



THE OUTPOST

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Submitted By: Jon Mueller

V.V.A. Chapter 787's Annual 2007 Car Show, Brandon Fl.

Event organizer and master of ceremonies, **Tom Hall**, along with help from chapter President **Jim LaGarde**, VP **Carl Harris**, Sec/Tres **Bob Silmsers**, Board member and State Delegate **Kevin Ruhl**, and chapter members, **Tony Towers**, **Richard Nye**, **Mickey Taylor**, **Kit Carson**, **Dave Braun** (who is also Hillsborough County Veterans Council President), **Tom Damm** and the lovely **Elaine Harris** AVVA member and wife of VP **Carl Harris**, put on quite a show.



Most of the Vietnam Veterans who attended the car show, gathered for this photo. The event ran from 9:00 AM to 3 PM, June 30th. About 50 classic cars were registered for awards. Chapter 787 was once again supported by the "High Rollers" Auto Club who did an outstanding job, we really appreciate their help each year.

Chapter Officers

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Meetings

Chapter Meetings are held the 4th Thursday of each month.

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Veterans Memorial Park 3602 Hwy. 301 N. Tampa Fl. 33619. See Map on last page.

Mailing address: P.O. Box 89247, Tampa Fl. 33689-0404.

Additional Pictures from the Car Show!



Pictured from L-R, top row, chapter member **Kit Carson** checks out the “Arobike” who’s vehicle resembles a jet fighter but is street legal and is always a hit at car shows. Next, chapter Sec/Tres **Bob Silmsner**, an old Air Force veteran, discusses technical flight data with the jet man.

Second row, L-R, caught in an inter-service love triangle are, Marine **Carl Harris**, Soldier **Richard Nye** and Sailor **Tony Towers**, very shocking! Next the affection continues only this time the Air Force sends in long absent chapter member, **Tom Damm** to snuggle up to **Richard Nye**. We kept our eye out for any Coast Guardsman who may want to participate but none showed up.

Third row, pictured at left, is event organizer, state council treasurer and chapter member **Tom Hall** (seated) helping applicants register their cars for possible awards.

First Man Arrested Under the New Stolen Valor Act

Vietnam Vet Posed as a War Hero

Louis Lowell McGuinn was a regular at military galas around town, posing with a gleaming chest full of medals that symbolized a life of valor.

But another vet noticed in December that McGuinn seemed to be wearing the Purple Heart, the Silver Star and the Distinguished Service Cross incorrectly. In addition, while he claimed to be a Special Forces officer, he had very little knowledge of Special Forces or Airborne operations. His 40-year lie started to unravel, prosecutors said.

Yesterday, Manhattan federal prosecutors used a brand new law to charge McGuinn with posing as a war hero - making the Flushing, Queens, man one of the first in the New York region to face prosecution under the Stolen Valor Act.



The law, which took effect in January, makes it a felony to falsely claim to have received an award authorized for members of the U.S. armed forces.

He faces a year in jail.

McGuinn, also known as Lowell Craig McGuinn, served in Vietnam and was a private when he was discharged from the Army in 1968. He was not Special Forces, Airborne, Air Assault, Pathfinder or Infantry qualified.

But over the years he bumped himself up to lieutenant colonel to help him win lucrative security consulting contracts, prosecutors say.

The feds have photos of McGuinn, 62, at military events at the Pierre Hotel and the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, L.I.

In December, McGuinn leased space at the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines Club in midtown, where the club's executive director noticed McGuinn "wore decorations on his uniform in the incorrect manner and, when asked, could not produce any documentation verifying his service or medals," according to a criminal complaint filed by FBI Special Agent Jason Randazzo.

In December, Randazzo said McGuinn told a New York City police officer he was a lieutenant colonel working with the Department of Homeland Security. He told executives at an underwater marine security company that he served with the Special Forces, the feds say.

Finally, agent Randazzo said, "you would think wannabe guys like this would do their homework regarding medals and decorations before they go out in public and try to show off. This guy not only had more decorations and qualification badges than normal but he put many of them in the wrong place on his uniform."

