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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

February 2011

21 President's day
24 Chapter Board Meeting

March

3 20:00 Regular Monthly meeting
9 Ash Wednesday
13 Daylight Savings Time begins
17 St. Patrick's Day
20 St. Patrick's Day parade and first day of Spring
31 Chapter Board Meeting

April

7 20:00 Regular Monthly Meeting CHAPTER
ELECTIONS TODAY
17 Palm Sunday
19 First day of Passover
22 Good Friday
24 Easter
28 Chapter Board Meeting

May

5 20:00 Regular Monthly meeting
8 Mother's Day
26 Chapter Board Meeting
30 Memorial Day, Watchfires

June

2 20:00 Regular Monthly meeting
4 June Scholarship applications due
4 June Chapter Pig Roast, Kearsing Edward's American
Legion Post
19 Father's day
21 First Day of Summer

***"Never again shall one generation of Veterans
abandon another."***

VVA-333 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NEWS FLASH, PRESIDENT ED HAS A MESSAGE FOR YOU!

Hello Fellow Veterans,

February - 2011

This winter of 2010-2011 is definitely one to remember. We have had more than enough cold weather and the snow looks like it will be here until May. Think positive.....Think Spring Yes believe it or not only 36 days until Spring officially begins. Spring has traditionally been a time of rebirth as nature starts the cycle of life. Our Chapter will also experience that rebirth through the elections process as we choose the officers and board members that will lead this organization for the upcoming 2011-2012 year. I encourage all chapter members to attend the April 7, 2011 meeting and participate in the selection process to elect our Chapter Leadership for the upcoming year. There is power in numbers, so show your support and come out and **VOTE.**

The Marine Corps League will hold the **Iwo Jima Luncheon**, on this coming Friday, February 18, 2011 at the Platzl Brauhaus, in Pomona. The luncheon is a special time to honor those World War II vets who were involved in the land, air, and sea battles of Iwo Jima. Please make every effort to attend this special ceremony to honor and make it a special day for the few remaining survivors of The **Greatest Generation.**

The **"Mementos, Memories Left At The Wall"** program is presently underway **Felix Festa Middle School.** The school administration, faculty, and students warmly received us last Thursday, February 10, 2011 during the Auditorium presentation. We had a really great turnout from more than a dozen members of the Chapter and I would like to thank each and every one of you for your support of this most worthy program. Our Museum Program will continue in the School Library through Thursday, February 17, 2011. All Chapter members are encouraged to stop by for a visit. It is an experience you will not forget. We visit **Nanuet High School** starting April 5, 2011. Details will follow.

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Just a reminder for all **Chapter Members** and **The Color Guard** to keep Sunday, March 20, 2011 open on your calendar to attend **The Pearl River Rockland County 2011 St. Patrick's Day Parade**.

The Scholarship Committee reports that the **2011 Scholarship Applications** will be available shortly and encourage all eligible Chapter members to participate in this generous program aimed at assisting Chapter family members with college expenses.

Applications are also available for the **Ruth Mae Seberry Grant**, which is offered to any returning Iraq or Afghan Vet, or family survivor who is a Rockland County resident and would like to return to school, a vocational training program, or who has a particular hardship. Please see applications for filing requirements and submit by the June 1, 2011 deadline.

Welcome Home,

Ed Frank

President



As President Ed finishes another term as our Chapter President, we wish him happy sailing, keep the wind to your back and your eyes on new adventures.

The Men & Women of VVA-333

CHAPTER PHOTO'S



Chapter 333 member Jay Fink's return to Vietnam 2010 finds his long lost brother in Marble Mountain.



Chapter 333 members giving Holiday Joy to the Rainbow Connection Child Care Learning Center in Nanuet where the combined family income is \$15,000.00 or less for these children.

VVA 333 - CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 333
2011 Scholarship Application

Return to:
Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter 333
PO Box 243
New City, NY 10956

Scholarship awards may be granted in the fields of Academics, Arts, or Vocational Studies and to be eligible the applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

Be the son/daughter, step-son/step-daughter, grandson/granddaughter, step-grandson, step-granddaughter of a V V A CHAPTER 333 MEMBER.

