



# Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 415

July - August 2015 Newsletter

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## Article Submission

Please submit your articles and stories to newsletter editor - Art Villafane, [art@ciserve.com](mailto:art@ciserve.com)

## Calendar of Events

Please submit your event to newsletter editor - Art Villafane, [art@ciserve.com](mailto:art@ciserve.com)  
August 13-17: Traveling Vietnam Wall in Bath; Moore Township Recreational Fields.

August 15: Valor Motorcycle Run - Begin at Pocono Mountain Harley and ending at the American Legion Post 927 in Gilbert, PA (You don't need a MC to participate).

Sept 19: Chapter 415 Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting at Northampton County Community College. (Please register on-line)

Oct 3: Chapter 415 Third Annual Picnic; Fairview Park at Mine Lane Road and Fairview Avenue.

## Vets Want 74 Sailors' Names Added to The Wall

Reprinted from [Military.com](http://Military.com)

A group of Navy veterans is trying to persuade the U.S. military to add the names of 74 sailors to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The sailors were killed when their destroyer, the USS Frank E. Evans, was cut in half in a collision with an Australian aircraft carrier during naval exercises in the South China Sea in June 1969. The Department of Defense has refused to add the names to the wall because the accident happened outside the Vietnam combat zone.



Read entire article at <http://tinyurl.com/qcksdty>.

## Film: Birth of VVA

Reprinted from [VVA Web Weekly](http://VVA Web Weekly)



Finally A Voice, The Birth of the Vietnam Veterans of America, by filmmaker John Giannini is nearing completion and will be shown on July 24 at VVA's 17th National Convention in Springfield, Illinois.

The documentary covers the intense week in November 1983 when VVA delegates came together in Washington, D.C., to hammer out a constitution, elect leaders, and decide the course of the organization. The film included recent interviews with VVA members, who recall the issues in play then and where they stand now.

You can view a trailer here: <http://nvbdc.org/dvd.html>



## “Rusty” Wolfe

The world is full of people who let it be known they are there. They manage, in some way, to let you know of their presence through their manner or behavior. Even though their contribution to their fellow man may be small, you know they were there, and they claim credit for everything they do whether real or perceived.

Then there are quiet, dedicated people who leave their mark because they love and respect their fellow veteran and want to serve the entire community in any way they can that will improve the world. The things they do and the contributions they make are done quietly without fanfare and, often times, without bringing credit to themselves.

Such a man was “Rusty” Wolfe.

When Rusty died, he left his fellow veterans of the 82nd Airborne Brigade and members of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 415 with a legacy and spirit of vitality, humor, grit and determination. Rusty was never a “rank and file” guy. His personality always contributed to a good laugh and wonderful dialog. He was one of those rare individuals who understood that an attitude of cooperation and strength within an organization must be coupled up with kindness and humility.

Rusty will be remembered as a man who gave his full and uncompromising support to the organizations he belonged to and would undertake any role to advance the proper way of accomplishing goals and objectives. Rusty governed himself very well as an individual and had a wonderful perspective of his priorities and commitments. He never permitted ambition or sense of power to displace the frail human aspects of his role in an organization. Rusty’s freelance style lent itself to meeting and knowing people with diverse interests and backgrounds. He always brought to the table a sense of joy in sharing those friendships.

Rusty was a man who never operated mechanically and certainly had a creativity for dealing with the unexpected. His laugh and the many comments he made at meetings and various outings were an audible reflection of his robust lifestyle that all of his comrades grew to appreciate, respect and admire. Those of us who were blessed to call Rusty “friend” will carry his memory long into the future. If Rusty could do it all over again, I’m certain as one could be that he would do it in the exact same way.

Although this soldier of uncommon virtues has physically departed, his influence will be talked about, remembered and in the hearts of Chapter 415 members until the last man standing.

Rusty -- “Hoo-Rah” and thank you for being who you were. Thank you for your friendship, your support as our Vice President and, most of all, making me a better person.