He was released on \$5,000 bond after a brief court hearing.

Submitted By: Kevin Ruhl **Armed Forces Recreation Center at Disney World**

AFRC SHADES OF GREEN UPDATE 04: Shades of Green, the Armed Forces Recreation Center Resort on Disney World in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, recently announced the commencement of its Salute to Veterans Program. This program expands current eligibility to allow any honorably discharged veteran the opportunity to stay at Shades of Green Resort during the months of September 2007 and January 2008. Under the guidelines of the special program, you do NOT need to be a military retiree but you will need a valid DD214 indicating Honorable Discharge. Shades of Green, Surrounded by one of the best golf courses in Florida, completed a full renovation and expansion in 2005. For more information about the resort refer to the Shades of Green website at <http://www.shadesofgreen.org/> or call (407) 827- 8387.

Quotes

"I think in the wake of Katrina, the Coast Guard may well have been the only entity or agency that came out of that exercise free of fault and free of blame." — Howard Coble, Congressman, Republican from N.C.



"The U.S. Coast Guard is a shining example of how well a Federal Military agency can perform with its flexibility, speed, and expertise. " — Russ Carnahan, Congressman, Democrat, Missouri.

"Don't you forget that you're First Marines! Not all the communists in Hell can overrun you!"

Col. Lewis B. "Chesty" Puller, USMC

rallying his First Marine Regiment near Chosin Reservoir, Korea, December 1950



"I have only two men out of my company and 20 out of some other company. We need support, but it is almost suicide to try to get it here as we are swept by machine gun fire and a constant barrage is on us. I have no one on my left and only a few on my right. I will hold." 1stLt. Clifton B. Cates, USMC in Belleau Wood, 19 July 1918

"You do what you can for as long as you can, and when you finally can't, you do the next best thing. You back up but you don't give up." Chuck Yeager USAF



"With us air people, the future of our nation is indissolubly bound up in the development of air power." Billy Mitchell USAF

"A good Navy is not a provocation to war. It is the surest guaranty of peace."

President Theodore Roosevelt, 2 December 1902, second annual message to Congress.

"I can imagine no more rewarding a career. And any man who may be asked in this century what he did to make his life worthwhile, I think can respond with a good deal of pride and satisfaction: 'I served in the United States Navy.'"

President John F. Kennedy, 1 August 1963, in Bancroft Hall at the U. S. Naval Academy.



"They came at us screaming something unknowable, some had bayonets raised. My men fired into them and I saw many drop, but they would not break, and after an hour or less we had to give ground or we would have all died from their charges." "Where do they find such men?"

Col. Chinh Nghiem, North Vietnamese Army, commenting to a Polish newsman on the attack of his battalion by a company of U.S. Soldiers from the Army's 4th Infantry Division, Cambodia 1970.



"Lieutenant, we're paratroopers. We're supposed to be surrounded!"

Captain. Winters of the U.S. Army's 506th PIR (Parachute Infantry Regiment) made this reply to 1st Lieutenant Rice, of the 22nd Anti-Aircraft Battalion, who asked him why he was marching his men into the town of Bastogne when it would soon be surrounded by three German Panzer Divisions. Lt. Rice's men were moving in the opposite direction. December 1944.

Vietnam Vet accused of setting up a Coup in Laos

Military Times Frontlines report. June 18 2007

If federal prosecutors are right, retired Lt. Col. Harrison Jack lived a cinematic double life. The U.S. attorney's office accuses the decorated Vietnam veteran of plotting to buy millions of dollars worth of stinger missiles, AK-47's and grenade launchers to overthrow the Laotian government.



Still, there signs that Jack, a West Point graduate who had served two tours as a Army Ranger, had never fully let go of his experience in the Southeast Asian jungle. Earlier this year he e-mailed friends a message asking for urgent help to raise money and provide other aid to the Hmong, an ethnic minority from Southeast Asia that fought alongside Americans against communists in Laos during the Vietnam War.