Have completed at least one full semester or a total of 12 college credits. Participate in an interview with the Scholarship Committee. The sponsoring V.V.A. Chapter 333 MEMBER must have been a member in good standing for 2 years and must have attended at least 6 scheduled meetings or events in the year immediately prior to the application deadline date.

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
Last First Middle
Address: _____
Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Phone #: _____
V.V.A. Member's Name: _____ V.V.A. Member Since: _____

APPLICANT'S EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION

High School Attended _____ GED (Yes/No) _____ Graduation Yr. _____
School Presently Attending: _____
Semesters Completed: _____ Total Credits: _____ Grade Point Average: _____
Professional/Career Major: _____

All applications must be postmarked no later that June 4, 2011 deadline and the following documents must be submitted along with this application:

An original school transcript with seal to be obtained from the University or College.

An essay describing your personal achievements, professional goals, ambitions and any previous volunteer or community service accomplishments.

Date _____ Applicant's Signature _____

VVA 333 - CHAPTER SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATION

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 333
 Special Needs Scholarship Application

Return to:

Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter 333
 PO Box 243
 New City, NY 10956

Scholarship awards may be granted in the fields of Academics, Arts, Vocational Studies, and or Special Needs and to be eligible the applicant must meet all of the following requirements:

Be the son/daughter, step-son/step-daughter, grandson/granddaughter, step-grandson/step-granddaughter of a V V A CHAPTER 333 MEMBER.

Parent of the special needs applicant must participate in an interview with the Scholarship Committee.

The sponsoring V V A CHAPTER 333 MEMBER must have been a member in good standing for 2 years and must have attended at least 6 scheduled meetings or events in the year immediately prior to the application deadline date.

APPLICANT'S PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
 Last First Middle

Address: _____

Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Phone #: _____

V V A Members Name: _____ V V A Member Since: _____

All applications must be postmarked no later that June 4, 2011 deadline and the following documents must be submitted along with this application:

A letter submitted by the parent explaining the circumstances of the special needs and a brief explanation of how any award will be used for the applicant.

Date _____ Applicant's Signature _____

VVA 333 - RUTH MAY SEBERRY MEMORIAL GRANT

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 333
2011 Ruth Mae Seberry Memorial Grant

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

Phone Day _____ Cell _____

Education High School _____ Graduation Date _____

Trade School/Continuing Education _____

College _____ Last Grade Completed _____

Degree _____ Awards _____

Military Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

Date of Enlistment _____ Date of Discharge _____

Presently on Active Duty (Yes or No) _____ Duty Stations _____

Type of Discharge (if applicable) _____ Military Occupation _____

Military Awards/Citations _____

Briefly describe circumstances and reasons you are applying for this grant.

(Use Reverse side if needed)

Future Goals _____

All information provided by the applicant will be confidential and private unless otherwise determined by the applicant.

Please complete this application and forward it by June 4, 2011 deadline with a copy of your DD-214 (if discharged) or a copy of your Military ID (if on active duty) along with proof of Rockland County residence to:

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 333
PO Box 243
New City, NY 10956

VVA 333 - WATCHFIRES RECIPE

BILL'S RECIPE CORNER

Lemon Rosemary Salmon

"This is the perfect romantic dinner for two when served with an Oregon Pinot Noir, crusty bread, wild rice, and salad."

Prep. Time 10 Min Cook Time: 20 Min Ready In: 30 Min

Recipe Yield 2 servings

Ingredients

- 1 lemon, thinly sliced
- 4 sprigs fresh rosemary
- 2 boneless salmon fillets, skin removed
- coarse salt to taste

1 tablespoon olive oil, or as needed

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
2. Arrange half the lemon slices in a single layer in a baking dish. Layer with 2 sprigs rosemary, and top with salmon fillets. Sprinkle salmon with salt, layer with remaining rosemary sprigs, and top with remaining lemon slices. Drizzle with olive oil.

Bake 20 minutes in the preheated oven, or until fish is easily flaked with a fork.

Tips

Sometimes I don't remove the skin.

See you next month, eat well, stay healthy,

Wild Bill

VVA 333 1988 OLYMPIC JERSEY



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

CHAPTER #333, Rockland County, N.Y.

Is selling raffle tickets for a drawing to be held at our
Annual Pig Roast, June 2011.

