 – 19, 2019
- Victorian Christmas – Dec. 8,11,15,18, 22, 2019

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 Thursday, 9:00 to 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:00 is a
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 Monday – Friday, 8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 5:00
 p.m.

Matters of interest as outlined at Board Meeting of July 3, 2019

Thanks are extended to Dick Corn and Tom Woollard who took charge of ordering VVA-535 polo shirts. The two-dozen shirts ordered have arrived and are available at \$25, which included the shirt and VVA-535 embroidery.

NCCVC discussions with the Nevada County Fair officials regarding potential development of a Veterans Pavilion at the fairgrounds broke down when a fee schedule for Veterans groups not previously grandfathered in were apparently considered prohibitively expensive. VVA-535 will have a booth, as it has for decades.

The shadow-box in the basement hallway has been completed and with that, determinations need to be made as to what to display in the shadow-box.

Discussion continued regarding the need to obtain a new pop-up shelter for possible use at the Nevada County Fair and at Victorian Christmas. The Board approved an expenditure of up to \$500 for a quality unit.

Mike Underwood will attend the VVA National Convention in Spokane July 15- 20.

A new Membership Directory organized by Leo LaBrie with assistance from Ric Sheridan is available for distribution Appreciation is extended to Leo for the considerable effort he put into development of this directory.

Please Keep Gary Barnes in your thoughts and prayers as he continues medical treatment.

Secrets of Flying - What You May Not Know

Source: <http://www.postfun.com/travel> | June 30, 2019

If you’re flying somewhere for a trip, it helps to know what you’re getting yourself into before checking in at the airport. Flight attendants know all too well the habits of frequent flyers and families who are confused as they wrangle their kids onto a plane for what will be their only vacation that year. There are plenty of things that annoy your flight attendants, but they can only grin and bear it. But if you really knew what was going on behind that smile,

you'd be in for a surprise. In addition there are a number of things you may not be aware of that are going on around you during the flight. Following are a few of them:

Do Not Walk Barefoot -- Do not ever walk barefoot once on board the plane. Everything including baby urine, blood, vomit, and milk have all been spilled on the floor of a plane. You just read how often they clean the trays and blankets, so how familiar do you think the vacuums are with those floors? The gamble is yours to take. Basically, airplanes are giant cabins you're stuck in where germs can manifest at any time. But it's totally still the safest way to travel. Just bring plenty of penicillin with you!

Backhanded -- Have you ever noticed that flight attendants always seem to greet passengers with their hands clasped behind their backs? Turns out that there's a good reason airline employees do this. Hiding their hands makes it easier to conduct a head count as people enter the plane – they're keeping count on their fingers! If you saw them counting on their fingers in front of you, you probably wouldn't think too highly of them. The trust between the attendant and passenger must never be broken.

Don't Forget Your Headphones -- Next time you travel, be sure to bring your own headphones. Airline-issued headphones are sometimes free, and sometimes not. And let's be honest, you're never going to reuse those flimsy things. They're more likely to break in your bag on the way back home. Depending on the length of your flight, there's more than likely in-flight entertainment that you'll want to view. You wouldn't want to have to pay for headphones to enjoy the movie.

Don't Go To the Airport Starbucks -- Starbucks may be delicious and addicting, but it could be better for you if you skip that long line. For one, you can get free coffee on your flight so

you would be saving money. Secondly, if you are flying Alaska Airlines or Delta, you get a complimentary Starbucks as part of their services. This is something flight attendants definitely want you to know. It saves them time not making you coffee and you don't get gross coffee with water possibly from the toilet. We call that a win-win!

Is the Mile-High Club a Thing? -- For as long as humans have been traveling by plane, the idea of the "mile-high club" has been glamorized. But considering what we know about airplane bathrooms (let's be real — they're tiny, the lighting is awful, and they don't always smell so good), a mid-flight romp isn't all its chocked up to be. What's more, flight attendants carefully watch the bathrooms, so even going inside of the bathroom with another person and getting away with it is nearly impossible. If you do get caught, you could face serious repercussions, including indecent exposure.

What's the Deal With Air Marshals? -- Think there's an air marshal on every flight? Not quite. While the exact number of air marshals isn't public information, CNN reported that the number of air marshals was being cut by around 3,500 back in 2014. Still, you never know when you might be sitting next to one on your flight. Air marshals wear "normal" clothing, but are armed on flights, as their presence is to protect against a terrorist attack.

The Brace Position Isn't a Myth -- When flight attendants go over the safety procedures before a flight, they detail the "brace position," in which passengers put their head towards their knees and cup the back of their head lightly. But for years, some conspiracy theorists have claimed that the brace position is actually deadly. On the contrary, this position helps compact the body, protecting the vital organs from injury. The topic has been so hotly debated that Myth Busters even did an episode on it.

