



# V.V.A. Clermont County Chapter 649

## JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER



**June 13th Guest Speaker** - Guest speaker – Clermont County sheriff Robert (Steve) Leahy will be our guest speaker at our July 2017 meeting. Sheriff Leahy has been with Clermont County Sheriff's Department since 1991, beginning as a road patrol deputy. During his tenure there, he spent time with Clermont County Special Response Team as lead hostage negotiator, commander of the Court Services Division, the Clermont County's narcotics unit, and finally as Chief Deputy of Operations before his election in 2016 to sheriff, replacing retired Sheriff Rodenberg.



**Passing of VVA Chapter 649 Member, Robert E. Flinders, 71, of Union Township, passed away Sunday, June 18, 2017.** Bob served in the Seabee division of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He owned and operated Rhino's Bar in Sharonville and Eastgate. Baseball was a passion of his: he taught camps, coached and was a secondary scout for the Cincinnati Reds under Lou Piniella. He was also a big advocate for VA veterans and trained race horses.  
**Robert E. Flinders, - December 24, 1945 - June 18, 2017**

### OUR NEXT MEETING Thursday July 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**

#### 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

**June : 9** Chapter 649 presented *Everything Bagels, (Eastgate) a Certificate Of Appreciation, proclaiming,*



*Everything -Bagels as the June, Business of The Month.*

*Recently they provided us with a Bulletin-Board, so that their customers are able to view our upcoming, local area Chapter events, Meet & Greets, Chapter Meeting dates ( open to the public ) Membership Applications, Commemorative Brick Forms (for those who wish purchase a Brick)*

*Thank you, Everything Bagels, for supporting VVA Chapter 649*

*Mark Brandon, Committee Chairman / Philip Dodge, Co Chairman*

### JUNE : 10 Buckeye State

The Buckeye State general membership meeting was held in Newark, Ohio on Saturday, June 10.

Notable awards went to **Chapter 10 as Chapter of the Year** and to **David Fuchs, 1<sup>st</sup> VP of Chapter 97 as Veteran of the Year.**

### JUNE 11, VVA 649 Flag Retirement Ceremony

The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 649 of Clermont County and Boy Scout Troop 742 of Batavia held their seventh annual flag retirement ceremony on June 11th at 1:00 PM in the Union Township Amphitheatre. Brian Thomas, 55krc radio personality was the Master of Ceremonies.

*Thank you to all Guest Speakers, and local area residents, who attended our "Retirement Of The Flags" ceremony.*

*Steve Tam, Chairman of the Flag Retirement Committee.*

### 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



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**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](mailto:kenvva649@yahoo.com)**



To all who have purchased Commemorative Brick orders during the months of March, April, May, and June of 2017, Chapter 649 apologize for the delay in placing your brick at our memorial.

We have now received over 40 new cut bricks from our supplier and will soon have them in place at our memorial, and also posted upon our website.

[http://www.vva649.org/brick\\_grid/649\\_grid/newbrickmenu.htm](http://www.vva649.org/brick_grid/649_grid/newbrickmenu.htm)

*We thank you for your patents , and once again apologize for the lengthy delay.  
VVA Chapter 649 Memorial Brick Committee*

## JUNE - HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

07 / 01- Bob Wolf  
07 / 01- Pamela Stevens Avva  
07 / 01- Raymon Curry  
07 / 02- Bob Gustin  
07 / 03- David Murrell  
07 / 04 Arthur Ray Stephenson  
**07 / 04 Independence Day**  
07 / 06- Ray Hutchinson  
07 / 07- Jerry Qusenberry  
07 / 07- Ray Day

07 / 09- Thomas Olenick  
07 / 09- Uldis Kordons  
07 / 10- Tom L. Schueman  
07 / 11- Louis Hornberger  
07 / 11- Ron Miller  
07 / 12- Abraham Wilder  
07 / 12- John Morgan  
07 / 13- Dale Thompson  
07 / 14- Ralph Adkins  
07 / 15- Roy Weatherspoon

07 / 17- Charles Pratt  
07 / 20- Bobby Sluss  
07 / 21- Richard Stobbs  
07 / 21- Terri Daugherty Avva  
07 / 22- Wayne Blanton  
07 / 23- Terry Reed  
07 / 24- James Comello  
07 / 24- Jim Wilson  
07 / 24- Ken Cook  
07 / 25- Brenda Smith- Avva

07 / 25- Tim Schmidt  
07 / 26- Dave Conley  
07 / 26- Davie Stevens  
07 / 27- John W. Long  
07 / 30- Jack Burriss  
07 / 31- Bruce Chitwood  
07 / 31- Thomas Whalen

## Chapter 649 - Board Of Directors 2017

Michael Newman President  
Ben Joehnk 1st Vice  
Phillip Dodge 2nd Vice  
Wayne Gregory Treasurer  
Dan Schulte Secretary

Don Sheppard B.O.D.  
Steve Tam B.O.D.  
Samuel Bray B.O.D.  
Thomas Olenick B.O.D.  
William Barker 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  
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/>