The prize will be:

A framed Jersey from the 1988 U.S. Olympic Soccer Team

[Background of the Autographed Jersey.](#)

Richard Ward, was the Agent in charge of the U.S. Secret Service Agents for the Southern District of New York. Secretary of State, Henry Kissinger, scheduled a trip to Madrid, Spain to attend the Olympic Soccer match between the U.S. and Spain. A detail of agents were assigned to accompany him on this mission. After the match, the U.S. Team presented Mr. Kissinger, with an Olympic jersey autographed by all of the team members.

Mr. Kissinger, presented the jersey to Mr. Ward, who in turn presented it to Mr. John Dunn.

This jersey has been donated to our Chapter by Mr. Dunn, to be used in our fundraiser. Numerous members of the team, who signed the jersey, are now in the Soccer Hall of Fame. Tab Ramos, Troy Dayek, John Harkes, Billy Thompson, Desmond Armstrong, Brian Bliss and John Kerr.

Our Chapter is offering these [Raffle Tickets for a donation of \\$5.00 each ticket.](#) [This is a wonderful chance for a piece of History.](#) **Contact us at www.VVA333.com or call Roy 845-558-0223**

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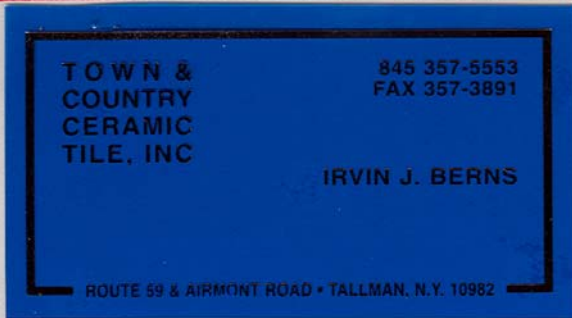
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YOUR BUSINESS CARD CAN BE HERE ALSO!!!!!!

The Board approved generating funds by selling advertisements in the Chapter 333 Newsletter according the fees as listed:

We publish a 333 Newsletter approximately every 6 weeks.

Business Card Ad for 6 issues - \$100.00

1/4 Page Ad for 1 issue - \$25.00

1/2 Page Ad for 1 issue - \$50.00

Full Page Ad for 1 issue - \$100.00

VVA-333 CALENDAR'S FOR SALE

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 333
Rockland County, New York

Dear Valued V. V. A. Supporter,

V. V. A. Chapter 333 is please to announce our new 2011 Calendar Fundraiser Program has now started. Last year we made a few revisions to the original calendar format and hope that you will find the new pocket calendar booklet more useful than the previous annual calendars. The calendar donation will remain \$30.00 and as a result of this new pocket calendar we will be able to increase the SPECIAL PRIZES to a total of 11 calendar days annually.

The V.V.A. Chapter 333 Rockland County, New York Program rules are:

GOVERNING RULES

All numbers are played straight as drawn by the 3 number New York State EVENING LOTTERY DRAWING. (Numbers range from 000 to 999).

All winners will be paid by check, mailed the following week.

This is a Monday thru Sunday drawing.

All SPECIAL PRIZES are to be paid on observed holidays.

Winning prize amounts are determined as listed below.

PRIZES

\$30.00 – Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday

\$40.00 – Monday and Friday

\$50.00 – Wednesday

SPECIAL PRIZES

\$100.00 – New Year's Day, Martin Luther King's Birthday, Valentine's Day, President's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veterans' Day, and Thanksgiving Day.

\$500.00 – Christmas Eve

No Drawing - Christmas Day

To purchase a pocket calendar please complete the attached and send a \$30.00 check or money order for each calendar to: V. V. A. Chapter 333

PO Box 243

New City, New York 10956

Attention Sheri

Please select 3 choices as each number will be available on a first come first serve basis, only one selection of a particular number is available and that number will be closed once selected. Preference will be determined by postmark date of receipt. If your 1st choice has been selected we will go to the 2nd and then the 3rd as necessary.

Name _____ Email Address _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Number Selection

1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____ 3rd Choice _____

Total Amount Enclosed _____

Good Luck and we thank you for your continued support of our organization!

Any questions, contact Sheri Bennington at (914) 260-4547