Respectfully,  
George Puzio, President, Chapter 415, VVA



## Vietnam Vets with PTSD Win 40-Year Fight to Fix Bad Discharge

Reprinted from VVA Web Weekly

After decades of fighting, five Vietnam veterans who brought a class-action lawsuit in federal court have finally won: the Pentagon has agreed to upgrade each man's "other-than-honorable" discharge status.

These men are among the estimated 80,000 Vietnam veterans who developed Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) during their military service and subsequently received an "other than honorable" discharge. Because PTSD was not a medical diagnosis until 1980, many Vietnam-era service members who suffered from PTSD struggled to perform their assigned duties and ultimately received "bad paper" discharges instead of the medical discharges they would likely receive today. In March 2014 these five veterans sought relief by filing *Monk v. Mabus*, a proposed nationwide class action lawsuit, together with Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) and the National Veterans Council for Legal Redress (NVCLR).

"We were glad to see former Secretary Hagel direct the boards to take the plight of these veterans seriously," said John Rowan, National President of Vietnam Veterans of America. "And we're thrilled that Mr. Monk and other veterans have received long-overdue relief. We will continue to watch whether the boards are fairly applying then Secretary Hagel's guidance to all the applications that come before them."

## Waiver of 1 yr Residency for In-State Tuition

Submitted by Gary Powers, Chapter 415

The state legislature has passed House Bill 131 granting veterans coming to Pennsylvania a waiver of the one year residency requirement to be eligible for in-state tuition rates at state related universities and community colleges. It was signed by the governor on June 29th and became Act 11.

This legislation will encourage veterans to come to Pennsylvania to attend school and prepare them to find work in the state.

Link to legislation: <http://tinyurl.com/qaerpah>

## AVVA Begins New Program

Submitted by Lynn McMillen, Chapter 415

AVVA is proud to reveal the creation of a new program that could possibly be as large and as successful as the Faces of Agent Orange Town Hall Meetings. Secondary PTSD is real and is affecting people who have lived with spouses suffering from PTSD. Although Secondary PTSD went unrecognized for years, authoritative figures are now acknowledging its existence and the trauma it has inflicted on the families of our veterans.

During the Region 3 Conference in Knoxville, Tennessee this year, a precursor to this program was presented by Dr Tom Berger and Elayne Mackey (AVVA Region 9 Director and Co-Chair of the Committee). The response was positively overwhelming. Numerous attendees told us that they were excited about the upcoming program and ready to begin scheduling session in their local areas.

AVVA is working diligently alongside of Drs. Tom Burger and Tom Hall to develop the written material, educational syllabus, and moderator training component. Our future plans are to include budgeted monies for the travel to Regional Conferences for Dr Berger and one of our Co-Chairs; however, until these monies are secured we will begin training Regional Directors who want to participate. This will be the most economical way to reach our members nationwide.

Please stay tuned for more updates.  
Sharon Hobbs, National President

## Habitat Build in Vietnam Film

Submitted by Tom Roney

Earlier this year I was invited to be interviewed for the "Warrior Stories" project that is posting on military.com. The team at Reda Productions interviewed my daughter, Casey, about our Habitat Build in Vietnam and interviewed me about my first tour in 1968 and my "second tour" in 2013 with Habitat.

The result of that filming (after significant editing, none of my daughter's interview made the final cut) has been posted on Military.com. You can see it at [www.military.com:80/video/specialties-and-personnel/veterans/warrior-stories-tom-roney/4334416381001/](http://www.military.com:80/video/specialties-and-personnel/veterans/warrior-stories-tom-roney/4334416381001/)

I am proud of this piece and would like to share it with the membership. If you have any questions or need more information, give me a call at (845) 417-6071.

## Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall



The Traveling Vietnam Wall is headed to Northampton County, PA in August 2015.

Sponsored by Moore Township, Boy Scout Troop 33, and Cub Scouts Pack 50, the Traveling Vietnam Wall is a 3/5 scale of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC – it stands six feet tall at the center and covers almost 300 feet from end to end.

