



## V.V.A. Clermont County Chapter 649 April NEWSLETTER 2016

### VVA CHAPTER 649 - ELECTION MONTH

**April 14 - Guest Speaker** Bob Proud - Union Twp. County Commissioner  
Mister Proud will be providing the Swearing -In, of all newly elected Chapter Officers

#### April 14 - VVA Annual Meeting and VVA Elections

VVA 649 will hold its Annual Meeting and Election on Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 7:30 PM in the Union Township Civic Center.

**Anyone** who wants to run for the Board should contact Ken Williamson, VVA 649 - President (513-260-6501).

Letters of intent to run for the Board or for a specific office should be mailed to ;

#### **Attn. Nominating Committee**

VVA Chapter 649, PO Box 426,  
Batavia, Ohio 45103,

**mail by :** April 1st.

Nominations may also be made from the floor on the night of the election.

To run for office and to vote you must be a member in good standing and have a DD-214 on file with the chapter.

#### April 14 - VVA Annual Meeting and - AVVA Elections

AVVA- 649 Will also have their Two Year Term Election of Chapter 649 AVVA Representative

Letters of intent to run for AVVA Representative should be mailed to ;

#### **Attn. AVVA Nominating Committee**

VVA Chapter 649, PO Box 426,  
Batavia, Ohio 45103,

**mail by : March 14th**

#### March 12 - Buckeye State Council - General Membership Meeting

Chapter 649 Delegates attended the Quarterly, General Membership Meeting, held at American Legion Post 85, located in, Newark Ohio, and hosted by VVA Chapter 55.

All Delegates attending were provided with information concerning updates from both , VVA State and National, policy's, and also upcoming events to be held within all Ohio VVA Chapters.

#### March 19 - District 3 Meeting

Buckeye State Council District 3 Chapters met at the Green County Administration Building in Xenia Ohio, to update VVA Chapters within District 3, of suggestions for Ohio VVA chapters to increase membership and events, their chapter may consider having, to provide other Veterans and their family's, within their community of the VA entitlements and also VSO entitlements that are due to all veterans.

*Host Chapter : VVA Chapter 930 - Xenia, Ohio      District 3 Director - Ken Williamson - Chapter 649*

#### March 30, - VVA Day

VVA Chapter 649, held a brief ceremony, at our Union Twp. Memorial, "Paying Honor to all veterans, who served during the Vietnam war and their families"

*Thank you to all Veterans who attended.*

*Thank you to all local area residents who attended.*

*Dying for your country is not the worst that can happen, Being forgotten is !*

### OUR NEXT MEETING

**Thursday APRIL 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**

**May Meeting Date  
Thursday - May 12**

#### 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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### VVA Life Membership Report

**VVA National** has agreed to permanently reduce the cost of becoming a VVA LIFE MEMBER to \$ 100.00.

As of December 31st, Chapter 649 has a total of 220 VVA Members, 155 of our 220 members, are now life-members who no longer have to be concerned as to when their next membership renewal is due.

**February's 2016** is still showing 219, and we expect about 10 other life members to be included.

The 2015 "Fire Sale" was a **Huge Success**, causing a huge membership back-log, of Life Member application to verified, and processed. ( The Monthly Membership Roster is always, one month behind the current month )

**Each Chapter** of the 44 VVA Chapters in Ohio has chapter elected Delegates who attend the National Convention to vote for Veteran Issues, and VVA National Board of Directors, Officers. The more delegates each chapter is allowed to have, is governed by the Membership count of each chapter.

If you are not already a Life Member, please consider becoming one.

View our website at : [http://www.vva649.org/who\\_can\\_join/...2016\\_649\\_APPLICATION%20FOR%20MEMBERSHIP.pdf](http://www.vva649.org/who_can_join/...2016_649_APPLICATION%20FOR%20MEMBERSHIP.pdf) and become a Life Member of VVA

### Memorial Day Brick Orders

Order your Memorial Day "Commemorative Brick"

Memorial Day and Fathers Day, is soon to be upon us. If you are considering purchasing a commemorative brick, please order now, so we may submit your order and place your purchased brick at our memorial.

Cost: \$ 30.00 You do not have to be a veteran to purchase a brick !

[http://www.vva649.org/649\\_forms/.2016%20Brick%20App.pdf](http://www.vva649.org/649_forms/.2016%20Brick%20App.pdf)

### Chapter 649 - Brick Sponsor Report

Each month BOD member Tom Olenick, travels around the Clermont County area, asking local area business's if they would be a Sponsor of Chapter 649 by allowing us to place our Commemorative Brick Form Application at their location.