Medical Emergencies Happen -- Medical emergencies can happen any time — even mid-flight! Luckily, flight attendants and the rest of the crew are trained accordingly to handle a series of situations that may be thrown their way. Flight attendants are trained to act as first responders in the event that there is a medical emergency during a flight. This includes things like CPR and the Heimlich maneuver. All planes are also equipped with defibrillators and first aid kits if a passenger may need care during a flight. If there is a more grave situation, the flight attendants might ask if there is a doctor on board. A pilot may also choose to divert and ground the plane, which usually takes just 15 or so minutes, unless it is an overseas flight.

VA Hearing Loss Fixes - Top Service-Connected Disability Among Vets

Source: DAV News | Bryan Lett | June 18, 2019

The word “disability” conjures different images in the mind, but by far the most prevalent service-connected disability among veterans isn’t even visible to the naked eye. In 2017, more than 1.7 million veterans received compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for tinnitus, and more than 1.1 million veterans received compensation for hearing loss—representing the top 2 service-connected disabilities among veterans. “It is a significant problem in the veteran community, and one that flies a little too far under the radar,” said National Service Director Jim Marszalek. “It can have such a far-reaching and devastating impact on someone’s quality of life.”

And indeed, for individuals like DAV life member Dr. Bruce Douglas, the impact of suffering from hearing loss can

oftentimes be crippling in their daily lives. “Unfortunately, my experiences in the Navy caused an acoustic traumatic event that eventually led to my hearing disability,” said Douglas, a World War II and Korean War veteran. “Because of my hearing situation, there were some aspects of life that I had to adjust. I started to stare at people when they talked to me, as I was subconsciously learning to read lips. Lord knows how many times in my life that my hearing impairment affected my relationships with the outside world.”

According to Dr. Rachel McArdle, national director of audiology and speech pathology for the VA, the most common type of hearing loss among veterans is high-frequency sensorineural hearing loss—generally caused by noise exposure, age or both—which results in difficulty distinguishing sounds or understanding speech. And, she says, it’s critical when veterans believe they are experiencing hearing loss or tinnitus to get a proper assessment and the right care for their problems. “When hearing loss is untreated, psychological effects can include low self-confidence, frustration, embarrassment and depression,” said McArdle. “Adults with hearing loss have difficulty participating fully in conversations at work, at home and may withdraw from social situations.”

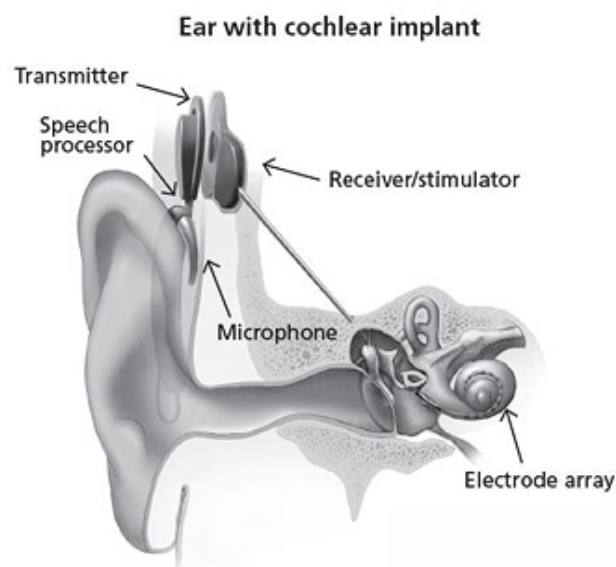
Military occupations, from flight lines to firearms, put veterans at particular risk. Because this disability can be particularly damaging to a sufferer’s career, it can exacerbate other problems that affect nearly every aspect of daily

living and basic human interaction, which is why getting the proper care and treatment is so vital. The most common treatments for high-frequency sensorineural hearing loss are hearing aids—which provide amplification mainly in the frequency region where the user has a hearing loss—and cochlear implants.

In 2018, the VA issued 786,741 hearing aids to veterans, but it is the cochlear implant that helped Douglas the most. “Cochlear implant devices have two primary parts: the internal implant and the external sound processor,” said Nancy Cambron, chair of the Veterans Health Administration’s Cochlear Implant Advisory Board. “The implant is placed in the ear by a surgeon who specializes in ear surgery. Surgery is typically an outpatient procedure done under general anesthesia and lasts two to three hours. Patients are given two to four weeks to heal, during which time they will not hear anything from the implant. After the site has healed, they return to an audiologist who programs the external sound processor.”

