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## FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013 - 10:00 a.m. at the Tappan Reformed Church

**Reverend George Fox was a Methodist Pastor and Medical Corps Assistant in**



**World War I. He earned the Silver Star and Purple Heart awards. Regarding his mission in 1943, Reverend Fox stated, "I've got to go. I know from**

**experience what our boys are about to face. They need me."**

**Reverend Clark Poling was a Dutch Reform Pastor from Ohio who followed in the footsteps of his father, who served as a chaplain in World War I. He felt that he didn't want to "...hide behind the church in some safe office out of the firing line."**



**Rabbi Alexander Goode – a Jewish**



**Rabbi from Pennsylvania who joined the National Guard. He and these other Chaplains met at Chaplain's School at Harvard**

**University in November of 1942.**

**Father John Washington was a Catholic Priest, an Irish immigrant living in New Jersey. Having been a teenage gang leader himself, he later found a way to help young kids in the neighborhood by organizing sports teams.**



## THE FOUR CHAPLAINS

Seventy years ago, a convoy of three ships and three escorting Coast Guard cutters passed through "torpedo alley" some 100 miles off the coast of Greenland at about 1:00 a.m. on February 3, 1943. The submarine U-223 fired three torpedoes, one of which hit the midsection of the Dorchester, a U.S. Army troopship with more than 900 men on board. Ammonia and oil were everywhere in the fast-sinking vessel and upon the freezing sea.



The four Chaplains on board: two Protestant pastors, a Catholic priest and a Jewish rabbi, were among the first on deck, calming the men and handing out life jackets. When they ran out, they took off their own and placed them on waiting soldiers without regard to faith or race.

Approximately 18 minutes from the explosion, the ship went down. The Chaplains were the last to be seen by witnesses; they were standing arm-in-arm on the hull of the ship, each praying in his own way for the care of the men. Almost 700 died, making it the third largest loss at sea of its kind for the United States during World War II.

The Coast Guard Cutter Tampa was able to escort the other freighters to Greenland. Meanwhile the cutters Comanche and Escanaba, disobeying orders to continue the search for the German U-Boat, stopped to rescue 230 men from the frigid waters that night.



A one-time only posthumous Special Medal for Heroism was authorized by Congress and awarded by President Eisenhower on January 18, 1961. Congress attempted to confer the Medal of Honor but was blocked by the stringent requirements that required heroism performed under fire. The special medal was intended to have the same weight and importance as the Medal of Honor.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### FOUR CHAPLAINS MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday, February 3rd, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. at Tappan Reformed Church

The public is invited and encouraged to attend the Four Chaplains Memorial Service on Sunday, February 3rd, 2013 – 10:00 a.m. at the Tappan Reformed Church, 32 Old Tappan Road in Tappan, NY 10983. The annual observance is sponsored this year by the Carl Schelin American Legion Post 1271 in Tappan, New York.

### BUFFALO SOLDIER'S AWARD

The Buffalo Soldier Award, launched in 1993, is given annually to an outstanding African-American veteran who lives in Rockland County – served his or her country and then went on to serve their community. This year's award recipient is Anngela Vasser-Cooper, and will be presented on January 29, 2012.



The award is named after the soldiers of the 10th Black Cavalry Regiment, who were nicknamed “Buffalo Soldiers” after Native Americans spread the legend of the soldiers’ uncommon valor, likening them to buffalo because they suffered wound after wound, yet did not die. They earned their fearsome fighting reputation in the Kansas Frontier and were never defeated in 23 years of service in the Indian Wars, which lasted from 1867 to 1890. The 10th Cavalry also served in World War I, World War II, and Vietnam.

Anngela Vasser-Cooper is the second woman to receive the award in this, the 20th year of the Buffalo Soldier’s Award. Born and raised in Rockland, a graduate of North Rockland High School, Anngela enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1980. During her time in the military, Anngela served in Korea. She graduated from Rockland Community College in 1995 and went on to earn her Bachelor’s Degree from Empire State College. Then in 2004 – Anngela graduated with honors from Fordham University with a Masters in Clinical Social Work. She is the Founder and CEO of Women Veterans Association of the Hudson Valley Inc.



## NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Some interesting video-clips you might enjoy...

### BATTLE OF ATHENS, TENNESSEE

Restoring the Rule of Law

Most people are unaware of this event but it really did happen. An armed revolt on American soil by World War II veterans took place in Athens, Tennessee in August of 1946. This videoclip depicts their story.

<http://voxvocispublicus.homestead.com/Battle-of-Athens.html>

### GENERAL ANTHONY ZINNI VIDEOCLIP

General Anthony Zinni is a Nam vet and one of our Nation's most distinguished and brilliant "Soldier Statesmen." Click this link to hear General Anthony Zinni's remarks at the Marines' Memorial Association.

<http://player.vimeo.com/video/38356372?title=0&byline=0&portrait=0>

### MEDAL OF HONOR WINNER ROY P. BENAVIDEZ - NAM 1968

Interesting video with Nam photos as the backdrop for the story of the heroic actions of Roy Benavidez and why he earned the Congressional Medal of Honor:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=RZ7968BbMnU&vq=medium](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=RZ7968BbMnU&vq=medium)

### SEA TRIALS OF THE F-35B ON THE USS WASP

This video link shows the latest sea trials of the F-35B on the USS Wasp, taken in the Atlantic, just off Newport News (Hampton Roads), Virginia. These were very successful, with 74 VL's and STO's in a three week period. The media and the program critics had predicted that they would burn holes in the deck and wash sailors overboard - neither of which happened. You will notice a sailor standing on the bow of the ship as the jet rotates. That was an intentional part of the sea trials - no catapult...no hook.... It's a new world out there! The shape and scope of warfare - worldwide - just changed. Here is the link: [F-35 B](#)

## **POST 9/11 GI BILL – EDITORIAL – JERRY DONNELLAN**

Young veterans have a disproportionately high rate of unemployment and homelessness, a rate that USA Today reported has recently doubled - military suicides still outpace the killed-in-action statistics.

It seems counter-intuitive that this would be happening among a part of a population that one would want to believe is better prepared, trained, and disciplined. Post-traumatic stress disorder, the economy, traumatic brain injuries - all share some of the responsibility. If we don't address this situation, these numbers will grow exponentially.

With ending of the war in Iraq and soon the war in Afghanistan — plus large cuts to the military — we will see more people coming out of uniform than we've seen since World War II. At the same time, colleges are losing enrollment, a cost of the economy. First, we saw it in private colleges, then State colleges began to feel it, now, it's gotten even to the level of Community Colleges.

Today's veteran has the Post 9/11 GI Bill, which in the case of State University of New York campuses could give the veteran a full ride — tuition, housing, books. This seems like a problem that could solve itself. This could take the veteran out of the labor market for a few years, giving time for the economy to, hopefully, rebound.

It would provide shelter, give life purpose and direction, and provide training and skills to make veterans more attractive to prospective employers. They could achieve all this with a Federal blank check in their pocket.

For a myriad of reasons, the veterans aren't moving to the schools. Therefore, the schools must move to the veteran with an aggressive, supportive, and understanding outreach. Many schools will say, "We do that!" I'm sure they try, but College administrations may not fully understand the person they're trying to reach.

We as a society have lost touch with our warriors. When I was growing up, it seemed that every adult male was a veteran and every family had one. We went to war as a country then. Now, we send our military to fight our wars. We no longer understand that these kids see death, cause death, and when they return we expect them to go on as though they've just been away for a few years. It doesn't happen like that. The kids that went to war never come back. Someone who looks like them does. They will rejoin their once 18-year-old high school classmates, but never fully fit back in.

