



V.V.A. Clermont County Chapter 649 JANUARY NEWSLETTER 2016

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sick-Bay Report:

Howard Daugherty, member of Chapter 649, and Executive Director of the Clermont County, Veterans Service Commission is recuperating from Knee Surgery. Please keep Howard in your prayers for a speedy recovery.

December- 10, 2015 - Christmas Dinner :

Family's and guest of Chapter 649 gathered at the Owensville Fair Grounds for our annual Christmas Dinner. A brief chapter meeting was held, Chapter president , Ken Williamson welcomed all members and guest, followed by the pledge of allegiance, our POW / MIA Ceremony, presented by, Former chapter 649 President, George Kinnaird. Chapter 649 Chaplain, Bill Graybill, presented the invocation. All members provided a covered dish, Chapter 649 provided the Hams & Turkey, Chapter 649 member Jerry Bridges, provided the soft-drinks and Coffee. Thank You to all who attended. Thank you to our AVVA members who kept the buffet trays restock with food for the evening. A good-time was had by all.

December 13, 2015 - Veterans Helping Veterans

Chapter 649 presented eleven gift-cards to eleven "Clermont-County Veteran Family's In Need". For the past few years, chapter 649 would have a canned-food drive to provide assistance to veterans in need. After receiving a donation check from the Goshen School students, early in 2015, the chapter decided to forego the canned -food drive, and provide each family with gift-cards, which would allow each family to purchase the food they wished to eat. The chapter purchased 11, Kroger Gift cards. Chapter 649 also purchased 11, Visa Gift Cards, to assist the family's in need. One of our Chapter members also provided 11, Wal-Mart Gift Cards , so that each family would be able to place a Christmas Gift under the Christmas Tree for the younger children within their family. Thanks to all Organizations, and Chapter members donations, we were able to provide over \$ 6,000.00, to be divided equally, amongst eleven separate families.
* **Note** - AVVA Chapter Mary Pratt provided a Award Winning Quilt she had made, to raffle at our Christmas Dinner, with the proceeds to go to our **2016**, Christmas, Veterans In Need project.

January 14 - Guest Speaker Sherry Ems,
Sherry is the Executive Director of the USO - Central and Southern Ohio.

VVA Life Membership Fire Sale

Chapter 649 wishes to Thank all Chapter 649, VVA and AVVA members who took advantage of the special Life Membership cost reduction offer, and have now become a Life Member within our chapter. Upwards to 50, Chapter 649 members, have now become Life Members. Thank you for supporting Chapter 649.

February 13th and 14th - Meet & Greet at Amelia Kroger

Chapter 649 will be having a "Meet & Great Booth" at the Amelia Kroger Store, so we may inform Veterans, and their family members, of Veteran Benefits, which they may not be aware of, and are entitled to. Also Veteran Service Office assistance available to them.
If you wish to participate in our Meet & Greet, booth, Please contact: Michael Newman - 513. 607. 9309

February V A Hospital - Bingo Night

Chapter 649 will Host V A Bingo Night at the Cincinnati, V.A. Hospital.
Date and Time - T. B. A.
If you wish to participate in this event, Please contact: Mark Brandon - 513. 309. 3568

OUR NEXT MEETING **Thursday January 14**

LOCATION

Union Twp. Civic Center
4350 Aicholtz Road
Clermont County, Ohio
Food Served @ 7:00 PM
Business @ 7:30

**Guest Speaker immediately
after the pledge of allegiance**

February Meeting Date
Thursday - February 11

AVVA Membership

Associates of Vietnam Veterans
Members actively participate and work
in supporting VVA
If you have a friend or relative who is
not eligible to join VVA, talk to them
about joining AVVA



Advice from An Old Farmer

Ty Brown

Your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong.
 Keep skunks and bankers at a distance.
 Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.
 Words that soak into your ears are whispered... not yelled.
 Meanness don't jes' happen overnight.
 Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.
 Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.
 It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.
 You cannot unsay a cruel word.
 Every path has a few puddles.
 When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.
 The best sermons are lived, not preached.
 Most of the stuff people worry about ain't never gonna happen anyway.
 Don't judge folks by their relatives.
 Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.
 Live a good, honorable life... Then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.
 Don 't interfere with somethin' that ain't bothering you none.
 Timing has a lot to do with the outcome of a Rain dance.
 If you find yourself in a hole, the first thing to do is stop diggin'.
 Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.
 The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.
 Always drink upstream from the herd.
 Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.
 Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.
 If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around..
 Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly. Leave the rest to God.
 Don't pick a fight with an old man. If he is too old to fight, he'll just kill you.
 Most times, it just gets down to common sense

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 / 02- Richard Walsh	01 / 19- Ralph Walters	01 / 25- Louis Akers Jr.
01 / 03- Jim Wilson	01 / 20- Calvin Sheap	01 / 26- Don Chandler
01 / 05- Eddie R. Brierly	01 / 21- William Bath avva	01 / 26- Ruby Bath avva
01 / 09- Scott Butdres avva	01 / 24- Dennis Bauer	01 / 28- Wally Clark
01 / 10- Leonard Muller	01 / 24- Robert Flanders	01 / 29- Thomas Mabry
01 / 10- Ralph Keller	01 / 24- Wayne Hilton	01 / 30- Richard Ballard
01 / 18- David Snider	01 / 25- John Moemound	

Chapter 649 - 2016 Board Of Directors

Ken Williamson	President	Don Sheppard	B.O.D.	Don Sheppard	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Michael Newman	1st Vice	Steve Tam	B.O.D.	Steve Tam	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Bob Wilms	2nd Vice	Gene Wilt	B.O.D.	Jim Sullivan	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Jim Sullivan	Secretary	Bill Barker	B.O.D.	Michael Newman	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
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