The replica of the Wall stands as a reminder of the great sacrifices made during the Vietnam War – and allows people the opportunity to visit loved ones in their hometown.

The Traveling Vietnam Wall will be escorted into town by the Nam Knights of America MC and other Riders on Wednesday, August 12th.

On Thursday, August 13th, volunteers will meet at 8am to unload and set up the Wall, where it will be open for public visitation from Thursday, August 13th (1pm) to Monday, August 17th (8am) at the Moore Township Recreation Center, 653 English Rd., Bath, PA.

There will be a Candlelight Service held on Thursday, August 13th at 8pm. We will be honoring all Northampton County residents that made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam, reading their names, and providing a rose and candle to the families to be placed at the Wall. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If you know a relative of a KIA, please let them know.

On Friday, August 14th at 7pm we will have the Opening Ceremony, which will include guest speakers Marcia Hahn-PA State Representative, Julie Harhart, PA State Representative and Mario Scavello, PA Senator.

On Saturday, August 15th at 10am there will be a Wreath Laying Ceremony, led by the Knights of Columbus.

For more info: <http://www.patriotconnections.org/vietnamwallpa/>

## 4th Annual Pottstown 5K Supporting Keystone Wounded Warriors

The 4th annual Pottstown 5K Walk / 1 mile run at Warwick Park in Pottstown on October 3, 2015 is a great way to support our soldiers that have been wounded serving our country. Please consider becoming a sponsor and joining us on race day.

Here are the ways you can help:

- Become a sponsor
- Join us on race day as a runner or walker!
- Bring your friends and help get the word out to get runners and walkers to sign up
- Volunteer on race day

Plan on getting off of the roads and onto the trails in the beautifully maintained Warwick Park. Half of the course is in the woods on trails with some hills and half of the course is in the open meadows. Whether you want to challenge yourself to a run on the trails, or enjoy a peaceful walk, you are supporting a fantastic cause.

Please register early for a race that is sure to be a lot of fun! We have medals to give out to all top finishers. We have refreshments planned, live entertainment and some really nice prizes.

Sponsorship can be any amount. This year, we have also had sponsors who wish to contribute race fees to soldiers/veterans so that they can come and run/walk for free. If you are interested in sponsoring you can choose one of the sponsor levels, choose to sponsor a certain number of soldiers or a combination.

Don't forget that we are all doing this for those in need. 100% of race proceeds will be donated to Keystone Wounded Warriors (KWW) to support Pennsylvania wounded warriors. Proceeds are used to help our heroes mentally, physically, financially and professionally. Every year we have been fortunate to have generous donations from Sponsors that exceeded race costs. This has enabled us to announce on race day that 100% all of the runners application fees went to the charity. This race is completely volunteer organized and managed, so there is absolutely zero dollars paid in salaries in organizing this race or paying any kind of overhead.

For additional information please check out [www.keystonewarriors.com](http://www.keystonewarriors.com) or email either Jordan Kellogg at [jackellogg@gmail.com](mailto:jackellogg@gmail.com) or me at [jaykellogg@kel-con.com](mailto:jaykellogg@kel-con.com)

## Banko Meeting Facility Moving

The following is from an email to our President, George Puzio, from the Lehigh Valley Health Network.

Dear George:

I am working diligently to find alternative, comfortable and appropriate space for your group to continue meeting at Lehigh Valley Hospital--Muhlenberg with no interruptions to your schedule whatsoever.

We are building a new tower for mothers and babies that will require demolition of the Banko Family Building later this summer. Please be assured that your group is a priority for us to maintain on our campus and that I will be in touch ASAP with your new meeting space location.

Thank you so very much for your patience in the interim.

Maria L. Kammetler, Director, Public Affairs  
Marketing & Public Affairs, LVHN

## AVVA Life Membership Special

By Sharon Hobbs, AVVA President

During the months of November and December 2015, AVVA will offer life memberships to new and renewing members at \$100 (proof of age not required).

If the member is on the time payment plan and has paid \$100 or more by November 1, payments will automatically stop and a life membership will be issued.