At the end of World War II, 15,000,000 GIs came out of uniform. 7.8 million went back to school using the G.I. Bill. Had they gone back into the labor market, the economy would have tanked. Instead, here in New York, the World War II GI went a long way to building the SUNY system. Wouldn't it be nice if history repeated itself? Unless you have been there you can't understand. But you can try and they'll know if you're sincere. Jerry

## WOMEN GI'S

Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta's recent announcement that women will serve in combat units is a natural progression. Women are in combat now, serving in about 15% of the active force. Even back in 'Nam, 1-2% of women were nurses or air traffic controllers as well as in various other jobs. They should be allowed to train in the artillery and other positions. The hope is that the military doesn't lower the requirements for combat jobs because ultimately, when the defecation hits the ventilation, women will need to either carry or drag a body, plus carry their own 70 lb. packs. Certainly many women are as able to do this as men and if the same standards are held, it will serve them well. Dropping the standards will put people in danger. Some requirements have already been changed for men and women in the military, to encourage more people to voluntarily join the Armed Forces. This isn't the Little League where everyone gets a trophy. And, as part of this responsibility is that if the need for a draft is ever reinstated, women would then be subject to the draft as well as men.

## VA BENEFITS MEDICAL LINK

[www.ebenefits.va.gov](http://www.ebenefits.va.gov)

**Ebenefits.va.gov – this portal is a one-stop shop for benefits-related online tools and information for Wounded Warriors, Veterans, Service members, Family of Service Members.**

## BEWARE OF VETERANS AFFAIRS SERVICES



An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. This organization is not affiliated with the Veterans Administration in any way. No one from the VA should ask for banking information or social security numbers. Be aware of scams like this and never give personal information unless you are sure of who's asking and why they want to know.

## ROCKLAND COUNTY AMERICAN LEGION

**Applications are available for the Rockland County American Legion - Lick/Gannon Scholarship Program. For further information contact: Dominic Filippone, 86 South Reid Drive, Pearl River, NY 10965. Application and all correspondence should be sent no later than March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013.**

1. The applicant must file with the scholarship committee:

a. A completed application form: (please use prepared form.)

b. A letter to explain why he or she qualified for this scholarship. It will not be considered unless it is neat, correct in form and with all pertinent information as stated. (See criteria used to determine winner.)

2. Applicant must be a child or grandchild of a Rockland County American Legionnaire, who is in good standing.

3. Applicant must be a bona fide senior at a State Accredited High School for the \$1,000.00 scholarship.

4. Applicant must have been accepted at one or more recognized institutions of higher learning and must so indicate in the application.

5. The scholarship shall be awarded to a student only on his or her acceptance or continuation for a year to the school of his or her choice.

a. First payment (1st half) \$500.00 September 1<sup>st</sup>.

b. Second payment (2nd half) \$500.00 February 1st the following year.

6. The recipient of the award must refund any money returned by college for non-matriculation. Any further payment will be forfeited.

7. The committee reserves the right to interview any and all of the applicants.

The application form and letter should be addressed to:

Mr. Dominic Filippone, 86 South Reid Drive, Pearl River, NY 10965

All correspondence should be sent no later than March-1st 2013.

**Confidential Veterans' Crisis Intervention Line 24/7**

Dial 1-800-273-8255 **PRESS 1**

**Text to 838255**

# MILLENNIUM BILL – MEDICAL CARE INFORMATION FOR VETS

For further information, contact Emily Feiner at the New City Veterans Medical Clinic, 345 North Main Street, New City, NY 10956 – 845-634-8942 or 845-831-2000 Ext. 7412. This is information about the Millennium Bill which helps pay for emergency hospital care for uninsured, low income Veterans:

## **Emergency Care of Non-Service-Connected Conditions**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is authorized under Title 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) 1725 (also known as 'Mill Bill') to make payment or reimbursement to a claimant for emergency treatment provided to a veteran for non-service connected conditions in certain circumstances.

There is a timely filing limit for unauthorized inpatient or outpatient medical care claims. Claims must be submitted within 90 days from the date of care.

Individual eligibility determinations are difficult, and therefore outside the scope of this general information. Please contact your local VA health care facility for individual veteran eligibility concerns.