"I am writing this e-mail out of respect for and in tribute to those who valiantly served, rescued and protected American servicemen during the Vietnam era," Jack wrote. "I owe them my life."

He claimed the communist regime in Laos had recently ordered the genocide of the estimated 75,000 remaining Hmong in the country.

The state Department's Web site warns that Lao and Hmong American citizens have been murdered in northern Thailand near the border with Laos in recent years, and that Hmong people in Laos are still subject to persecution, but has made no mention of the kind of killing warned about in Jack's e-mail.

Jack is one of 10 people charged in the overthrow plot and the first person the U.S. has asked to detain. Officials said their probe may extend to a former Wisconsin state senator, an unnamed congressman and the California Highway Patrol.

Prosecutors allege that Jack, 60, was the central arms broker in a plot to send mercenaries and nearly \$10 million in weapons into Laos to topple the country's communist regime.

Jack, a former California National Guardsman, was arrested June 4 in California.

Mary French, Jack's federally appointed public defender, said her office had received several offers from military officials and community leaders to write character references to the judge on Jack's behalf.

"He has a lot of support in the community," French said.

Submitted By: **Ron Murray**: While in Pennsylvania when I ended my part of the 10,000 mile ride for the wounded, I decided that I would continue what the GOE started on May 19th. That was taking lunch to the recruiters all over the USA. I contacted my friend Dr. Gary Lewis of Hershey, Pa. and he came out to help. He is in the blue shirt. This was June 8th in Lebanon, Pennsylvania. GOE stands for Gathering of Eagles, organization, chapter member Ron Murray is in the white T-shirt with our Flag.



Medal of Honor Winners of the Vietnam War.
The Bravest of the Brave



PITSENBARGER WILLIAM H.

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, March 3, 1863, has awarded in the name of The Congress the Medal of Honor to

**AIRMAN FIRST CLASS WILLIAM H. PITSENBARGER
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE**



For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. Airman First Class Pitsenbarger distinguished himself by extreme valor on 11 April 1966 near Cam My, Republic of Vietnam, while assigned as a Pararescue Crew Member, Detachment 6, 38th Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Squadron. On that date, Airman Pitsenbarger was aboard a rescue helicopter responding to a call for evacuation of casualties incurred in an ongoing firefight between elements of the United States Army's 1st Infantry Division and a sizeable enemy force approximately 35 miles east of Saigon. With complete disregard for personal safety, Airman Pitsenbarger volunteered to ride a hoist more than one hundred feet through the jungle, to the ground. On the ground, he organized and coordinated rescue efforts, cared for the wounded, prepared casualties for evacuation, and insured that the recovery operation continued in a smooth and orderly fashion. Through his personal efforts, the evacuation of the wounded was greatly expedited. As each of the nine casualties evacuated that day was recovered, Airman Pitsenbarger refused evacuation in order to get more wounded soldiers to safety. After several pick-ups, one of the two rescue helicopters involved in the evacuation was struck by heavy enemy ground fire and was forced to leave the scene for an emergency landing. Airman Pitsenbarger stayed behind on the ground to perform medical duties. Shortly thereafter, the area came under sniper and mortar fire. During a subsequent attempt to evacuate the site, American forces came under heavy assault by a large Viet Cong force. When the enemy launched the assault, the evacuation was called off and Airman Pitsenbarger took up arms with the besieged infantrymen. He courageously resisted the enemy, braving intense gunfire to gather and distribute vital ammunition to American defenders. As the battle raged on, he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to care for the wounded, pull them out of the line of fire, and return fire whenever he could, during which time he was wounded three times. Despite his wounds, he valiantly fought on, simultaneously treating as many wounded as possible. In the vicious fighting that followed, the American forces suffered 80 percent casualties as their perimeter was breached, and Airman Pitsenbarger was fatally wounded. Airman Pitsenbarger exposed himself to almost certain death by staying on the ground, and perished while saving the lives of wounded infantrymen. His bravery and determination exemplify the highest professional standards and traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Air Force.