Most sound processors look like a behind-the-ear hearing aid with a cable attached to a coil and magnet. Sound enters the microphones where it is processed and converted to electrical pulses, which are then transmitted to the internal implant via the coil that attaches to the head by a magnet. The electrical pulses stimulate the hearing nerve, the signal travels to the brain, and the patient can hear. “Cochlear implants can greatly improve hearing for people who have hearing losses ranging from moderate to profound, poor ability to understand speech, and who obtain limited benefit from hearing aids,” said

Cambron. “It may take three to 12 months for a new implant user to obtain maximum benefit from a cochlear implant. It is critical that implant recipients use the sound processor consistently to allow their brains to become accustomed to the new sounds.”



Douglas, who got his first set of hearing aids in 1980, thought he may have missed his opportunity to try cochlear implants. “I found my way to a VA hospital’s audiology department, where I started to get appropriate care,” said Douglas. “At the time, I thought my hearing aids were working relatively well. I knew about cochlear implants but was convinced that, at age 90, it was too late for me. I cannot even begin to express my appreciation to the two audiologists at the VA hospital for their support in encouraging me to have cochlear implant surgery on my almost-deaf right ear.”

Douglas said that the VA remained by his side while his brain worked overtime to teach his right and left ears to “talk” to

each other, enabling him to remain active in his academic and professional life. "I returned to the real world of hearing," said Douglas. "My hearing aid and cochlear implant are working amazingly well together, but it was the implant that introduced me to a world of sound that I could not have known existed if I had not had the implant surgery done. I strongly encourage any and all veterans who are suffering from hearing loss to take it seriously and seek an appointment with their local VA audiologists."

With his hearing improving, Douglas has been able to stay active and continue his career as a professor of health and aging at the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health. "Assuming that the future will bring more miracles, I am hoping that most of them happen before the year 2025, when I reach my 100th birthday," Douglas said with a laugh. The VA offers comprehensive care services to veterans with hearing loss, tinnitus or both. Veterans experiencing hearing loss or tinnitus should contact their local VA audiology department for assistance in obtaining a comprehensive audiology evaluation.

Warships That Will Change The Future - HSV-2 Swift

Source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/HSV-2_Swift | June 2019



The HSV-2 Swift is a high speed warship which is primarily used to rapidly ferry troops and goods from one location to another around the world. And with its double, catamaran style hull, the boat can really move. The Swift was recently leased out to the United Arab Emirates for use for their war in Yemen. It was actually almost sunk by Houthi militants who had gotten ahold of an anti-ship missile, but was able to be towed to Eritrea.

HSV-2 Swift was originally built under the JHSV program as a proof of concept. As part of this program, she was directly leased for evaluation from her builders by the United States Navy Military Sealift Command from 2003 to 2013, primarily as a mine countermeasures and sea basing test platform. Later during her official naval career she was mostly used for fleet support and humanitarian partnership missions.

The ship is a wave-piercing, aluminum-hulled, commercial hybrid catamaran with military enhancements, such as a helicopter flight deck, vehicle deck, small boat and unmanned vehicle launch and recovery capability, and a

communications suite. She features a new, modular design, which will allow her to be refitted to support missions without requiring long shipyard periods. While from the front the vessel looks like a trimaran, the center hull does not rest in the water and is not used for buoyancy. As a logistics vessel, the ship does not have water-tight compartments or weapons systems. Propulsion is provided by directional water jets, so the ship does not have propellers or a rudder for steering, and can maneuver in 3.7 m (12 ft) of water.

The HSV stands for "High Speed Vessel", and her home port while chartered as a MSC vessel was Naval Amphibious Base Little Creek in Norfolk, Virginia. The vessel had two CONMAR crews that typically rotated every three months to keep the ship deployed eleven months per year. The minimum crew size is 35; during her time with the MSC 18 were military with the balance civilian, provided through American Maritime Officers and Seafarers International Union of the United States Merchant Marine. On rare occasion that she was in a United States port, it was usually Naval Station Mayport, Florida, supporting the Fourth Fleet or Charleston, South Carolina, for major maintenance. Rota, Spain, was considered by the crew to be the "Mediterranean home away from home."

General Characteristics

Displacement: 1,668 long tons (1,695 t)

Length: 321.5 ft. (98.0 m)

Beam: 88.6 ft. (27 m)

Draft: 11.15 ft. (3.40 m)

Propulsion: Caterpillar 3618 marine diesel engines

Speed: 45 knots (52 mph) maximum, 30 knots (35 mph) operating

Range: 3,500 nmi (4,000 mi)

Capacity: Approximately 605 long tons (615 t).
Approximately 28,740 sq. ft. cargo deck

Complement: 17 Contract Mariners; berthing for 107 w/additional temporary berthing for 87 when seating is converted.