If the member has not paid the minimum of \$100, he or she may make a one-time payment of the difference and receive a life membership.

There will be no time payments offered in November or December 2015. Three-year members, regardless of their due dates, may pay \$100 for a life membership during this time.

Life member gifts will be suspended. Dual members are included, following the above criteria.

**WELCOME TO THE SUNNY TROPICS OF SOUTH VIETNAM**

**LIVE ENTERTAINMENT NIGHTLY**

**HIGHLAND RETREATS**

**MEET STRANGE AND INTERESTING PEOPLE**

**FINE OPEN AIR DINING**

**FIREWORKS DISPLAYS**

**OVERNIGHT TENT ACCOMODATIONS**

**SAFE SANDY BEACHES**

**MILES & MILES OF HIKING TRAILS**

**LEECH THERAPY SPAS & SAUNAS**

**FREE HELICOPTER RIDES**

**VIETNAM TROPICS**

**COURTESY OF UNCLE SAM**

Ret. Pres. 1971



# AGENT ORANGE TOWN HALL MEETING

**A genetic legacy for our children and grandchildren!**

**September 19, 2015**

**1:00 - 4:00PM**

**Lipkin Theatre**

**Northampton Community College**

Sponsored by VVA Lehigh Valley Chapter 415

Admission is free to the public

Please register at: <http://www.vva415.org>

## **ARE YOU A VIETNAM VETERAN?**

- If so, do you suffer from multiple illnesses?
- Does your child or grandchild have a birth defect, suffer from developmental disabilities, cancers and other serious diseases.

Learn about the genetic effects resulting from exposure to Agent Orange from national experts

### **Topics to be discussed**

- Intro to Agent Orange
- Effect of Agent Orange on one's health
- Legacy of birth defects
- Effects on our food supply
- Resources available to help you
- How you can help



**Together...**



*We Make A  
Difference*

For more information visit

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**EATING, DRINKING, TOUCHING,  
BREATHING, NURSING, CONCEIVING**

There are many ways for dioxin, the toxic contaminant in Agent Orange, to enter the human body, and **EVERYONE** is being affected.



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# Military History Anniversaries 1 thru 31 July

(A sample of the significant events in U.S. Military History)