Submitted By: **Tom Hall**

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs speaks to the Cadets at West Point

Subject: *Vietnam Vet Pace Passes Torch to New Generation of Leaders*
Date: *Thu, 26 Apr 2007 10:46:00 -0400*
By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WEST POINT, N.Y., April 26, 2007 - It seemed very much like the passing of the torch as Marine Gen. Peter Pace spoke to the U.S. Military Academy Class of 2007 here yesterday.

Pace probably will be the last chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff with combat experience from Vietnam. He spoke to cadets who, by this time next year, may be leading troops in combat in Iraq or Afghanistan.

Pace graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., in 1967. He arrived at Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, in Hue City, South Vietnam, in the middle of the Tet offensive of February 1968. The general spoke of that experience and 40 years of leadership at all levels with the soon-to-be second lieutenants. **Continued on next page.....**

Pace urged the cadets to listen to their platoon sergeants, and showed that a four-star general followed his own advice when he introduced Command Sgt. Maj. William J. Gainey, the senior enlisted advisor to the chairman.

Pace spoke with a voice about an octave lower than normal, the result of "crud" he picked up during a recent trip to Iraq and Afghanistan. Still, he managed to convey the importance of the relationship between a new second lieutenant and a platoon sergeant.

"Every time I've had a leadership responsibility in my 40 years of service, I've had an incredible, strong right arm in the sergeant, staff sergeant, first sergeant, sergeant major who have been my battle buddies," Pace said. "When I found out I was going to be chairman, the first thing that crossed my mind was who was going to be my sergeant major.

"There was absolutely no way I wanted to do this without having a very special, talented senior enlisted person whispering in my ear and telling me when I was headed off on the wrong path and the other things I needed to know," the chairman said.

Pace spoke to the cadets about the lessons he learned in the fighting around Hue City - some of the deadliest fighting of the Vietnam War. He told them to check their moral compass before getting to Iraq or Afghanistan.

"When you are in combat and you see your first soldier wounded or killed, waves of emotion are going to come over you," he said. A moral anchor, he explained, will keep them from doing the wrong things.

"When I was a lieutenant in Vietnam and I was on patrol, the first Marine I lost in combat was a lance corporal named Guido Farinaro of Bethpage, N.Y.," Pace said. "Guido was 19 years old, and killed by a sniper.

"I was infuriated," he continued. "I called in an artillery strike on the village from which this sniper fired. And my platoon sergeant - Reed B. Zachary - didn't say anything to me. He just looked at me, and I knew by his look that I was about to do something really wrong."

Pace called off the artillery strike and ordered a sweep through the village. The only people the unit found were women and children.

"I don't know how I could have lived with myself if I had done what I almost did," he said. "I tell you this story because no matter how well-grounded you are, you need to know each day when you get up, who you want to be when you go to sleep that night -- especially in combat when those waves of emotion sweep over you."

He said the cadets should take the time now to examine their lives to figure out who they want to be at the end of their combat tours. "Because if you don't know your destination, you may find yourself in a place you never wanted to go," he said.

Vietnam also taught Pace to make decisions. He said that his platoon was on point for Golf Company outside Hue City. Each time the platoon came to a crossroads, he would call back to the company commander and ask which way to go.

"The third time I called back for guidance on whether to go left or right, he just chewed me out," Pace said. "If you take out the curse words, he didn't say anything at all. I handed the radio back, and told my radio operator that if he calls I'm not here, because I made the decision that I was going to start making decisions.

"And if I was going to get my butt chewed, which I have had frequently," he continued, "it was going to be for doing something and making decisions, and not for asking for guidance. It is easier to get forgiveness than get permission."

When the cadets graduate on May 26, they will have worked hard for four years and "absolutely earned the right to start at the bottom, and that ain't all bad," Pace said.

He told the cadets that the men and women they will lead are the best America offers. To be a second lieutenant leading a platoon is to have the best job in the military, and general officers would gladly trade places with them to be able to do it again, Pace told the cadets.

