



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.

September 2008

COMMANDERS REPORT

As most of you know, (we) the Carlisle Viet-Nam Vets are putting up a monument in Carlisle to Honor the Viet-Nam Vets from Cumberland County. It's something I and many Nam Vets have wanted to do for a long time and the dream is now coming true. We are proudly doing this on our own, without the help of any other organization, and it's exciting and emotional for many of us. Neil Delasanti, Director of Veterans Affairs in Cumberland County, and the Cumberland County Commissioners are very supportive, so our dream will be a reality soon.

POST SECRETARY

We have a Post Secretary. We want to sincerely thank Pat Keckler for accepting this position. She has already made a major impact. Thanks Pat—we welcome you with open arms.

IMPORTANT - 9-11 CEREMONY

There will be a 9-11 Ceremony in Downtown Carlisle on Thursday, September 11th at 5:00 PM. The Carlisle Viet-Nam Vets will be raising the flags at the square. See the enclosed flyer.

USS NEW YORK

The recently Commissioned USS New York contains 24 tons of steel from the World Trade Center. See the enclosed flyer.

MOVING WALL IN HARRISBURG

The Traveling Replica of the Vietnam Wall to visit Harrisburg September 19-21. See the enclosed flyer.

POST BUSINESS

SPECIAL PROJECT - UPDATE

VIET-NAM MEMORIAL IN CARLISLE

Bob Hinkle and Bill Martin have had several meetings with Neil Delisanti and Carlisle Memorial Services regarding erecting a Viet-Nam Memorial in Veterans Courtyard. The design, the size, and the wording have been tentatively selected and a final "Showing" for our post membership to approve will be done at our September meeting on the 15th. We know you will like it, as it honors all Veterans from Cumberland County, who served in Viet-Nam. The un-veiling and dedication is set for near or on Memorial Day 2009.

DISABLED VETERANS DINNER

The Elks Organization in Carlisle will be holding a dinner for Disabled Veterans on November 20th at 6:00 PM. They need help from able bodied Veterans to help serve and feed the Veterans coming from VA Facilities in Wheelchairs, etc. Let Bob Hinkle know if your interested in helping for a few hours.

HARRISBURG GUN SHOW

We set up a Memorabilia stand for a Gun Show on 6 & 7 September 2008 in Harrisburg. We want to thank Bill Martin, Rod & Patsy Keckler, Bob & Luann Hinkle, Bill Smith, and Rick Adams for helping out at this post event. It was our first gun show and we did well on Saturday, but things were slow on Sunday. We did meet a lot of nice Veterans from several states.

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

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

POST 1 CALENDAR

Sept 11 - 9-11 Remembrance Ceremony
Sept 14 - Cumberland Valley Classics Car Show
Sept 19 - Mechanicsburg Annual Vigil
Sept 20 - Post Social
Oct 2 - 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
Dec 6 - Post Christmas Party

9-11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

THURSDAY, September 11th, 2008. See Flyer

CUMBERLAND VALLEY CLASSIC

The car show will be Sunday 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.

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

POST SOCIAL

The Post Social Breakfast will be Saturday, Sept 20th, 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

PARKING CARS AT FALL CARLISLE

Fall Carlisle Collector Car Swap Meet and Corral is 2, 3, 4, 5 October 2008. We will park cars starting Thursday the 2nd. WE NEED YOUR HELP!

GUN SHOW - CARLISLE

We will be setting up a Memorabilia stand for a Gun Show on 11 & 12 October 2008 in Carlisle at the New Convention Hall on K-Street. WE NEED YOUR HELP

POW-MIA VIGIL

The POW-MIA Vigil is 10 & 11 November 2008. More details in the October newsletter.

VISITING VETERANS IN THE HOME

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

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.

GUN SHOW - HARRISBURG

We will be setting up a Memorabilia stand for a Gun Show on 13 & 14 December 2008 in Harrisburg . WE NEED HELP

POST NOTES

POST OFFICERS

Bob Hinkle, Commander, 776-4777
Bill Smith, Vice Commander, 243-8615
Tom Stenehjem, Treasurer, 245-0274
Pat Keckler, Secretary
John Hawkins, Sergeant at Arms, 249-4515
Bill Martin, First Sergeant, 243-5338

NEWSLETTER and ARTICLES

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

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THIS IS A NEW EMAIL ADDRESS

POST EMAIL ADDRESSES

Do you have an email address?

I'm asking all post members who have an email address to forward it to me. This will allow faster delivery of the newsletter and more important, it will allow the post to pass out important information on short notice.

Please send your email address to:

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NEXT POST MEETING

The next Post meeting will be held on Monday Sept 15th, 2008, in the Minerva Mills Building on Louthier Street in Carlisle at 7:00 pm.