A local VA health care facility may request medical documentation to support adjudication of a claim from a community health care provider. In addition, standard billing forms such as the CMS-1500 or CMS-1450 are required. For this type of unauthorized emergent care, VA requires claimants to fill out and submit VA Form 10-583. Examples of these forms are shown on the Forms page <http://www.nonvacare.va.gov/forms.asp>.

Basic authorities & payment methodologies to provide unauthorized medical care for non-service-connected events are contained in: 38 U.S.C. 1725 & 38 CFR 17.1000-.1008

## **Filing a Claim Under the Millennium Section**

When you file a claim for payment of non-VA emergency medical services under the millennium section, you need to include:

- \* Completed billing forms from the health care provider (CMS 1500 or UB-92 billing forms)
- \* All your health insurance information
- \* Complete information on any reimbursements that you received or that you or anyone for you may have received
- \* The hospital discharge summary or outpatient treatment records
- \* Certification that there is no other payer for the services billed

All claims under the millennium section should be filed 90 days from the determination that there is no other health care payer. You must be solely responsible for the costs of the care provided.

Send your claim to the Fee Basis department of the VA Medical Center nearest you.

Directory to locate nearest VA Medical Clinic:

<http://www1.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1>

Fact Sheet on Non-VA Emergency Care:

[http://www.nonvacare.va.gov/brochures/NonVA\\_Emergency\\_Care\\_FactSheet.pdf](http://www.nonvacare.va.gov/brochures/NonVA_Emergency_Care_FactSheet.pdf)

Fact Sheet for Emergency care, if needed:

<http://www.nonvacare.va.gov/brochures/EmergencyBrochure3-panel.pdf>

## **VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES ADVOCACY PROJECT**

The Veterans and Military Families unit at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley provides free legal advice and direct representation to veterans in civil (non-criminal) legal matters. The areas in which they provide assistance include housing, unemployment insurance, Social Security and SSI disability claims, bankruptcy, abusive debt collection practices, and future planning. For assistance, please call 877-574-8529 to begin our intake process. For further information, contact Will Mattessich, Outreach & Development Coordinator, Veterans and Military Families Advocacy Project, (914) 949-1305 Ext. 129, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, 90 Maple Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601.

## **SOME STRANGE WORLD WAR II FACTS**

**You might enjoy this from Col D. G. Swinford, USMC, Ret., and history buff. You would really have to dig deep to get this kind of ringside seat to history:**

1. The first German serviceman killed in WW II was killed by the Japanese ( China , 1937). The first American serviceman killed was killed by the Russians ( Finland 1940); highest ranking American killed was Lt. Gen Lesley McNair, killed by the US Army Air Corps. So much for allies!
2. The youngest US serviceman was 12 year old: Calvin Graham, USN. He was wounded and given a Dishonorable Discharge for lying about his age. His benefits were later restored by act of Congress.
3. At the time of Pearl Harbor, the top US Navy command was called CINCUS (pronounced 'sink us'); the shoulder patch of the US Army's 45th Infantry division was the Swastika, and Hitler's private train was named 'Amerika.' All three were soon changed for PR purposes.
4. More US servicemen died in the Air Corps than the Marine Corps. [Actually the 8th Air Force alone suffered about 5,000 more KIA than the entire Marine Corps in WW2.] While completing the required 30 missions, an airman's chance of being killed was 71%.
5. Generally speaking, there was no such thing as an average fighter pilot. You were either an ace or a target. For instance, Japanese Ace Hiroyoshi Nishizawa shot down over 80 planes. He died while a passenger on a cargo plane.

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR VETERANS' REPRESENTATIVE

Natalie Hernandez is our local Veterans Representative with the NYS Department of Labor. You can reach Natalie Hernandez at: NYS Department of Labor, Local Veterans Employment Representative, 1 Perlman Drive, Spring Valley, NY 10977. 845.356.5429. E-Mail: [Natalie.Hernandez@labor.ny.gov](mailto:Natalie.Hernandez@labor.ny.gov). Twitter at @NatDOLVetRep.

