



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

FLAG DAY - JUNE 14

JUNE 7 - Guest Speaker : Lisa Liston,

Suicide Prevention Coordinator at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cincinnati.

Lisa will be talking about suicide prevent among veterans and will provide free materials about the subject.

April 24, 2016 - Passing Of U.S Army - CSM Roy James - 1953 - 2016

Roy James, U.S. Army - Served in, - Kosovo, Iraq, Bosnia. Retired in 2012. with the Rank of Command Sergeant Major, after 34 years of Service.



After the destruction of the Twin Towers on 9 – 11 – 2001, the 148th was called to duty, to guard a restricted area in Indiana.

Chapter 649 supported the troops by supplying each soldier with a calling card as a Christmas Gift, so that they may be able to call home to their families and children while on deployment.

Once again when deployed to Kosovo, Chapter 649 again made arrangements to supply gift cards to the troops while stationed in Kosovo .

After returning home from Kosovo the 148th presented Chapter 649 with a framed Mosaic, (which is current on display at Union Twp. Police Department), the U.S.A. Flag, that flew over Kosovo, along with a Certificate of Appreciation.

After learning about Roy being in Hospice, members of chapter 649 agreed to assist Roy's family members with his burial, as so did many other Veteran Organizations. Chapter 649 also presented the family with a Bible.

May 12, 2016 - College Scholarship Winner

VVA Chapter 649 presented its first scholarship award to Rachael Lynn Rivera, a senior at Amelia High School.

Chapter 649's scholarship program is intended for children and grandchildren of veterans.

Rachael's grandfather, Robert Davis, was a US Army veteran who served between 1948 and 1952.

He was a Construction Equipment Mechanic, serving in both Europe and Korea.

Rachael has maintained a 4.0 GPA during her four years at Amelia High School. She is a participant in the State of Ohio's College Credit Plus (CCP) program which allows High School juniors and seniors to take college courses and receive credit for both high school and college classes. At graduation from High School Rachael will have earned 58 college credits from University of Cincinnati's Clermont campus.

In addition to her class work, Rachael is a member of the Student Council at her high school and is active in other high school organizations. She also works part-time at a local grocery outlet.

Rachael will be attending the University of South Carolina, majoring in International Business.



Left to Right:

Ken Williamson - President VVA 649

Michael Newman - 1st Vice - VVA 649

Rachael Lynn Rivera

May 16 - Helicopter Painting Complete

On Monday, May 16th a group of 11 volunteers from the District Council 6 Apprentice Training program of The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades landed at our memorial vowing to make our Huey look the best it has looked since they last painted it nine years ago. Supervisor, Berry Hubbard had the crew well organized with all the equipment and supplies necessary to provide a first class job. The team vowed to work until they completed the job in time for our Memorial Day Ceremony. Each volunteer was excited about the project and gave 100% to the project.

All materials were donated, including the paint.

. The first day they power washed the helicopter.

. The next day the surface was prepped, sanded, and all the decals were masked off to protect them from the two coats of Army olive drab (O.D.) paint. By the end of the week our Helicopter was looking like new.

Make sure you stop by on Memorial Day to see what a great job they did.

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday June 7

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**

**July Meeting Date
Thursday - July 14**

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



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May 17 - Honor Flight

Members Of Chapter traveled to Cincinnati Airport to Welcome Home our veterans who returned home from spending the day in Washington D.C., visiting the many memorials. VVA 649 Salutes You. Welcome Home

Next Honor Flight to be, August 30

May 23 - Goshen High School Donation

Each year during the Christmas Holidays, chapter 649 provides assistance to an average of 12 "Veteran Family's -in Need", (different families are chosen each year) providing them with a Visa gift card to help with unpaid bills, or purchase a gift for their children. We also include a Kroger gift card, so that each family is able to have a Christmas Dinner, which contains the food items they prefer. The funds for this fundraiser are provided by our 230 members, and donations from our yearly Golf Outing event, local area Businesses, Schools, and other Supporters of VVA Chapter 649.



On May 23rd, Goshen High School students, and *Athletic Director*, Scott Weak, provided a generous donation to chapter 649 so that our Vietnam Veterans chapter may help other Modern Day veterans, who are in need of assistance.

Thank you to all students, staff, and family's for your donations.

Chapter 649 Members & Board

May 30 - VVA 649 - Memorial Day

VVA 649 held its Annual Memorial Day Ceremony at Union Twp. Veterans Park, Paying Honor to, Our Chapter 649 Fallen, and All Our fallen veterans from All Wars. Chapter 649 wishes to thank all, who attended our ceremony.

JUNE 5th - Retirement Of Flag Ceremony

Join Us at **Union Twp. Civic Center - June 5th, 2016** Boy Scout Troop (TBA), will perform the Retirement Ceremony, showing the proper procedure when retiring the U.S.A. Flag, and the meaning of each Red and White Stripe.

JUNE 24th - Meet & Greet - Sam's Club - East-Gate - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Informing Veterans & their Family members of benefits available, they may be entitled to, and how being exposed to Agent Orange effects them and their grandchildren for three generations.

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

06 / 04- Mike Culbertson
06 / 07- Danny Miller
06 / 07- Jeffery Jones
06 / 09- Michael Monahan
06 / 12- Gerald Bridges
06 / 13- Steve Barnhard
06 / 14- Gene Wilt
06 / 14- Thomas Cooper

06 / 15- Martin Webster
06 / 20- Stanley Moczydlowski
06 / 21- Lynn Burger
06 / 21-John Osterling
06 / 22- James Lasley
06 / 23- William Carkeek
06 / 24- Danny Bare

06 / 26- Paul Davies
06 / 27- David J. Petrus
06 / 28- James Dahlheimer
06 / 30- Dan Bowman
06 / 30- Steven Simms

Chapter 649 - Board Of Directors 2016

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