- Jul 01 1907 – World's first air force established (U.S. Army).
- Jul 01 1948 – The United States Air Force accepts its first female recruits into a program called Women in the Air Force (WAF).
- Jul 01 1970 – Vietnam: Beginning of the 23 day Siege of Fire Base Ripcord.
- Jul 02 1926 – Congress enacted a bill that established the U.S. Army Air Corps and placed it in control of all Army aviation activities, including those of the National Guard. This bill also directed that upon mobilization, all Guard air assets were to be incorporated into the Corps, thus separating them from their peacetime role within their respective divisions.
- Jul 03 1863 – Civil War: The final day of the Battle of Gettysburg culminates with Pickett's Charge. Casualties and losses: US ~1,500 - CSA 6,555.
- Jul 03 1898 – Spanish American War: U.S. Navy defeats Spanish fleet in Santiago harbor Cuba.
- Jul 03 1950 – Korean War: US & North Korean forces clash for the first time in the Korean War.
- Jul 04 1776 – American Revolution: Declaration of Independence approved by Congress. U.S. gains independence from Britain.
- Jul 04 1944 – WW2: 1st Japanese kamikaze attack U.S. fleet near Iwo Jima.
- Jul 07 1863 – Civil War: First military draft in US - It applied to men 18 to 35 who were allowed to purchase \$300 exemptions. This provision allowed the sons of wealthy families to buy their way out of military service and fueled resentment among the poor and middle classes.
- Jul 08 1959 – Vietnam: First Americans killed in Vietnam.
- Jul 11 1789 – U.S. Marine Corps created by an act of Congress.
- Jul 15 1966 – Vietnam: The United States and South Vietnam begin Operation Hastings to push the North Vietnamese out of the Vietnamese Demilitarized Zone.
- Jul 16 1945 – Manhattan Project: The Atomic Age begins when the United States successfully detonates a plutonium-based test nuclear weapon at the Trinity site near Alamogordo, New Mexico.
- Jul 17 1966 – Vietnam: Ho Chi Minh orders a partial mobilization of to defend against American airstrikes.
- Jul 20 1944 – WW2: Adolf Hitler is wounded in an assassination attempt by German Army officers.
- Jul 21 1944 – WW2: U.S. Army and Marine forces land on Guam in the Marianas.
- Jul 22 1966 – Vietnam: B-52 bombers hit the DMZ between North and South Vietnam for the first time.
  - Jul 25 1944 – WW2: Allied forces begin the breakthrough of German lines in Normandy.
  - Jul 25 1969 – Vietnam: U.S. President Richard Nixon declares the Nixon Doctrine, stating that the United States now expects its Asian allies to take care of their own military defense. This is the start of the "Vietnamization" of the war.
  - Jul 26 1947 – Cold War: U.S. President Harry S. Truman signs the National Security Act of 1947 into United States law creating the Central Intelligence Agency, United States Department of Defense, United States Air Force, Joint Chiefs of Staff, and the United States National Security Council.
- Jul 27 1953 – Korea: Fighting in the Korean War ends when the United States, the People's Republic of China, and North Korea sign an armistice agreement. Syngman Rhee, President of South Korea, refuses to sign but pledges to observe the armistice.
- Jul 27 1964 – Vietnam: President Lyndon Johnson sends an additional 5,000 advisers to South Vietnam bringing the total number of United States forces in Vietnam to 21,000.
- Jul 28 1965 – Vietnam: U.S. President Lyndon B. Johnson announces his order to increase the number of United States troops in South Vietnam from 75,000 to 125,000.
- Jul 29 1965 – Vietnam War: the first 4,000 101st Airborne Division paratroopers arrive in Vietnam, landing at Cam Ranh Bay.
- Jul 31 1942 – WW2: USS Grunion (SS-216) sunk by gunfire from torpedoed Japanese transport Kashima Maru; 10 miles north Segula, near Kiska Island, Aleutians. 70 killed.
- Jul 31 1948 – USS Nevada (BB-36) is sunk by an aerial torpedo after surviving hits from two atomic bombs (as part of post-war tests) and being used for target practice by three other ships.
- Jul 31 1991 – Senate votes to allow women to fly combat aircraft.



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- Aug 01 1942 – WW2: Ensign Henry C. White, while flying a J4F Widgeon plane, sinks U-166 as it approaches the Mississippi River, the first U-boat sunk by the U.S. Coast Guard.
- Aug 02 1943 – WW2: Motor Torpedo Boat PT-109 is rammed by the Japanese destroyer Amagiri and sinks. Lt. John F. Kennedy, future U.S. President, saves all but two of his crew.
- Aug 02 1964 – Vietnam War: Gulf of Tonkin incident – North Vietnamese gunboats allegedly fire on the U.S. destroyers USS Maddox and USS Turner Joy.
- Aug 02 1990 – Iraq: Iraq invades Kuwait initiating Operation Desert Shield which became Desert Storm on 17 JAN 91.
- Aug 04 1873 Indian Wars: whilst protecting a railroad survey party in Montana, the United States 7th Cavalry, under Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer clashes for the first time with the Sioux near the Tongue River; only one man on each side is killed.
- Aug 04 1914 WWI: Germany invades Belgium. In response, the United Kingdom declares war on Germany. The United States declare their neutrality.
- Aug 04 1964 Vietnam: Gulf of Tonkin Incident .The U.S.S. Maddox and Turner Joy exchange fire with North Vietnamese patrol boats.
- Aug 05 1864 Civil War: Admiral David Farragut, USN, exclaiming “Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead,” ran through a Confederate minefield at Mobile Bay, Alabama, and captured a defending group of Confederate ships.
- Aug 06 1945 WW2: Hiroshima is devastated when the atomic bomb “Little Boy” is dropped by the United States B29 Enola Gay. Around 70,000 people are killed instantly, and some tens of thousands die in subsequent years from burns and radiation poisoning.
- Aug 07 1782 – American Revolution: Purple Heart day. General George Washington authorizes the award of the Purple Heart for soldiers as an award for military merit. Only 3 were given. As we know it today it was reestablished in 1932 to coincide with the 200th anniversary of the birth of George Washington.
- Aug 07 1964 – Vietnam: Congress overwhelmingly