Crew: 35

Armament: 4 x .50 caliber M2 Browning machine gun mounts.

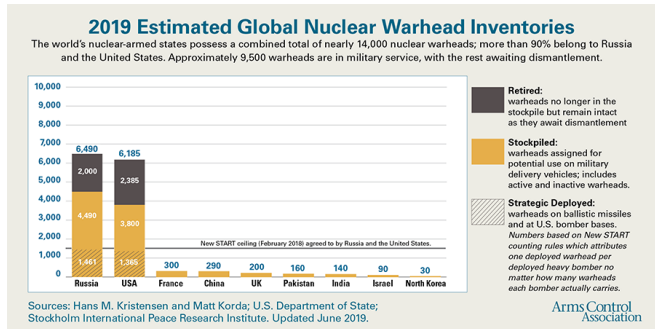
Nuclear Weapons Arsenal Update - Warheads 2019 vs. 2018

Defense News | Kelsey Reichmann | June 16, 2019

The number of warheads has decreased over the past year, even as countries continue to modernize their nuclear forces, according to an annual assessment of global nuclear arms. The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute released the SIPRI Yearbook 2019 on the current state of armaments, disarmament and international security. The report found that 13,865 warheads in existence at the start of 2019 were owned by nine nations: the United States, Russia, the United Kingdom, France, China, India, Pakistan, Israel and North Korea. The year before hosted an arsenal of 14,465 warheads.

"A key finding is that despite an overall decrease in the number of nuclear warheads in 2018, all nuclear weapon- possessing states continue to modernize their nuclear arsenals," Jan Eliasson, SIPRI Governing Board chair ambassador and former deputy secretary-general of the United Nations, said in a news release. The U.S. and Russia were the only nations that decreased their warhead inventory, by 265 and 350 respectively, according to the report. The U.K., China, Pakistan, North Korea and possibly Israel all increased their number of warheads, SIPRI

found. India and France saw no changes to the size of their arsenals.



One big cause of the decrease in arsenal size, according to SIPRI, is the implementation of the New START Treaty between the U.S. and Russia, meant to reduce and set limits on ballistic missiles. The two nations produce more than 90 percent of the world's nuclear arms. The U.S. and Russia announced in 2018 that they had met the limits of the New START Treaty. But if an extension is not implemented, the treaty will expire in 2021. The U.S. is in the process of modernizing its nuclear arsenal per the Trump administration 2018 Nuclear Posture Review, which put forth measures to continue a modernization program started by the Obama administration. However, the NPR moves away from reducing nuclear weapons and instead sets a plan to develop new versions while and modifying others.

The U.S. hopes to achieve its goals by expanding nuclear options to include low-yield nuclear weapons, which will expand capabilities associated with submarine-launched ballistic missiles. This would add to a U.S. arsenal that already contains 1,000 gravity bombs and air-launched cruise missiles with low-yield warhead options, according to the SIPRI report. The NPR claims these new capabilities are necessary without evidence that the existing arsenal is insufficient. The SIPRI report notes that America's focus on its nonstrategic nuclear arsenal could push other nations in that same direction.

"Russia's decisions about the size and composition of its non-strategic nuclear arsenal appear to be driven by the USA's superiority in conventional forces and not by the US non-strategic nuclear arsenal or by weapons yield," according to the SIPRI report. "Instead, pursuit of a new [submarine-launched cruise missile] to 'provide a needed non-strategic regional presence' in Europe and Asia could — especially when combined with the parallel expansion of US long-range conventional strike capabilities — strengthen Russia's reliance on non-strategic nuclear weapons and potentially could even trigger Chinese interest in developing such a capability," the report adds. SIPRI data shows Russia has about 4,330 nuclear warheads; approximately 1,830 of them are categorized as nonstrategic.

In 2018, Russia continued long-range operations over the Arctic, Atlantic and Pacific oceans. And in December, it also sent to Venezuela two Tu-160 planes, which are part of its long-range aviation command fleet. Russia also fired air-launched cruise missiles from a Tu-160 bomber over northern Russia in November, which caught attention because the number of cruise missiles launched.

