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"We sleep safely in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit violence on those who would harm us." George Orwell

Fred "Hammer" SWIM SPOTLIGHT



HAMMER ??? Special nickname given to him when he was employed at John Deere. He was asked to make a special piece of metal with unique hand-held brass hammers. Has been called Hammer ever since.

Hammer joined the U. S. Army in 1965. He trained for the Military Police. He was sent to Vietnam in 1967 and extended there to be able to leave Vietnam and military service after 33 months, 1 day AND 16 hours. As you can tell he loved having a SHORT TIMERS calendar and being a statistician. He achieved the rank of Sgt. E-5.

Hammer grew up in a small Iowa town called, Eddyville. Living there gave him a unique perspective of community adhesiveness and giving back to others. He pays for any service member he sees in eating establishments and generously donates time and money to many community entities.

Respectfully submitted by Terry Lynch, past President

He retired from John Deere and also from his greatest job for over 30 years as an auctioneer. He states his love for food and cause for his ABUNDANTLY blessed physique. After all he was born at almost 11pounds! He loves dancing, karaoke, dog racing and travel - he has visited all 50 States and made extensive ocean cruises.

He has a son, Jason, who he proudly states graduated from the United States Coast Guard. He has a 13 year old grandson. Hammer has been with Chapter 299 for over 10 years, served on it's Board of Directors and as Vice-President. He relates he enjoyed the people of the Chapter but feels "that the organization seems to be running out of gas". This in part because we've "grown older". He would also tell you he does not like the word "can't" and feels strongly about not giving up.

He would like to extend to all "the very best as I'm heading south soon!" Hammer, on behalf of the Chapter, thank you and indeed may your life continue with your words to us "to let the Lord provide for me, many more good deeds".



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ANNUAL ELECTIONS

TUESDAY MAY 18, 2021

Riverfront Grill, 4619 Blackhawk Rd., Rock Island, IL.

SCHEDULE:

(No alcohol served until after election)

Registration 5-6:15

Doors Close 6:15

Dinner 6:15 (RSVP REQUIRED)

RSVP to Jim Kirschbarum at 309-738-6989 or •

Bob Jackson at 309-781-8190

Voting (No Alcohol at this time)

Board Meeting and Vote Counting

Election Results

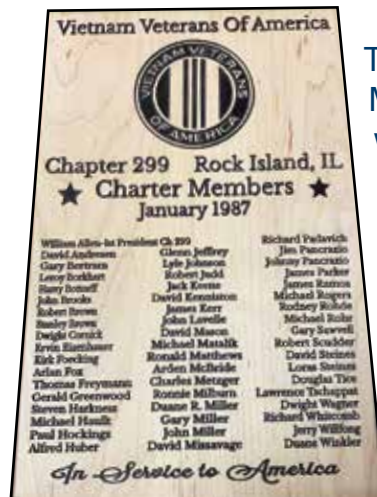
New Board Members will be sworn in



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This Chapter Charter Members plaque was made by Roy Plasschaert. The plaque will be on display at Eriksen Chevrolet in Milan, IL.

Submitted by Jim Kirschbaum

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Jim Kirschbaum, Editor

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Thank You, Jim K

Terry Kramer

US Army draftee 66-68 (e5), CPA 51 years, life member 13 years, Chapter Treasurer 4 years (09-13). Board of Directors 2 years, Welcome Home Veteran's Day Dance Chair 2019. I value the spirit and friendship of our chapter. I would appreciate your vote to serve you, as member of Board of Director.

Thank you.

Jerry Goodwin

My name is Jerry Goodwin and I am running for the position of Nations Delegate. I have been a member of Chapter 299 since 1998 and have been a life member since 1999.

In the past I have served as Bingo Chairman, a Board Member, attended Leadership Conferences, been a State Delegate and a member of the Honor Guard for several years.

I would like to represent 299 at the National Convention and will do my best to present any ideas and concerns that our Chapter may have.

Thank you, Jerry Goodwin

Ron Roman

I would respectfully like to be considered for re-election to the position of Board of Directors for VVA Chapter 299 for 2021. I've been a Life Member for over 10 years. I held the positions of Secretary, (3 years), Finance Chair, Representative to the 2017 National Convention, Illinois State Council Representative and a Board member for 5 years. I continue to serve as Chair of the Golf Outing Committee (4 years) & and I am also on the Investments Committee. I have tried to keep our members best interests in mind in each position I have held and still feel I can be a positive force for our future..