- passes the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, allowing the president to use unlimited military force to prevent attacks on U.S. forces.
- Aug 09 1945 – WW2: The B-29 bomber Bock's Car drops a second atomic bomb (Fat Man) on Nagasaki, Japan killing 39,000 people. It was this second atomic bomb that induced the Japanese to surrender.
  - Aug 10 1944 WW2: American forces defeat the last Japanese troops on Guam.
  - Aug 10 1961 Vietnam: First use of the Agent Orange by the U.S. Army.
  - Aug 11 1972 Vietnam: The last U.S. ground forces withdraw from Vietnam.
  - Aug 14 1945 WW2: Japan accepts the Allied terms of surrender in WW2 and the Emperor records the Imperial Rescript on Surrender (August 15 in Japan standard time).
- Aug 14 1965 Vietnam: Advance units of the Seventh Marines land at Chu Lai, bringing U.S. Marine strength in South Vietnam to four regiments and four air groups.
- Aug 15 1945 – WW2: Japan surrenders to end the war.
- Aug 16 1964 – Vietnam: A coup d'état replaces Duong Van Minh with General Nguyen Khanh as President of South Vietnam. A new constitution is established with aid from the U.S. Embassy.
- Aug 17 1943 – WW2: The U.S. Seventh Army under General George S. Patton arrives in Messina, Italy, followed several hours later by the British 8th Army under Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery, thus completing the Allied conquest of Sicily.
- Aug 18 1965 – Vietnam: Operation Starlite begins – United States Marines destroy a Viet Cong stronghold on the Van Tuong peninsula in the first major American ground battle of the war.
- Aug 21 1942 WW2: Guadalcanal campaign U.S. Marines turn back the first major Japanese ground attack on Guadalcanal in the Battle of Tenaru. .
- Aug 23 1996 Osama bin Laden issues message entitled 'A declaration of war against the Americans occupying the land of the two holy places.'
- Aug 30 1963 – Cold War: The Hotline between the leaders of the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union goes into operation.
- Aug 31 1864 – Civil War: Union forces led by General William T. Sherman launch an assault on Atlanta, Georgia.



## Vietnam Veterans of America

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# One Time Special Offer

## August 1 – December 31, 2015

### Life Membership Application

New: \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Life Membership Dues \$100.00**

Life Membership Payment: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card: Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_\_\_ Discover \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Eligibility: Membership is to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purpose) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, or in any duty location between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975. You MUST submit a copy of your DD2-14 with this application.**

Send To: Ken Howard  
Membership Chair VVA 415  
P.O. Box 274  
Macungie, Pa 18062

Questions: Ken Howard 610-428-9911

# Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Application for Membership



Mail completed application to:  
Ken Howard, Membership Chair  
V V A Lehigh Valley Chapter 415  
P. O. Box 274  
Macungie, PA 18062

State/Associated Chapter \_\_\_\_\_ At-Large

VVA Member: Yes  No  If no, are you eligible for VVA membership? Yes  No

New Member:  Renewal:  Membership #, if known: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: F  M

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ ST: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (H): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (C): \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Yearly Membership Dues:

1 Year: \$20

3 Years: \$50

### Life Membership Options: (check all that apply)

Paid in Full

49 yrs and under \$250

Payment Plan  
(Requires a \$50 down payment.  
\$25/mo until paid in full)

50-55 years \$225

56-60 years \$200

**NOTE: Paying less than \$250 requires proof of age.**

61-65 years \$175

66 yrs and over \$150

## DO NOT SEND CASH

<u>Payment Method</u>			
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