"If you asked a senior vice president in IBM if they wanted to get back to their cubby, they'd laugh you out of the building," Pace said, contrasting working the corporate sector with serving in the military. Starting at the bottom in the armed forces isn't bad, he said, "because it's the best part of this organization." **Continued on page 10.....**

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
<u>July 2007</u>		
4th Wed.	Independence Day, 4th of July Parade, meet at the S.E. corner of Kings & Hwy 60, Clayton Plaza, Brandon,	8:00 AM
12th Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting, Jon's House	6:30 PM
26th Thursday	Chapter Meeting, Veterans Memorial Park, Tampa Fl. New Location.	7:00 PM
<u>August 2007</u>		
12th Thursday	Board of Directors Meeting, Jon's House	6:30 PM
26th Thursday	Chapter Meeting, Veterans Memorial Park, Tampa Fl New Location	7:00 PM

V.V.A. Chapter 787 Hurricane Quick Response Team



Your chapter officers and Board of Directors want to make all members aware that should a hurricane strike the Tampa Bay area this season, we are here to help local members who may be in need.

While no one can predict what damage may occur to any of our property or person, should any of you in the Tampa Bay area need help with food, water, clothing or just removing downed trees or debris (that may be of some hazard to you or your family), please contact one or more of the following individuals. Please remember that we cannot guarantee our services since everyone listed could also be in a damaged state of affairs, but we are all committed to do our best to help our fellow veterans and chapter members if we have the ability to do so.

Help Contact Phone List: Jim (Rambo) LaGarde: 758-4547, Carl Harris: 752-6634, Bob Silmsler: 685-3483, c-220-7246, Tom Hall: 655-7129, Kevin Ruhl: (863) 956-8207, c-695-6203, Jon Mueller: 684-3951 c-418-4818. All phone numbers are in area code 813 unless noted otherwise, and c = cell phone.

Financial Status of Chapter 787 as of June 14 2007

Checking Account.....\$10,217.66 (Moving Wall Fund..\$3,743.00, Available Funds \$4,144.00,

Holiday Meals Fund...\$2,330.66*) Household Goods.....\$715.10 Convention Fund.....\$1,469.73

All Accounts Total: \$12,402.49

Thanks to our Treasurer Bob Silmsler

***It is estimated that we will need \$3,540 to cover this years Veteran Holiday Meal Program.**

New Location for Chapter Meeting!

Chapter 787 will begin meeting at the Museum building Veterans Memorial Park, 3602 Hwy. 301 N. Tampa Fl. 33619 on July 26th. This is a permanent change to our facilities. Those of you who wanted a location closer to Tampa, now have got it so we will look forward to seeing you at our meetings! Those of you who have not seen the Veterans Museum in the Park, should come a little early to take a tour.

Plans Unveiled for Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center

Week of June 04, 2007

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Center will be an underground facility at the National Mall near the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The goals of the center will be to enhance the memorial experience, honor those who died, and encourage young visitors to learn more. The center has been authorized by Congress, and memorial fund officials are working in partnership with those in the National Park Service, who ultimately will operate it. Groundbreaking is expected in 2010, with the center being completed within 18 months after that. For photographs of exhibits planned for the Center, visit the [Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund website](#).

V.V.A. State Council Meeting held June 9 2007

Submitted By: **Chapter Delegate Kevin G. Ruhl**

Membership: 105 VVA
12 AVVA

Activities:

Ongoing Provided snacks and drinks for Homeless that visit VA Center

Mar 17 Kevin Ruhl, Ben Humphries and Graig Tonges Represented VVA for the State of Florida at the Gatornationals in Gainesville to meet and cheer on Melanie Troxel in her POW/MIA Top Fuel Dragster

Apr 6 & 7 Held a 2 day fund raiser at Publix at Fish Hawk

Apr 26 Held election of Officers

Apr 30 Oral History presentation was held at Bloomingdale High School (Tom Hall)

Apr & May Honored JROTC cadets with VVA Metals (Tom Hall)

May 4&5 Held a 2 day fund raiser at Publix in Brandon

May 14 Bob Silmer (Chapter Secretary/Treasurer) attended a ceremony for three Durant High school cadets/students. Rob Tomczak will attend the USMA at West Point, Jonathan Weaver will attend the USAFA and Jared Lochmueller will attend the USNA. The future of America.