China has an estimated 290 nuclear warheads. Though China is working to expand its nuclear forces, the report notes, it has said it's committed to a no-first-use policy. However, the report added that China has taken steps to improve its retaliation response. Rivals India and Pakistan each provide little information about the size of their nuclear arsenals. However, they have made separate statements about missile tests. India has an estimated 130-140 warheads, and Pakistan has an estimated 150-160 warheads. Both nations are estimated to have increased their arsenal by 10 to 20 warheads in the last year. North Korea has provided little transparency about its nuclear weapons capabilities, besides announcing missile tests afterward. It's estimated the

country has 20-30 warheads, which would be an increase of 10-20 warheads from a 2018 estimate.

The SIPRI report cites a lack of transparency from most nations in regard to nuclear stockpiles. The U.S., the U.K. and France have disclosed some information about their respective arsenals. Information from other nations is mainly based on missile tests and the supply of military fissile materials.

Orphanage website:

<https://www.friendsofvso.org>

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, Chuck Holmes, 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.

Nevada County Fair Planning

Our preplanning for development of a Veteran's Pavilion at the Nevada County Fair fell apart after lengthy discussion between the NCCVC and the Fair management team resolved that organizations other than the VVA would each have to submit substantial fees in order to participate. As no action was taken by other entities, e.g., VFW, American Legion, and the Marine Corps League, it is assumed the cost of participation was prohibitive. Therefore, the only Veteran organization that will have a presence at the fair will be VVA-535. There is hope the idea of a Veterans Pavilion might be resurrected for Year 2020.

Check our booth schedule and sign up to lend a hand. (See Page 15).

Roamin' Angels Car Show

Mike Hauser has offered every Veteran's organization in Nevada County the opportunity for a free booth at the September 6 – 8, 2019 car show to be staged at the Nevada County Fairgrounds. Mike notes that there is an anticipated attendance of 3,000. That would bode well for exposure to the public VVA-535 if it elected to participate.

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 _____.

Membership: Individual Life Membership: \$50. (Effective Oct. 20, 2018)

ATTENTION New 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:

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Chapter 535
P.O. Box 37
Grass Valley, CA 95945

Revised: January 2019

JUNE

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4 U.S. Coast Guard Established (1790)	5	6 VVA General Meeting & Board Meeting D-Day (1944)	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Flag Day Army's Birthday (1775)	15
16 Father's Day	17	18	19	20	21 First Day of Summer	22 Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress (1942) GI Bill Signed into Law (1944)
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 First US Ground Forces Arrived in Korea (1950)
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JULY

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 US Army Air Corps Established (1926)	3	4 VVA General Meeting & Board Meeting Independence Day Parade	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Final U.S. Ground Combat of Korean War Began (1953)	25	26	27 Korean War ended (1953)
28	29	30	31			

AUGUST

2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 VVA General Meeting & Board Meeting	2	3
4 Coast Guard Birthday	5 Hiroshima (1945)	6	7 Purple Heat Day	8	9 Nagasaki (1945)	10
11	12	13	14 Japan Surrendered (1945)	15 Allied Invasion of Southern France (1944)	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Ascension Day	30	31

NOTE – THIS SCHEDULE WILL VERY LIKELY CHANGE DUE to sign-ups

Nevada County Fair VVA-535 Booth Schedule V.2

August 7, 2019 - August 11, 2019

Project Chair: Dave Middleton

Set-Up: Tuesday, August 6, 2019. 1:00 p.m. Volunteers – Dave Chaix, Bart Ruud, Dick Corn, K. Grueneberg

Take-Down: Monday, August 12, 2018. Volunteers – Mike Laborico

Time Slot	10:00 – 2:00	2:00 – 6:00	6:00 – 10:00
Wed. Aug. 7, 2019 Booth Captain: D. Chaix	Name: D. Chaix Phone: Name: B. Ruud Phone:	Name: D. Chaix Phone: Name: B. Ruud Phone:	Name: D. Chaix Phone: Name: B. Ruud Phone:
Thurs. Aug. 8, 2019 Booth Captain: Dick Corn	Name: Dick Corn Phone: Name: Mike Laborico Phone:	Name: Pete Hidalgo Phone: Name: Phone:	Name: Phone: Name: Phone:
Fri. Aug. 9, 2019 Booth Captain: Dave Middleton	Name: D. Middleton Phone: Name: Phone:	Name: D. Middleton Phone: Name: Dale Epps Phone: 368-6156	Name: D. Middleton Phone: Name: Phone:
Sat. Aug. 10, 2019 Booth Captain: Keith Grueneberg	Name: K. Grueneberg Phone: Name: Phone:	Name: Phone: Name: Phone:	Name: Phone: Name: Phone:
Sun. Aug. 11, 2019 Booth Captain:	Name: Phone: Name: Phone:	Name: Phone: Name: Phone:	Name: Phone: Name: Phone: