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MIAMI VALLEY CHAPTER 97
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September 5, 2019 Board of Director Meeting, 5:00 PM Chapter Home
September 19, 2019 Membership Meeting, 7:00 PM Chapter Home

NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT
This will be a report dealing with the main issue of the Convention due to space limitations. Your full Delegates Report is located at the Chapter Home and more details will appear in the National paper The Veteran.
The main issues the Delegates were involved with, along with the election of our National Officers, was if the National Organization was going to dissolve and no longer exist in the not so distant future. That issue was VOTED DOWN. We will be around for a while. The other main issue was were we as Vietnam Veterans live up to V.V.A.'s Motto, “NEVER AGAIN WILL ONE GENERATION OF VETERANS ABANDON ANOTHER”. The Delegates at the convention decided not to abandon our Brothers. They passed Resolutions to direct our National Leaders to find ways to bring all present and future veterans into our organization. There was another Resolution to explore a name change for V.V.A.. As a Veterans Group, we need to get our younger Brothers, involved.

Stephen W. Ratcliffe Delegate, Director

TAPS

Say a Special prayer for our Brothers who have joined our LAST PATROL.

GREGORY VAUGHN-AUGUST 6, 2019 Chapter Board of Director

DAVID KOVERMAN-One of the first Vet Center Counselors in Dayton.

COURTNEY GUENTHER- Associate Member. This is Carl Gill’s daughter who battled cancer over the past year and she was taken too soon. May she REST IN PEACE.

JUDY REED – August 25, 2019, Tom Reed’s Wife. Per Judy’s wishes there won’t be a memorial service. A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, Donations may be made to Dayton Hospice.

SICK CALL: Our Prayers and Well Wishes go out to all of Our Members and their Families who are having Health Issues or Difficult times in their lives. Send your special prayers out to Mike Vanderveen, Mike Walters, Tom Reed, and Willie Worley.
FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have attended a few gun shows and sold Raffle Tickets for a HENRY GOLDEN BOY 45-70 RIFLE and other items. We have another gun show on September 21 & 22. Anybody that would like to help, let me know. I hope we can get everyone to sell at least 5 tickets. Contact me at 937-750-6951.

The Chapter makes a day trip to the Vietnam Veteran Reunion put on by Howard County Veterans near Kokomo In. We convoy over there, so if you would like to go and need a ride or you can drive and provide space for other people, please contact me at 937-750-6951. Dave Fuchs President

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 7- Free Veterans Breakfast Longhorn Steakhouse Miller Lane, 9 am to 10 am.

Sept. 7- HONOR FLIGHT DAYTON/OCT. 26 - HONOR FLIGHT DAYTON

Sept. 21- Chapter 97 day trip to Vietnam Veteran Reunion, Kokomo In. contact Dave at: 937-750-6951

Sept. 21-22- C&E GUN SHOW MONTGOMERY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS SAT.- 9 TO 5 SUN. - 9 TO 4

Oct. 5 - USA PATRIOTS AMPUTEE SOFTBALL TEAM EXHIBITION GAMES, & SALUTE TO WOMEN VETERANS. Location, Wright State University at Ron Nischwitz Stadium. Be there by 10:00 am.

If you need flyers to help spread the word about the USA PATRIOTS/ WOUNDED WARRIORS SOFTBALL TEAM EVENTS. CONTACT SCOTT KUHNEN AT Dayton_softball@hotmail.com

Oct. 10 - Buckeye State Council Meeting, 10:00 AM. Columbus, Oh.

Oct. 26 - VIETNAM ERA VETERANS GET-TOGETHER, Location: AMVETS POST 2256 CIRCLEVILLE, OHIO

Hosted by Vietnam Veteran Chapter 810
PRODUCT SALES

The Chapter Lapel Pins are Here. They are about an inch in diameter. They cost $8.00. There a limited supply around 200, so let Dave know if you want one.

CHAPTER 97 POLO SHIRTS

Dave is taking orders for the Chapter 97 Polo Shirts that has the sewn in logo. They come in different colors, with or without pockets. From small through xtra large the price $19.98 each. Price rises with each size increase and if you want a pocket. If you want a shirt, contact Dave Fuchs 987-750-6951.

NEW RAMP AT CHAPTER HOME

We have a new Ramp at the Chapter Home. A Big Thank You to Associate Member Linda Harris and her brother and sister for donating the ramp to our Chapter. A HUGE Thanks goes out to the Engineering, Demolition, and Construction crew that took out the old and put in the new stuff. My brother Darryl Ratcliffe and his friend for taking out the old and Mark Kucharski, Rick Cummings, for doing most of the dirty work. Your President, Dave Fuchs and myself, Steve Ratcliffe trying to help as best we can. STOP BY THE CHAPTER AND CHECK OUT THE WORK.

NEVER AGAIN WILL ONE GENERATION

OF

VETERANS ABANDON ANOTHER
USA Patriots Return!

USA PATRIOTS AMPUTEE SOFTBALL TEAM

EXHIBITION GAMES

Saturday, 5 October 2019

Ron Nischwitz Stadium, Wright State University
(Held in conjunction with Festival of Flight)

Hosted by:

Game 1: 10:30am
Patriots vs. Military & 1st Responder All-Stars

Game 2: 3:30pm
Patriots vs. Dayton Legends
Softball Club All-Stars

Special Events Between Games (approximately noon):

USA Patriots “Salute to Women Veterans”

Vintage Baseball: Eastwood Iron Horses vs. 1869 Cin. Redstockings

A Dayton Tradition for USA Patriots: 2016 — Salute to Vietnam Veterans;
2017 — USA Patriots “Thanks” to VSOs; 2018 — Salute to Gold Star Families

Tickets: Suggested Donation $5

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Proceeds benefit: Fisher Houses (WPAFB
& Dayton VA); Honor Flight—Dayton;
USA Patriots Kid’s Camp; Combat Outpost
Robinson; and Volunteers of America

HONORING OUR VETERANS
& HELPING OUR COMMUNITY

Volunteers of America
Dayton Warriors Softball Fund & WSU Veteran & Military Center (VMC) present

USA Patriots Amputee Softball Team

"Salute to Women Veterans"

Noon, Saturday, 5 October 2019
Ron Nischwitz Baseball Stadium
Wright State University

Women Veterans from all services and generations are invited to join us to be honored for your service to our country and our communities. Our partners look forward to meeting you and recognizing you for your accomplishments. Our partners include: Girl Scouts of Western Ohio, WSU Veteran & Military Center, Fisher House, Honor Flight-Dayton, USA Patriots, Combat Outpost-Robinson, and the Dayton VA Medical Center.

Held in conjunction with the 2019 return appearance of the USA Patriots Amputee Softball Team. USA Patriots will play two games:
Game #1 vs. Military All-Stars @ 10:30am; Game #2 vs. Dayton Legends Softball Club All-Stars @ 3:30pm. "Salute to Women Veterans" Master of Ceremonies: Chris Stanley, Fisher House Director