



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

HAPPY - WATERMELON DAY - AUGUST 3RD

August 11 - Guest Speaker

Due to the late July events, of having to prepare for the Tucson, AZ. Trip, this reporter *LOST* the business-card, and is un-able to provide the name and topic of our August, Guest Speaker. *My apologizes*

July - Clermont Co. Fair ;

Thank you, to all Chapter 649 members who worked our Veterans Booth, providing veterans & their family's, information, about Veteran entitlements, VA Hospital entitlements, Veteran Service Office entitlements, and how Agent Orange exposure can effect your family for Three Generations. Thank you to all veterans and non-veterans who visited our booth.



Tucson Airport
Welcomes VVA Vets

V.V.A. National - Leadership Conference - July 18 - 24

Delegates & District Directors from Chapter 649 traveled to Tucson, AZ. to attend this conference, to attend many of the 15 seminars, given over the five day period. During our stay in Tucson, we traveled to Tombstone to view the town, and the reenactment of the Gunfight at the O.K. Coral. Others traveled to Davis-Monthan AFB's to view the storage of military aircraft after World War II, and continues today. It has evolved into "**the largest aircraft Bone-Yard in the world**". And others visited the Photography School Of Art - University Of Arizona

*Our Weekly Temperature's ranged from 100 degrees to 110 degrees.
New friends were made, Old friends - were again reunited. Good times were had by all.*

Chapter 649 - Membership Update - Chapter 649 - Membership Count - As Of July 31 = 261 Members
Chapter 649 needs a count of 250 members, to allow 649 to have Six (6) chapter delegates to send to the National Convention, that will be held Aug. 8 - 12, 2017 in New Orleans, LA., with a member count of 300 strong, by the end of December 2016.

*State Council President Cliff Riley, urges **Each Chapter**, to provide **ONE New Member Per Month**, for their Chapter, for the remainder of 2016, and Ohio can continue to be **# 1** in new membership, and also suggested that each Chapter 649 member, to Please Print-Out the Membership Application shown below, keep it in you vehicle so it is available at all times. So that you always have a application available, for signing up a new member, wherever you may travel.*

http://www.vva649.org/649_forms/...2016_649_APPLICATION%20FOR%20MEMBERSHIP.pdf

August 24, & 25 2016 - Chapter 649 Meet & Greet

Chapter 649 will have a Meet & Greet at the **Kroger - East-Gate** - Saturday, August 24, **AND** August 25, to provide awareness to Veterans, and their Family's, of the assistants that our Clermont County, Veterans Service Office, (Batavia, Ohio) provides to veterans.

Also, VA Benefits, and entitlements, which are available to our veterans.

Are you aware that being exposed to "Agent Orange" effects the veteran, and also their Grandchildren, for three generations ?

Volunteers are needed to work in our Booth !

Contact : Mark Brandon (cell) 513. 309. 3568

OUR NEXT MEETING

Thursday August 11

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**

**September Meeting Date
Thursday - September 8**

AVVA Membership

Associates of Vietnam Veterans
Members actively participate and work
in supporting VVA



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BULLETIN

BUCKEYE STATE V V A CHAPTERS

EARN EXTRA BUCKS FOR YOUR CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016 THRU DECEMBER 15, 2016, ANY CHAPTER THAT GETS A NEW MEMBER EVERY MONTH, TOTALING (6), BY THE END OF THE CONTEST WILL RECEIVE \$100.00. **PLUS**, FOR EACH OF THE NEW MEMBERS THAT SIGN UP AS LIFE MEMBERS, YOUR CHAPTER WILL RECEIVE AND EXTRA \$10.00. (ex. SIX NEW LIFE MEMBERS DURING THE CONTEST PERIOD, YOUR CHAPTER COULD GET \$160.00). THESE MONIES CAN BE USED FOR ANYTHING THE CHAPTER WANTS. (MINIMUM 6 NEW MEMBERS TO RECEIVE MONEY).

"IS IT WORTH IT TO YOU"? I SURE HOPE SO !
LETS WIN NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS EVERY MONTH.

Ray Autenrieb

1st Vice President

Buckeye State Council - Membership Chair

VVA 649 Golf Outing Needs Your Help

Eleven years ago one of our members, now deceased, planted the seed for our first annual golf outing. It was to be an event that would grow and provide the majority of funding needed to operate our chapter for a year. The committee that was formed had no idea that VVA649 would grow from 50 members to the 261 we have today. With that growth came a bigger budget to fund chapter activities.

The golf outing is five weeks away and we need every chapter member to help make it a success.

This year we are behind in the number of golfers necessary to break even and we need more \$50 hole sponsors to make our fund raising event successful. We also need door prizes for the event. These can be anything from a gift certificate from McDonald's to a free oil change from your local auto store.

Please do what you can to help. **The golf outing will be at Elk's Run on September 10th at 9 AM.**

If you played in previous years, please get a team together and join us again.

Thank you to those of you who have helped with sponsorships, golf teams and door prizes.

Your work is much appreciated.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

08 / 01- Kenneth Patchell
08 / 03- Philip Dodge
08 / 03- Cathy Tam
08 / 04- Garrett Fuson
08 / 07- Mike Luedcke
08 / 07- Richard White
08 / 07- Sidney Toney
08 / 08- Frank Black

08 / 08- Ivan Adams Sr
08 / 08- Patrick Coburn
08 / 08- Stephen Hahn
08 / 09- Dennis Elchlinger
08 / 10- Rodney Myers
08 / 12- Curtis Nelson
08 / 13- Charlie Nause
08 / 13- Jimmy Arnold

08 / 18- Mark Brandon
08 / 19- Darlene Sheap Avva
08 / 22- James Tonkin
08 / 22- Robert Colbert Jr
08 / 23 / Steve Anderson
08 / 28- Ken Williamson
08 / 29- John Plahovansak

Chapter 649 - Board Of Directors 2016

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
Mark Brandon	2nd Vice	Gene Wilt	B.O.D.	Michael Newman	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Dan Schulte	Secretary	Bill Barker	B.O.D.	Gene Wilt	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Wayne Gregory	Treasurer	Thomas Olenick	B.O.D.	Tom Bixler	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term

A.V.V.A. - Chapter 649 - Elected Representative - Joann Gregory