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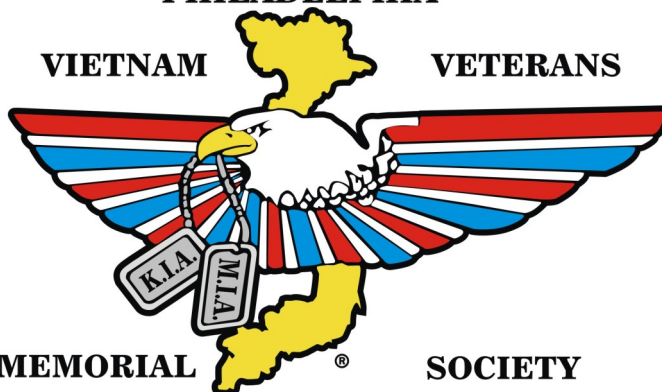
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I hope everyone is in good health. I only have a few things to discuss currently. We have our night at the races coming up on March 28th. Make plans to attend, this is a money maker for our Society for the things we do.

Also, we need to sell horses for the races, and we need to buy horses. We will also need help working at the event. We'll talk about this at the meeting. Remember all of our fallen members.

February is a month that has some meaning for me. Feb 14, 53 years ago I arrived in Viet Nam to begin my 13-month tour of duty. I only lasted 9 months, but that's a story for another time. On Feb 19th the Marines started to land on Iwo Jima. It was the bloodiest battle for the Marines in WW2.

Also, on Feb 23 the flag was raised on Mount Suribachi the flag raising is what inspired me to Join the Marine Corps. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the meeting. Till then,
Bob

JANUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

President Bob Martin— Reminded Everyone to keep in their thoughts and prayers for :

Steve Zalewski, Ronnie Pelzner ,Cliff Jefferies, and Al Hite's son

the **Vice President Bill Crussard**— Still asking for profile sheets to be filled out and handed in to be put on record.

Don't forget our new section, "REFLECTIONS" anyone wishing to tell their story, send the editor jkozin9593@aol.com Please put the word "reflections" in the subject box.

Treasurer Len Francis- Reports " All Bills are paid' and new panel with the names from the wall has been hung behind the bar.

SGT of Arms Danny Martin- reports all is unquestionably copacetic

Recording Secretary Cliff Jeffries III- All is status quo

Jack Crussard.-New Golf Shirts are still \$20.00 and New Jackets will be \$145.00



NOTES

- 1 Steve Zalewski new address Paul's Run 9896 Bustleton Ave
Rm B-332 Ph# 267-902-8058
- 2 THANK YOU to Mrs. Bob Connolly for the \$648.00 donation to the Scholarship Fund
- 3 THANK YOU to Al McDonald for a \$250.00 donation to the Society and for the postage stamps!
- 4 Keep in your thoughts and Prayers John Farmer

This past January 23rd our Society lost a member, John Conroy. John proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War where he was highly decorated for gallantry. John was a retired Heavy Equipment Operator, who worked for the City of Philadelphia for over 24 years. He also worked part time as a shuttle bus driver for Class 1 Bus Company, and a delivery person for Auto Parts Warehouse. He was the post commander of VFW Post #20 in Philadelphia, and an active member of the Vietnam Veteran Memorial Society. John enjoyed being with people, he was a true foodie, who took pleasure in going out to new restaurants and experiencing all cuisines. He also was a car enthusiast, who loved Corvettes. John also loved to go fishing with family. John was devoted to his family, and fondly spent his free time with them. Semper Fi John, until we meet you again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruination of souls.
Amen.

NIGHT AT THE RACES



Night at the Races March 28th 2020 1800—2300 hrs. (6 pm—11pm)
American Legion #810 9151 Old Newtown Rd, Philadelphia, PA 19115
\$10.00 pre buy horses..... no need to be present
Contact Kathy Coughlin 215-913-4694
Tom Roberts 215-744-7179

Purchase a horse for \$10.00. if your horse wins, you win \$40.00
Sheet must be returned by Friday April 5, 2019 for you horse's name to be included in the race booklet.

NOTE: Horses can be purchased after April 5, 2019 but will NOT be included in the race booklet

HORSE'S NAME: _____
OWNER NAME: _____
PHONE# _____

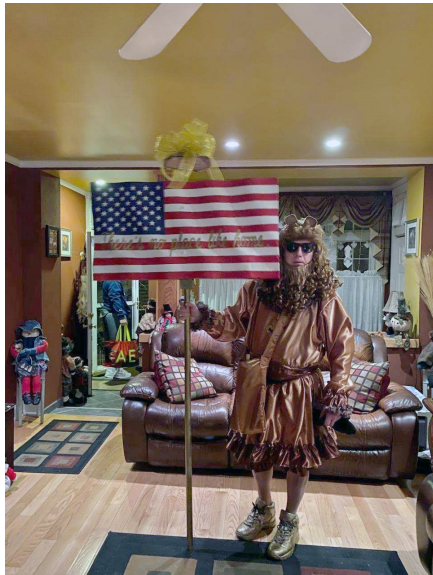
From Rich Yoka.

Pictured is Tommy Nehr Sr from the Pirates Wench Brigade! He marched this year with a tribute to Vets..Courage! See both sides of his flag...

Thought it would be cool to publish.. great guy..he's my sons (Richie) girlfriends dad from 2st

Also. Member Ziggy Laskas NY Fancy Brigade placed 1st!!

Also, a photo of Eddie Bonk and his girl friend Susan Kelly back stage new years night at the convention center with the 2020 Fancy Brigade Champs Saturnalians!



THANKS RICH

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The Veteran

*The hallowed grounds are barren now, easy to forget,
the brave men who died that day to keep us free, and yet,
we fall asleep dreaming of rolling fields,
but never shall we say a prayer for those who failed to yield.*

*If we saw their face, heard their voice, or bumped them in a crowd, would we shake
their hand, give our thanks and praise their name aloud?*

*Are we content to go along with our hectic day,
taking for granted all we have, keeping their names at bay?*

*For they are the reason we have what we love, our families and friends.
They are the reason we live today with freedom that never ends.*

*Now is the time to thank them for giving it their all,
while many refused, they went, answering the call.*

*Shall we turn our backs on these great heroes never speaking our piece?
Knowing deep inside because of them we are at ease?*

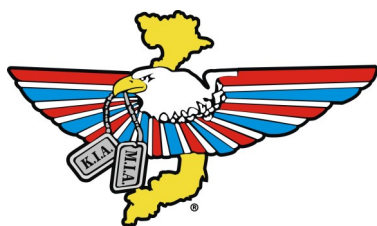
*The hallowed grounds are barren now and easy to forget,
but never shall I retire at night without saying a prayer for the Vet.*





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**"WE WHO CAME HOME, MUST NEVER
FORGET THOSE WHO COULD NOT."**