### EMPLOYMENT

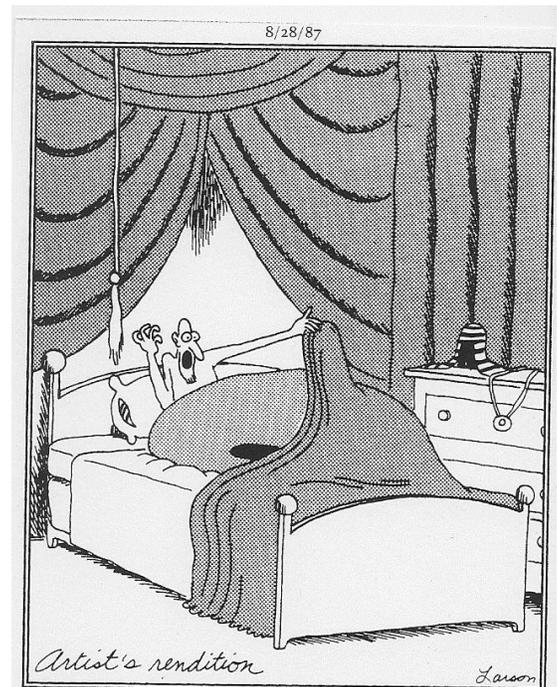
There are ongoing exams for certain positions, as well as current job postings. Contact the Rockland County Department of Personnel for this and other positions available.

**Civil Service Examination for Correction Officer** – registration required by February 27, 2013 - Exam will be given on April 13, 2013. Rockland County Department of Personnel, 18 New Hempstead Rd, 4th Floor, New City, NY 10956 – **Phone:** (845) 638-5200 - **Fax:** (845) 638-5381 **Hours:** Monday to Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

**Email:** [rcpersonnel@co.rockland.ny.us](mailto:rcpersonnel@co.rockland.ny.us).



"Well, the sloth nailed him. ... Y'know, ol' Hank never was exactly a 'quick draw.'"



Some historians theorize that the Sphinx's nose was actually severed by Egyptian mobsters and, in an act of defiance, "delivered" to an unpopular pharaoh.

## ABOUT ROCKVETS - A PROJECT OF NY VETS ©

We would like to keep you up-to-date on events and matters of interest to veterans and will be sending these newsletters regularly. If at any time you no longer wish to receive them, please send a note to [info@rockvets.com](mailto:info@rockvets.com).

Your e-mail address will immediately be deleted from our newsletter mailing list. If you find any of this information useful, please pass it along to others.



*We are here to help you and all who have worn the uniform of our nation. Thank you.*

## ROCKVETS - NEWSLETTER ADVERTISING

We've had a number of requests from people with businesses or organizations who are interested in placing an ad in our monthly newsletter. We appreciate the confidence and positive responses to the newsletter so far and hope you continue to find items of interest and helpful links. If you would like information about placing an ad, please send an e-mail to [info@rockvets.com](mailto:info@rockvets.com) or click on the rate schedule link to view our ad sizes and fees:

[Advertising Rate Schedule 2013.](#)

## ROCKVETS - ON THE INTERNET AND AIRWAVES

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[www.facebook.com/rockvets](http://www.facebook.com/rockvets) or e-mail us at: [info@rockvets.com](mailto:info@rockvets.com). On the first Friday of each month, just after the 10:00 a.m. news-break, RockVets has a live call-in talk show on Rockland County's local radio station – WRCR 1300 AM. We encourage you to call-in and ask any questions you may have relating to veterans or the military. This is also a good opportunity to promote any upcoming events for your organization that would be of interest to the veteran/military community. The call-in number is 845.362.0013. The show is also live on [www.wrcr.com](http://www.wrcr.com). So please listen in, and call if you have questions or information to share.

[The next RockVets radio show will be on Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 10:00 a.m.](#)

R.C. Veterans Service Agency – if you plan to come to the office, please call to make an appointment so we can give you the time you need - 845.638.5244.

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