



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

**HAPPY - HALLOWEEN - OCTOBER 31, 2016**

### October 13 - Guest Speaker

Our guest speaker for the October 13th meeting will be Mr. David Shortt, Curator of the Veterans Memorial Museum in Germantown Ohio. The various wings of the museum house memorabilia and veterans artifacts from the Revolutionary War through the Global War on Terrorism. The museum is operated by veterans and historians dedicated to the preservation of oral and written history of American Armed Forces. Mr. Shortt will be bringing some items from the museum for display at the meeting.



### September 2, 2016

Chapter 649 member gathered at the Goshen High School for their annual Veterans Recognition Day Cook-Out. VVA Chapter 649 President - Ken Williamson, and other attending chapter members present the Goshen Athletic Dep.

with a Plaque, thanking Goshen High School for their generous donation to 649, to be used for "Clermont County Veterans-In-Need" during our up-coming Christmas Holiday season.

### September 3, 2016

Chapter 649 Members, Ray Autenreib and Wayne Gregory were invited by VVA Chapter 97, to be added to their list of veterans who were chosen to attend a Sept. 3rd Honor Flight to D.C., leaving Dayton Airport. We left Clermont Co. at 2:00 am to be at the airport no later than 3:30 am, for indoctrination, then off to D.C. visiting many Veteran Memorials. We also were greeted by Senator Bob Dole (age 93) at the W.W. II Memorial. Although it was a long day for all, it was all well-worth the lack of sleep ! The Dayton *Honor Flight* Staff is TOP NOTCH ! The crowd meeting us on our voyage to each airport were 2 & 3 hundred. The crowd to meet us for our return were much larger, with a Dayton crowd of @ 600, to welcome us home. It was just unbelievable !

**Note: To VVA Chapter 97 - Willie, You were greatly missed.**

**View Photos -** [http://www.vvaohio.com/gallery/2016/th\\_09.03.2016/honorflight.htm](http://www.vvaohio.com/gallery/2016/th_09.03.2016/honorflight.htm)

**September 10, 2016** Many "Thanks to all who attended and supported our 11th Annual Golf Outing.

The rain held off, and the fun began. Congratulations to all prize winners.

Thank you to, Elks Run Golf Course, all Teams & Sponsors, and all 649 members and families for your support.

*Ken Williamson* - President

### September 11, 2016



Chapter 649 Member Darryl Trace, visited the Lunken Airport to participate in a tour ride on the Aluminum Overcast- B-17 Bomber, by flying high above the Cincinnati area. Darryl informed us, even though the plane is very large, the inside of the plane is very limited in size for movably, but being to ride in a plane that is in the history books, and see what those men went through, was worth it !

*Thank you Darryl for sharing your adventure tour.*



### September 19

AVVA, Chapter 649 Representative Joann Gregory, underwent knee surgery at Christ Hospital. Although restricted to no lifting, no driving, and must exercise by walking 90% of each day, Joann is now on the mend, and doing fine. Note:

With Peanut butter & Jelly sandwich's as the Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner menu, for this Resident, & any incoming Guest, along with a, fix-it yourself rule, neither of us can wait for a very speedy recovery.

*Joann wishes to thank all members for their prayers and phone calls.*

## OUR NEXT MEETING

**Thursday Oct. 13**

### 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**

**November Meeting Date  
Thursday - November 10**

### 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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### September

VVA 649 Bob Gustin informs us that his wife Judi, Avva, has returned home from her therapy stay the Arbors at Milford. Chapter 649 wishes Judi a quick recovery, we're glad you are back home. Thank you Bob, for the updates on Judi's health.

### October 29, 2016

District 3 - Director, Ken Williamson will hold a District 3 meeting on October 29.

The meeting will be for all chapters included in district 3

The meeting time and location will be;

**October 29th coffee at 9:30, Meeting 10 to 12 at Union Township Civic center**

### 649 Membership Count

As of August 31, 2016, our membership roster from VVA National, now shows a total of 267 Chapter Members. With 7 more new members sent to National during September, we now have 274 of the 300 membership goal, set by chapter 649 by December 31, 2016.

We also now have 33 AVVA members

Chapter 649 Board of Directors encourages all current members, to help us reach our goal of 300 VVA members, by asking people you know, or people you meet that were in the service during the Vietnam war era, to consider becoming a 649 member, by attending our monthly meeting, and consider becoming a member of chapter 649.

Membership Applications are available at;

[http://www.vva649.org/649\\_forms/...2016\\_649\\_APPLICATION%20FOR%20MEMBERSHIP.pdf](http://www.vva649.org/649_forms/...2016_649_APPLICATION%20FOR%20MEMBERSHIP.pdf)

### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

10 / 02- Alan J. Free	10 / 11- Joel Foreman	10 / 31- James McSorley
10 / 02- Joyce Newman - Avva	10 / 11- Mary Jane Ward - Avva	
10 / 02- Vernon Barns	10 / 11- Raymond Calhoun	
10 / 03- Charles Hundley	10 / 14- Ralph Bratten	
10 / 05- Michael Newman	10 / 15- James H. Wagner	
10 / 05- Robert Wilms	10 / 18- Paul Halas	
10 / 06- Wayne Gregory	10 / 20- James L. Farquer	
10 / 07- Don Sheppard	10 / 23- James Johnson	
10 / 08- Joann Gregory - Avva	10 / 23- Larry Bush	
10 / 08- Roy Wilson	10 / 25- David H. Anspach	
10 / 10- Dennis Skeene	10 / 27- Judith Gustin - Avva	
10 / 10- Ron Bratten	10 / 28- Guy Ford	
10 / 10- Stephen Workman	10 / 28- James Sadler	
10 / 11- Gerald Haas	10 / 31- Howard Daugherty	

### 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**