Mar 14 Veterans Commission is being held in Tampa

May 28 Participated in Memorial Day at Veterans Park on Why 301 in Tampa

Jun2 & 3 Held a two day fund raiser at Publix in Bloomingdale (Last one for the summer)

Upcoming Events

Jun 30 Chapter will hold the 4th Annual Car Show to raise money for the return of the Traveling Wall to the Tampa Area

Applying for a Grant from Publix

General Pace, Continued from page 7.....

Another benefit, he said, is that people expect lieutenants to make mistakes. "Don't feel bad about that," he said. "Just try not to make the same mistake twice."

He told the cadets to accept the jobs they are given and do the best they possibly can. "The best advice I can give you is to grow where you are planted," he said. "Your soldiers, wherever you are assigned, deserve the best leadership that they can get."

Doing any job well will lead to other jobs, the chairman noted. "There are more good jobs than there are good people," he said. Pace told the cadets that if they remember only one thing from his remarks, it should be "take care of your soldiers." He said that if the soldiers just know they care, it will help. "A unit that knows its leader cares about it, will always - always - freely give more than any leader can try to demand," he said.

Pace told the cadets that he and they have a lot in common. He said that when he graduated in 1967, the country was at war and he knew he was going to go fight in that war. The country is at war as the cadets of the class of 2007 graduates and the cadets know they will be part of that war.

He said the cadets probably are asking themselves the same questions he asked himself 40 years ago. He told the cadets if they are wondering how they will do in combat and they worry about it, "that's a healthy sign."

He said they have the best training in the world and they will join the best soldiers in the world. "You will know fear," he said. "If you are in a unit and some soldier on your left or right doesn't know fear, move away."

The general said the worst thing a second lieutenant can do in combat is get killed. "It is also the easiest (thing to do)," he said. "And I don't mean it's the easiest because you can pop your head up, or because you're on point and you might get whacked. I mean because as the lieutenant you've got to decide who is going to do the mission that looks impossible and probably will not be survived."

Pace said the cadets will find they'll want to do those missions themselves rather than pick a soldier. "But your soldiers want to follow you," he said. "They want you to lead. They want you to be telling them what to do. And they want you to be planning the next event. They do not want you to do their job for them. And if you take the easy way and get yourself killed, you have done an enormous disservice to every one of your soldiers."

About 90 percent of what they will tell their soldiers in combat will be by their examples, Pace told the cadets. He said as leaders, they have to carry themselves with confidence and remain calm. "And it is really tough to stay calm when folks are shooting at you, (and) you're trying to work the radio and get things moving," he said.

The chairman promised the cadets that taking the commissioning oath on graduation day will be an event they'll keep with them for life. "I promise you that the instant you put your hand down having sworn that oath, you will never, ever, regret strapping on the leadership of the United States Army," he said.

Hospital Chairman

Attention Chapter 787 members, my name is Kevin Ruhl, as the Hospital Chairman, it is my job to inform the Board of Directors of any and all current members that are or have been hospitalized or have recently deceased. I need you or a family member to contact me or any Board Member so we can do what we can to help. I can be contacted by E-Mail at MSgtMCRet@aol.com or 813-695-6203 (leave a message),

Chapter Membership Rewards

Any member of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 787, in good standing, who sponsors a new V.V.A. or A.V.V.A member to Chapter 787 will be rewarded with his or her yearly dues paid for up to a maximum of three years.

Therefore, if you know of any Vietnam Vet, Era Vet, or any other person (non-vet) who may be interested in joining our select group under the General Membership or A.V.V. A. program, now is the time to contact them and save some money on your next annual due's payment.

Membership Application

Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28th 1961 and May 7, 1975, or in any duty location between August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.