I would consider it a privilege to continue serving you.

Jim Kirschbaum

Hello member, I am running for secretary for the chapter. I have been your secretary the last three years. I am asking for your vote for another year.

Thank you.



CHAPTER 299 ELECTION SLATE 2021

CIRCLE NAME OR WRITE IN CANDIDATE'S NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

PRESIDENT:

- TOM HIXSON KEN MADDEN

VICE PRESIDENT:

- JOHN SCHNECK LEN SPINDEL

SECRETARY:

- JIM KIRSCHBAUM

TREASURER:

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS: (VOTE FOR 6)

- JIM BELL
 PAUL "FRENCHY" EAVES
 RON ROMAN
 TERRY KRAMER

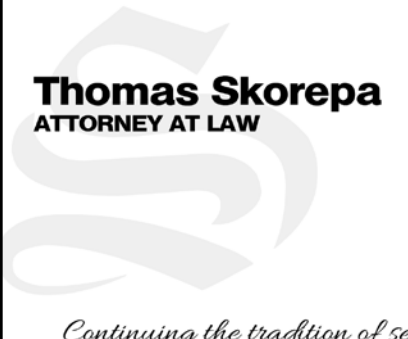
NATIONAL DELEGATE: (VOTE UP 9)

- PAUL "FRENCHY" EAVES)
 FRED "HAMMER" SWIM
 LARRY TSCHAPPT
 JERRY GOODWIN
 KEN MADDEN

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: (VOTE FOR 3)

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VVA CHAPTER 299
BOARD MEETING
ERIKSEN CHEVROLET BLDG. MILAN. IL
DATE: APRIL 13, 2021

REMINDERS: SPEAKERS: LOUDLY AND OBSERVE THE THREE MINUTES LIMIT. PICKUP AND RETURN NAME TAGS AFTER MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS.

CALL TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT BOB JACKSON. TIME: 5:00 P.M. OR 17:00 HRS

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE; FOLLOWED BY A MOMENT OF SILENCE – FOR ALL OUR FELLOW VETERANS, PAST AND NOW SERVING.

CALL FOR ADDITIONS / CHANGES TO AGENDA:

PERSONS PRESENT: PRESIDENT, BOB JACKSON;
SECRETARY, JIM KIRSCHBAUM; TREASURER, JERRY MANICCIA; DIRECTORS: RON ROMAN, JIM BELL, LEN SPINDLE; TRUSTEE, TOM HICKSON.

**ABSENT: (EXCUSED; YES) TOM HIXSON
(EXCUSED NO) DENNIS LAIRD, PAUL FRENCHY
EAVES, TERRY KRAMER**

TO NOTE: THERE WAS NOT ENOUGH BOARDS MEMBERS TO PASS ANY ITEMS.

SECRETARY: MINS. JIM KIRSCHBAUM

MOTION BY. FOR AGAINST NONE

TREASURER: JERRY MANICCIA: PRESENTED IN PRINTED FORM: YES

MEMBERSHIP: JIM KIRSCHBAUM: TOTAL 403

INVESTMENT COMMITTEE: JERRY MANICCIA: NONE

DONATIONS / CHARITIES: BOB McSPARIN: NONE

VET TO VET / CARE AND COMPASSION: PAUL EAVES: NONE

HONOR GUARD: DENNIS LAIRD / DENNIS JOHNSON; HAVE BURIED 41 VETS SO FAR THIS YEAR. THE HONOR GUARD WANTS TO THANK GARY WHITE FOR HIS HELP.

