



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

**HAPPY - LABOR DAY - SEPTEMBER 5TH**

### **September 8 - Guest Speaker**

Mr. Dan Knowles, President and CEO of Tristate Veterans Community Alliance will be our guest speaker at the September 8th membership meeting. TVCA helps coordinate access and improve effectiveness of employment, education, health and wellness, and family services provided to veterans of all eras by more than 85 Tri-State organizations. Knowles is a West Point graduate who served on active duty for seven years before joining P&G in 1986.

### **August 15 - VA - Canceled Event**

*Chapter 649 wishes to apologize to all members who volunteered to attend the August 15th VA Hospital (Bingo Night Event) only to be told that the event had been CANCELED! The VA made the call only about two hours before it was scheduled, and told 649 that they canceled the event, so they may attend a "Tennis Tournament" Mark Brandon tried to contact those who volunteered, but was unable to make contact with all volunteers. Once Again, We do apologize, Mark Brandon - Event Chairman*

### **August - State Council Visits Inmates**

Buckeye State Council held its August B.O.D. Meeting at the North Central Correctional Facility, in Marion, Ohio. (Chapter 649 has four members which reside on the BSC B.O.D.) The normal business took place with the approval of minutes as well as hearing officer, committee and district directors reports. Other items of interest include:

- ...As of July, Ohio had 3,232 VVA members and 321 AVVA members.
  - ...Revisions to the BSC Bylaws are currently being reviewed.
  - ...National POW/MIA Day is September 16, 2016.
  - ...Discussion was held about VVA and the longevity of the organization.
  - ...A suggestion was made to reduce general membership meetings from 4 to 3 per year as well as reduce the BSC Board of Directors meetings from 7-8 to 4 a year.
- This will be discussed by the BSC at a future BSC Board meeting

### **September 2nd - Goshen Salute To Veterans**

Goshen honors veterans with tailgate and football game Friday, **September 2 at 5:00 PM**. All VVA649 Members are encouraged to attend this event. Our chapter will be making a presentation during the 5PM Cookout event and would like as many members to attend as possible. **See details below.**

***To honor our many Warrior Veterans, Goshen is holding its annual Veterans Football Game & Cookout Event ! Meet us behind Marr/Cook Elementary prior to the Goshen Warriors vs. Hillsboro varsity football game for hamburgers, hotdogs and fellowship. Food will be served at 5PM.***

***All veterans, active duty personnel and their families will be provided with free admission to the game. There will be a halftime recognition program for all veterans and active military personnel attending the game. The halftime ceremony will include a red, white and blue balloon release to honor our fallen military heroes. Goshen thanks its veterans, and it would be our great honor if all veterans and their families would attend.***

**Judi Guston** - AVVA - Chapter 649, wife of Bob Guston, has entered the Arbors at Milford, for short-term rehabilitation. Judi has been having problems breathing and will remain at the Arbors for about 30 days, Stop in and visit with Judi Address : 5900 Meadow Creek Dr, Milford, OH 45150

### **OUR NEXT MEETING**

**Thursday Sept. 8**

#### **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**

**October Meeting Date**

**Thursday - October 6**

#### **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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### WELCOME HOME CELEBRATION FOR HONOR FLIGHT TUESDAY, AUGUST 30TH

Chapter 649 will participate in a "Welcome Home" celebration for Honor Flight veterans next Tuesday night, August 30th at Greater Cincinnati Airport. Please meet in the lower level of the Terminal between 10 PM - 10:15 PM.

If you need a ride or have difficulty driving in the dark, meet me at the Union Township Civic Center parking lot by 9:30 PM, and I will give you a ride to the airport. I can accommodate 4 passengers. I should return to the Civic Center by 12:15 AM. I know it's late at night, but there have been 400 - 600 people greeting these honorees in the past. So, there is a lot of energy, and past attendees have found it very rewarding.

For more information about Honor Flight, visit,

<http://cts.vresp.com/c/?VietnamVeteransofAme/a0f79308a3/TEST/491f712a23>.

Hope to see you there.

Mark Brandon

2nd Vice President

VVA 649

Honor Flight Celebration

Tuesday, August 30th

Cincinnati Airport

Lower Level of terminal, 10:00 PM

### VVA Annual Golf Outing September 10th

As of the printing of this newsletter we still need teams, hole sponsors and door prizes for the golf outing.

Anyone person or business can become a hole sponsor for \$50.00. Door prizes can be anything from a free oil change to a free sandwich at your favorite restaurant. All you have to do is print out the flyer and ask the business for a donation.

If one fourth of our 270 members would help promote this event, we could have a very successful outing.

You don't have to know anything about golf.

Please call me if you have any questions or need forms. Ken Williamson 513-260-6501.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

09 / 01- Cliff Riley  
09 / 01- Tom Hesler  
09 / 04- James Brath  
09 / 05- Herstle Bridges  
09 / 05- Robert L. Barger  
09 / 06- Bruce Nutley  
09 / 06- Robert Ireton  
09 / 06- Wayne Waligorski  
09 / 06- James "Peanut" Kahles  
09 / 07- John Pane  
09 / 07- John Swigert  
09 / 07- Phillip Tussey  
09 / 08- Connie Lillis Avva  
09 / 10- Tom Fecher

09 / 12- Ray Miller Jr  
09 / 13- Kim Bredenbeck  
09 / 13- Richard Day  
09 / 14- Danny Sims  
09 / 14- Tim Long  
09 / 14- Walter Shipley  
09 / 15- Robert Derr  
09 / 15- Ronald Sirabry  
09 / 16- James Bell  
09 / 17- Walter Ruther  
09 / 20- David Loving  
09 / 20- David Watkins  
09 / 20- Lannie Cornell  
09 / 21- Darryl Trace

09 / 22- Luther Perry  
09 / 22- Peter Wendell  
09 / 23- Stephen De Hass  
09 / 25- Frank Brisker  
09 / 25- James Ohsenhirt  
09 / 26- George Anderson Jr  
09 / 26- John D. Rudolph  
09 / 27- Cindy Smith Avva  
09 / 27- Robert Bell  
09 / 28- Samuel Bray  
09 / 30- Dennis Waler

### Chapter 649 - Board Of Directors 2016

Ken Williamson President  
Michael Newman 1st Vice  
Mark Brandon 2nd Vice  
Dan Schulte 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  
Michael Newman Delegate - 2 Yr. Term  
Gene Wilt Delegate - 2 Yr. Term  
Tom Bixler Delegate - 2 Yr. Term

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