Vietnam Veterans of America

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Membership Type:

Individual: 1 year _____ \$20 3 years _____ \$50. Associate: 1 year _____ \$20 3 years _____ \$50

Life Member Options: _____ Life Member Ages 49 and Under: \$250, _____ Life Member Ages 50-55: \$225, _____ Life

Member Ages 56-60: \$200, _____ Life Member Ages 61-65: \$175, _____ Life Member Ages 66 +: \$150

_____ I am already a V.V.A. member and want to become a life member. My V.V.A. Member number is _____.

Optional Time Payment plan: \$50 down, and \$25 per month until paid in full.

Payment Method: Check _____

Money Order _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ If using a credit card: Card

Exp. Date: _____ **Signature** _____

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Bring a New Member to the Next Chapter Meeting.
Come and Join Us. Give us your Ideas.

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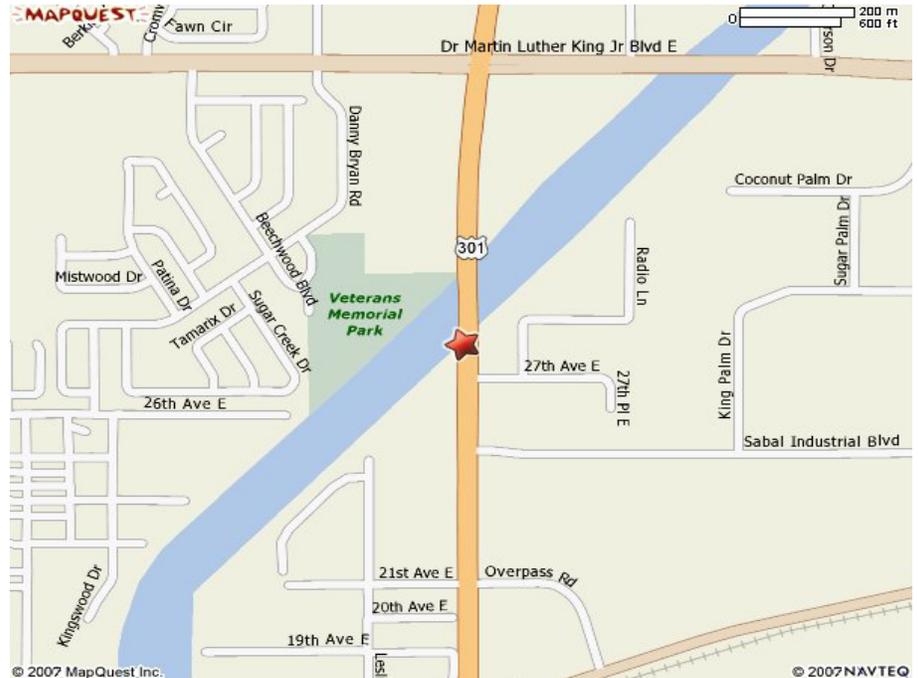
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Important Web Sites

Vietnam Veterans of American, Chapter 787, Tampa Bay Florida..... <http://www.vva787.com>
Vietnam War Statistics.....<http://my.eiis.net/cmart/vietwarstats.html>
Vietnam, Yesterday & Today.....<http://servercc.oakton.edu/~wittman/chronol.htm>
Vietnam Veterans Legacy Foundation.....www.vvlf.org
National League of Families of American POW's/MIA's.....www.pow-miafamilies.org
V.V.A. National Office on the World Wide Web.....www.vva.org
U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.....www.va.gov
OPM Veterans Hiring Preference.....www.opm.gov/veterans
Uniformed Services Family Health Plan (USFHP).....www.usfhp.com
U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims.....www.vetapp.uscourts.gov
Children of Vietnam Vets.....www.geocities.com/pentagon/9125
The Center for Women Veterans.....www.va.gov/womenvet
Vietnam Women Memorial Foundation, Inc (formerly "Project").....www.vietnamwomensmemorial.org
The Moving Wall—Vietnam Combat Veterans LTD.....www.themovingwall.org
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