



V.V.A. Clermont County Chapter 649

JUNE 14, 1775 - HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. ARMY VETS



June 8th Guest Speaker - Cliff Riley, VVA Ohio State Council President

Cliff will be discussing new programs at the Veterans Administration.

OUR NEXT MEETING Thursday June 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

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

MAY: VVA 649 Awards Scholarships



May 11, 2017, Vietnam Veterans of America, Clermont Co. Chapter 649, awarded college scholarships to, Lindsey M. Lawson of Milford High School
And
Siera M. Joehnk of Glen Este High School

The scholarship award program is an annual event for VVA 649 and is funded through their annual fundraising events.

Michael Newman, President of VVA 649 explained the process of selection. "We had seven applicants from five high schools in Clermont County; (Amelia, Glen Este, Milford, Goshen and Felicity). Scholarships were available to students whose parent or grandparent is a veteran. The criteria included academic level, financial need, community service, character, and the application process itself."

The VVA 649 Scholarship Committee chose what it considered the top three candidates and presented those, anonymously, to the VVA 649 Board. The Board selected the two winners from those three based on the information provided.

VVA 649 hopes to increase the scholarships to three in 2018. Anyone wishing to help fund the program may contact the chapter through their website www.vva649.org

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MAY: Mark Brandon, Phil Dodge, Steve Tam, and Michael Newman manned a meet and greet booth at Batavia Township's Eastside Adventure Challenge.

Although turnout for the affair appeared smaller than the previous year, the group was able to speak to a few veterans.

MAY: Memorial Day Ceremony

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

Chapter 649 wishes to Thank all members and local area residents who attended our event, and also Thank, Boy Scouts of America, (Troop 742 for the placing of the crosses) / Union Twp. Police Honor Guard / Siera Joehnk (*National Anthem*) /

Guest: Union Twp. Trustees / Clermont County Commissioners / Brad Wenstrup - (U.S. Representative, Ohio / Second District) and Clermont County Equipment (Providing 649 with Golf Cart usage) Ray Autenrieb - Event Chairman

Chapter 649 is once again holding a raffle.

This raffle offers prizes to two winners – an AR-15 rifle by HM Defender and a 45 caliber Sig Sauer model 1911 pistol.

First winner gets choice of weapon. **Second winner** receives the other. Several branch members will be selling raffle tickets.

Winning Tickets Will Be Drawn in early December, 2017

If you wish to sell tickets, see Michael Newman at the membership meeting

JUNE 11, 2017 - VVA Chapter 649 will hold it's annual FLAG RETIREMENT CEREMONY

Location - Union Township Civic Center Amphitheatre 4350 Aicholtz Rd, 45245



V.V.A. Clermont County Chapter 649 JUNE NEWSLETTER 2017



It's Not too Late to Sign Up to Play Golf ! Saturday, September 9th Registration Begins at 7:30 A.M.
Shotgun Start at 9:00 A.M. Fee \$80.00 Per Person Includes: 18 Holes of Golf with Cart / Italian Feast Buffet Dinner / Door Prize Drawing Awards: 1st and 2nd Place Teams / Longest Drive / Longest Putt / Closest to the Pin / Hole in One wins a Chevy Cruze

All the forms you need for team sign up and hole sponsor are on our website [Link to the VVA 649 website](#)

FOR INFO OR RERVATIONS CONTACT - Ken Williamson - 513. 260. 6501 / kenvva649@yahoo.com

The U.S. Army was founded on June 14, 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized enlistment of riflemen to serve the United Colonies for one year. **The 14 June date** is when Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in The Committee of the Whole. This procedure and the desire for secrecy account for the sparseness of the official journal entries for the day. The record indicates only that Congress undertook to raise ten companies of riflemen, approved an enlistment form for them, and appointed a committee (including Washington and Schuyler) to draft rules and regulations for the government of the army. The delegates' correspondence, diaries, and subsequent actions make it clear that they really did much more. They also accepted responsibility for the existing New England troops and forces requested for the defense of the various points in New York. The former were believed to total 10,000 men; the latter, both New Yorkers and Connecticut men, another 5,000. **At least some members** of Congress assumed from the beginning that this force would be expanded. That expansion, in the form of increased troop ceilings at Boston, came very rapidly as better information arrived regarding the actual numbers of New England troops. By the third week in June delegates were referring to 15,000 at Boston. When on 19 June Congress requested the governments of Connecticut, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire to forward to Boston "such of the forces as are already embodied, towards their quotas of the troops agreed to be raised by the New England Colonies," it gave a clear indication of its intent to adopt the regional army. Discussions the next day indicated that Congress was prepared to support a force at Boston twice the size of the British garrison, and that it was unwilling to order any existing units to be disbanded. By the first week in July delegates were referring to a total at Boston that was edging toward 20,000. Maximum strengths for the forces both in Massachusetts and New York were finally established on 21 and 22 July, when solid information was on hand. These were set, respectively, at 22,000 and 5,000 men, a total nearly double that envisioned on 14 June. **The "expert riflemen"** authorized on 14 June were the first units raised directly as Continentals. Congress intended to have the ten companies serve as a light infantry force for the Boston siege. At the same time it symbolically extended military participation beyond New England by allocating 6 of the companies to Pennsylvania, 2 to Maryland, and 2 to Virginia. Each company would have a captain, 3 lieutenants, 4 sergeants, 4 corporals, a drummer (or horn player), and 68 privates. For continued information, [CLICK HERE](#)

JUNE - HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

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| 06 / 04- Mike Culbertson | 06 / 12- Jerry Kratzer | 06 / 15- Martin Webster | 06 / 23- William Carkeek |
| 06 / 07- Danny Miller | 06 / 13- Steve Barnhard | 06 / 19- Dennie Robinson | 06 / 24- Danny Bare |
| 06 / 07- Jeffery Jones | 06 / 14- Gene Wilt | 06 / 20- Stanley Mozydlowski | 06 / 26- Paul Davies |
| 06 / 09- Elijah Helton Jr | 06 / 14- FLAG DAY | 06 / 21- John Osterling | 06 / 27- David J. Petrus |
| 06 / 09- Michael Monahan | 06 / 14- U.S. Army Vets | 06 / 21- Lynn Burger | 06 / 28- James Dahlheimer |
| 06 / 12- Danny Gilkison | 06 / 14- Thomas Cooper | 06 / 22- Edward Ball | 06 / 30- Dan Bowman |
| 06 / 12- Gerald Bridges | 06 / 15- Dale Patchell | 06 / 22- James Lasley | 06 / 30- Steven Simms |

Chapter 649 - Board Of Directors 2017

Michael Newman	President	Don Sheppard	B.O.D.	Don Sheppard	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Ben Joehnk	1st Vice	Steve Tam	B.O.D.	Steve Tam	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Phillip Dodge	2nd Vice	Samuel Bray	B.O.D.	Michael Newman	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Wayne Gregory	Treasurer	Thomas Olenick	B.O.D.	Gene Wilt	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
Dan Schulte	Secretary	William Barker	B.O.D.	Tom Bixler	Delegate - 2 Yr. Term
				Phillip Dodge	Delegate - 1 Yr. Term

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>
- VVA - National Website - <http://www.vva.org/>