



V.V.A. Clermont County Chapter 649

May 29, 2017 649 - Memorial Day Event



Passing of VVA Chapter 649 Member, Frank Dale
October 26, 1949 - March 31, 2017
Our condolences to the Dale Family

May 11th Guest Speaker

Our May guest speaker will be Dr. Patricia Bender, certified Chiropractor and Acupuncturist. Dr. Bender specializes in acupuncture and nutritional counseling. She also has a radio call in program on 55 WKRC on Sunday evenings at 8:PM

Chapter Elections 2017, Chapter Elections Results held on April 13th.

	Executive Board	Board Of Directors	Chapter Delegates
President	Michael Newman	Don Sheppard	Don Sheppard
1st Vice President	Ben Joehnk	Steve Tam	Steve Tam
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OUR NEXT MEETING Thursday May 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

June Meeting Date
Thursday - June 8

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

VVA 649 Scholarships to be Awarded on May 11th

Our annual scholarship program committee, chaired by President Michael Newman, will award two recipients with \$500 scholarships at our membership meeting on May 11th.

Recipients of these scholarships must be from a veteran family, have achieved high academic standards, have specific higher education goals and have fulfilled all requirements of VVA 649's application process.

Please join us on May 11th to help congratulate the scholarship recipients.

"The Wall" Is Coming May 11 to 14, 2017

The Brown County HERO Tribute will host the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall at the Brown County Fairgrounds from May 11th to the 14th. The opening ceremony will be on Thursday May 12th at 11AM. On Sunday, May 14th there will be a morning service at 10AM and a closing ceremony at 1PM. The wall will be open 24 hours from the opening ceremony through the closing. For more information visit Facebook under Brown County HERO Tribute.

Memorial Day Ceremony

This year marks the 24th year of the Memorial Day Commemoration at Union Township Veterans Park.

On Memorial Day, Monday, May 29th, we will begin reading the names of the fallen at 6:00 AM, and continue until 2:00 PM. when the closing ceremony will begin.

Volunteers needed:

This year the Boy Scouts will join us again to begin setting out the crosses at 8:00 AM on Saturday, May 27th. We are looking for 649 members to help with the crosses and general clean-up of the bricks and surrounding area. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next membership meeting on May 11th.

By Golly's Crawfish Boil Fundraiser

By Golly's Restaurant at 714 Lila Avenue in Milford will be sponsoring a Cajun delicacies fundraiser for Chapter 649 on Saturday, May 27th from 5 to 7 PM.

Featured food will be crawfish boil and other delicacies from Louisiana.

The chapter will set up a table with veterans benefit information.

We need two or three volunteers for the table.



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Raffle Information For Our Mission Support Fundraiser

This year Chapter 649 will be raffling two weapons on the same ticket;

A Guardian F5 Rifle from HM Defense and Technology **and** a Sig Sauer 45 Pistol.

The first ticket drawn gets their choice of weapon.

The drawing will be on December 14th.

If you wish to help sell tickets, contact Michael Newman at 513-607-9309.

Tickets will be available at our next meeting on May 11th from those signed up to sell them.

Michael will not be selling tickets.

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states.

The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of - 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363).

This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

05 / 01- Patricia Short - Avva
05 / 03- Dan Arnie
05 / 03- Gary Bryant
05 / 04- Bob Housermann
05 / 05- Ron Flick
05 / 07- David Miller
05 / 09- Victor Hogue

05 / 11- Bill Graybill
05 / 11- Burgionne Fee
05 / 11- Stephen Foster
05 / 18- Tommy Brown
05 / 19- Eddie Sweet
05 / 19- Jim Smith
05 / 20- Sherry Hornberger

05 / 21- Dan Frazee
05 / 22- Francis Erne Jr.
05 / 23- Jim Haas
05 / 23- Raymond Dixon
05 / 26- Lawrence Huber Jr.
05 / 29- MEMORIAL DAY

Chapter 649 - Board Of Directors 2017

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

**To all of our New Members, & subscribers, who may not be aware of;
Other VVA Websites Links, that you may wish to "Save", for easy access.**

VVA - Chapter 649 Website -

<http://www.vva649.org/index.html>

VVA - Buckeye State Council Website -

<http://www.vvaohio.com/index.htm>