Tom provides us with an average of 2 sponsors per month. If you know of any Business who wish to also become a Commemorative Brick sponsor, please view or website page at, <http://www.vva649.org/sponsors/sponsors.htm>

### Golf Outing Fundraiser - Volunteers Needed:

We need hole sponsors and corporate sponsors for our 11th annual golf outing to be held at Elk's Run on September 10th. Flyers and applications are available on our website.

If you have any ideas for corporate sponsors contact ; Michael Newman, Don Sheppard, Ken Williamson, or any member of the golf committee. <http://www.vva649.org/golf/2016/2016golfmenu.htm>

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04 / 01- Tommie Bixler  
04 / 02- James Crump  
04 / 02- Thomas Bostic  
04 / 06- Bernardo Rusconi  
04 / 06- James Berryhill  
04 / 07- Edwin Karlis

04 / 10- George Beltz  
04 / 12- John Parsons  
04 / 22- John Melvin  
04 / 24- Gary Zorb  
04 / 26- Ed Cole  
04 / 27- Elaine Riley Avva

04 / 27- Oakley Noe  
04 / 30- Richard A. Schuchmann

### Chapter 649 - Board Of Directors

Ken Williamson President  
Michael Newman 1st Vice  
Bob Wilms 2nd Vice  
Jim Sullivan Secretary  
Wayne Gregory Treasurer

Don Sheppard B.O.D.  
Steve Tam B.O.D.  
Gene Wilt B.O.D.  
Bill Barker B.O.D.  
Thomas Olenick B.O.D.

Don Sheppard Delegate - 2 Yr. Term  
Steve Tam Delegate - 2 Yr. Term  
Jim Sullivan Delegate - 2 Yr. Term  
Michael Newman Delegate - 2 Yr. Term  
Gene Wilt Delegate - 2 Yr. Term

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***It Pays To Wear The Hat;*** submitted by Wayne & Joann Gregory

Monday March 14, 2016, Joann and myself (Wayne) ate dinner at O' Charley's, in Milford. We both ordered Stake, baked potato, drinks, and desert.

After finishing our meal, our waitress (Megan) ask if we wished to have anything else to eat or drink ? We said no-thank you, just the check for the bill.

Megan replied, "your dinner has already been paid for". We questioned her as to who paid it.

The receipt she presented us is shown below on the back side of the check.

We gave Megan a \$ 20.00 tip - thanking her for supporting our veterans. (I was wearing my U.S Navy hat)

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CHECK # 1073505      DATE 3/14/16  
TABLE # 20      TIME 6:41PM  
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-- Dining Room : Meagan S --  
ITEMS ORDERED      AMOUNT  
1 CHOPPED STEAK, smashed\*      9.99  
1 6 OZ SIRLOIN, bp\*      11.49  
1 BEV      2.59  
1 UNSWEET TEA      2.59  
1 \*Loaded\*      0.79  
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SUBTOTAL      27.45  
TAX      1.85  
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TOTAL DUE      29.30  
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**Quick Tip Guide:**

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|---------|------|
| ( 20% ) | 5.49 |
| ( 18% ) | 4.94 |
| ( 15% ) | 4.12 |

Enjoy one of our new 9 meals each priced at just \$9.99! Nine Meals. One Price. Zero compromises. The \$9.99er only at O'Charley's.

O'Charley's 326  
Milford OH  
(513) 722-3456

Because of your service  
I have the freedom to  
live a blessed life.  
Thank you for your  
sacrifice and your  
family for theirs.

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## ***Chapter 649 Upcoming Events***

### **VVA / Avva Annual Election Of Officers & Delegates - April 14 - 7:30 PM**

Chapter 649 will hold its annual elections of *Officers, and Delegates*.

**All positions are open.**

. President / . 1st Vice / . 2nd Vice

. Secretary / . Treasurer / . Delegate

. You must be a member in good standing with a DD214 on file with the chapter.

. Be willing to commit to two meetings per month and be active in the events of the chapter.

If you are interested in running for a board office or delegate please contact, our current President, Ken Williamson. Ken will put you in touch with the nominating committee.

The board meets on the Tuesday evening before the Thursday general membership meeting.

Contact Ken Williamson: E-Mail: [kenw1@fuse.net](mailto:kenw1@fuse.net) Cell: 513. 260. 6501

### **Chapter 649 - Memorial Day Ceremony**

**May 30 - 6:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Veterans Park Union Township**

Clough Pike At Glen Este-Withamsville Rd.

Cincinnati, OH 45245

### **Retirement Of The Flags**

**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.

***Master Of Ceremony***

***Brian Thomas***

***55 WKRC Radio***

Please join us on June 5th, 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

At The Union Township Civic Center - 4350 Aicholtz Rd, 45245

***Public Is Encouraged To Attend***

Bring your entire Family, Moms / Dads / Children

Grandparents / Grandchildren

Invite your Neighbors