



Carlisle Vietnam Veterans, Inc.

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Carlisle Vietnam Veterans, Post 1, is an organization of veterans, of those who support veterans and their families and friends with their experiences. Our purpose is to ensure an honest and truthful legacy of the Vietnam War through both formal and informal public and personal programs.

July 2008

COMMANDERS REPORT

On Saturday, July 6th, myself and several other Post members spent 3-4 hours with two Iraqi War Veterans at the Cracker Barrel Restaurant in Carlisle. They were there with a program called "Wounded Warrior Project", where they travel across America meeting the public and Veterans from other wars. These two Vets were inspirational to say the least, one was missing an arm and the other was missing a leg, but both had great attitudes on life and as we shared war experiences, it was evident the emotional and physical pain does not change from war to war. They made all of us there proud. You'll see more information later in this newsletter.

DONATION to Sgt. GARCIA

Bill Martin, Rod Keckler, and Bob Hinkle presented Sgt. Garcia a \$200.00 Gift Certificate a few weeks ago. He has just undergone surgery for a brain tumor, and is doing fine. He was very thankful to receive our gift, but stated that he did not deserve it. We reminded him, he fought in Operation Iraqi Freedom and is one of us, so we owe him a great debt. Veterans helping Veterans is what we're about.



POST BUSINESS

IMPORTANT - POST SOCIAL CHANGE

The Post Social Breakfast will be Saturday, July 19th, 2008, 8:00 am, at the Carlisle Diner on West High Street just past the Dickinson College Football Field, There are two parking lots, so come out and enjoy breakfast with your friends

SPECIAL PROJECT - UPDATE

Bill Martin and Bob Hinkle have met with Neil Delaspni, Director of Veterans Affairs and we are off and running. He has given us his full support to place a Monument in the Veterans Courtyard in Carlisle, Honoring Viet-Nam Vets. We are working on the size, design, and wording. We would like your input, so don't be afraid to give us your suggestions.

MARINES IN IRAQ NEED OUR HELP

Marine Forward Operating Base Burns

We received an email from the PA State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America. The email originated in Iraq, from Marine Captain Jeremy Anzevino, the CO Lima Company, 3/6 outlining the burning of his company Marine Forward Operating Base, 14 FOB troop houses burned, and all the possessions of the Marines were lost. Those forwarding the email are asking for help getting personal items (shaving gear, socks, toothpaste, and many other items, We were reminded the Post Office has boxes that we can send for only \$8.95 after we fill them. Bob will go over this at the meeting.

TROOP SUPPORT NOTES

WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT

We will have flyers at our meeting to give you an idea of its history, but essentially it was created to help wounded Veterans and welcome them home. They depend on donations from the public and Veterans organizations. Their email address is www.woundedwarriorproject.org

PERSIAN GULF BONUS

Now available - those who served in the Gulf Theater between August 2nd, 1990 and August 31st, 1991 and are from Pennsylvania are eligible for a bonus. For more details call 1-866-458-9182.

ITEMS FOR THE TROOPS

We continue to collect items to send to the troops. Please bring them to a meeting or get them to Bob Hinkle. Below is a list of some of the needed items:

Hard Candies/gum/life savers . . . Popcorn/crackers/nuts/cookies . . . Pens/writing tablets/envelopes . . . Powdered drink mixes . . . Eye drops/chap stick . . . Traveling games/ decks of cards . . . Hot Cocoa/coffee . . . Toothbrushes/toothpaste/floss . . . Beef jerky . . . Books/magazines/crossword puzzles . . . Pocket size hand sanitizer/lotion/tissue . . . Ready to eat tuna/soup/rice . . . Note cards . . . White socks.

EVENTS THIS YEAR

CARLISLE BIKE FEST

The Carlisle Bike Fest is 25, 26, & 27 July 2008 at the Carlisle Fair Grounds. We will be setting up on Thursday Evening July 24th, so if you can help be at the storage area at 5:30 pm. We need help on Friday and Saturday in particular, as we get busy as hell on those days. We do have some free passes to get in, so if interested, contact Bob Hinkle or be at the July meeting.

NEW FUND RAISING EVENTS

We will be setting up Memorabilia stands at 3 Gun Shows this year. The dates are 6 & 7 September 2008 and 13 & 14 December 2008 in Harrisburg, and 11 & 12 October 2008 in Carlisle. More details in future newsletters.

CUMBERLAND VALLEY CLASSIC

The car show will be Saturday September 14th, 2008 at the Carlisle Fair Grounds from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We donated 3 trophies for them to hand out, so try to attend

PARKING CARS AT FALL CARLISLE

Fall Carlisle Collector Car Swap Meet and Corral is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 October 2008. At least for now parking cars is still on.

POW-MIA VIGIL

The POW-MIA Vigil is 10 & 11 November 2008.

VISITING VETERANS IN THE HOME

We will be visiting the Veterans in the home on November 11th, 2008. More details to follow.

US ARMY HERITAGE MUSEUM

On November 14th, the US Army Heritage Museum will be Honoring and Dedicating the newly built Fire Support Base to Viet-Nam Veterans. Mark your calendars and we will have more details later

POST CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Post Christmas Party will be Saturday, December 6th, 2008 at the Boiling Springs VFW.

MECHANICSBURG ANNUAL VIGIL

On September 19th, the Mechanicsburg Vietnam Vets will be holding their Annual POW/MIA Vigil at 7:00 pm on the Square in Mechanicsburg—Mark your calendars. Our Friends and Comrades are still missing

NEWVILLE FOUNTAIN FESTIVAL

Thanks to all who came out and helped. We sold a lot of items and met a lot of great people.

POST NOTES

NEXT POST MEETING

The next Post meeting will be held on Monday July 21st, 2008, in the Minerva Mills Building on Louth Street in Carlisle at 7:00 pm.

POST 1 CALENDAR

Jun 16 - Post Meeting
Jun 21 - Fountain Festival - Newville
Sept 6 & 7 Gun Show - Harrisburg
Sept 14 - Cumberland Valley Classics Car Show
Sep 19 - Mechanicsburg Annual Vigil
Oct 1 - 5 Parking Cars at Fall Carlisle
Oct 11 & 12 Gun Show—Carlisle
Nov 10 & 11 POW/MIA Vigil—Carlisle
Nov 11 - Visiting Veterans in the Home
Nov 14 Fire Support Base Dedication

DUES FOR 2008

2008 dues are still due—if you didn't pay them, we will have no choice but to stop the newsletter. Please get them paid—they are only \$10.00.

POST OFFICERS

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Bill Smith, Vice Commander, 243-8615
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POST SECRETARY POSITION

This position is in need of a willing volunteer, you.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Please forward any article for the newsletter to the Editor, Paul Hundertmark at:

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