STS: EDITOR; JIM KIRSCHBAUM, MEMBERS JIM LOVELESS BOB JACKSON,; NONE

WEB SITE AND ROBO CALLS: BOB JACKSON: NONE

OTHER COMMITTEES:

POPPIES: POSTPONE TO A LATER DATE

WELCOME DANCE: WORKING ON THIS YEAR

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY: ON REPORT

GOLF : WORKING; RON ROMAN WILL SET THE PLACE AND TIME

ELECTIONS: WILL BE HELD AT RIVER FRONT GRILL. MAY 18, 2021. **TO NOTE: THE CHAPTER NEEDS RSVP SO WE WILL NOT HAVE ENOUGH FOOD**

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00 P.M. DOORS CLOSE AT 6:15 P.M. FOR DINNER.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

1. NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE MAY 11,2021
2. ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE MAY 18. 2021.
3. TO NOTE: THE CHAPTER NEEDS RSVP DO WE WILL HAVE ENOUGH FOOD.
4. THE TRAVELING WALL:
 - A. MAY 29-31 WILL NEAR PRINCETON. ILLINOIS AT PSYCHO SILO SALOON.
 - B. JUNE 3-6 THE LARGE WALL WILL BE IN ALEDO. ILLINOIS
 - C. BOTH ARE ASKING FOR HELP.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

CLOSE MEETING TIME: 6:35 P.M. OR 18:35 HRS.

GOLF OUTING

**MONDAY, AUGUST 30TH
PINNACLE COUNTRY CLUB**

Flyer applications will be mailed early, direct to previous team captains and sponsors.

It will also be available in STS in the July & August issues.

Submitted by Ron Roman, Chairman for the Golf Outing



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Submitted by Jim Kirschbaum

QC Cruisers SCHEDULE



The Quad Cities Cruisers is again requesting the presence of the Chapter 299 Honor Guard at some of their functions this year. The Honor Guard presents the Colors and Jim Bell has been known to sing the National Anthem. The Honor Guard has been known to sell 50/50 tickets for the club for which the club has donated half the intake to the Chapter. The Cruisers, in the past, have been a great donor to our chapter.

The schedule this year for the Honor Guard is:

June 12 Southpark Mall parking lot

Show is from 3pm - 8pm. HG starts at 2:30pm

Sept. 11 Southpark Mall parking lot

Show is from 5pm - 8pm. HG starts at 4:30pm

If you like vintage cars, good music, and a fun time, this is the place to be. Hope to see many of you there.

2021

FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES

at the Quad City Expo Center, Rock Island
Show up time is 9:00 am and lasts till about

11:00 to 11:30 am

MAY 19, 2021

JUNE 23, 2021

JULY 21, 2021

AUGUST 18, 2021

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

OCTOBER 20, 2021

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Submitted by
Jim Loveless

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Following is a list of funerals at which military honors were performed by the combined efforts of the V.V.A Chapter 299, V.V.A Chapter 669, V.V.A Chapter 776, and the MAVA (Mexican American Veterans Association) Honor Guards. Included in the list are the dates of the funerals, names, ages, and branches of service in which these veterans served. **Any chapter 299, 699, 766 and MAVA members are designated by bold letters and underlined.**

Date of Funeral	Name of Veteran	Age	Branch of service
MAR, 05, 2021	MICHEAL GANO	71	U.S.M.C. (VIETNAM WAR VETERAN) MEMBER OF VVA 299
MAR 27, 2021	JAMES R. BEALE	82	U. S. ARMY (COLD WAR VETERAN)
MAR 30, 2021	DANNY J. DAEBELLIEHN	74	U. S. ARMY (VIETNAM WAR VETERAN, MEMBER OF VVA 299)
MAR 31, 2021	EDWARD J. GAUDET JR.	77	U. S. ARMY (VIETNAM WAR VETERAN, MEMBER OF VVA 776)
APR 09, 2021	RONALD H. STONE	76	U. S. ARMY (VIETNAM WAR VETERAN)
APR 14, 2021	CHARLES W. ARMSTRONG	82	U. S. AIR FORCE (COLD WAR VETERAN)
APR 14, 2021	ERROL D. WALKER	52	U. S. ARMY (COLD WAR VETERAN)
APR 15, 2021	CLAUS MARTENS III	61	U. S. ARMY (COLD WAR VETERAN)
APR 16, 2021	MILLARD ELSTON JR.	96	U. S. ARMY (WORLD WAR II VETERAN)
APR 23, 2021	CHARLES V. "CHUCK" SINKLER	83	U. S. AIR FORCE (KOREAN WAR VETERAN)
APR 30, 2021	RALPH M. SCHROEDER	71	U. S. NAVY (VIETNAM WAR VETERAN)

LAST MONTH WE MISSED **MICHEAL GANO** AS A MEMBER OF V.V.A. CHAPTER 299

NOTICE TO ALL V.V.A. 299 MEMBERS

Your family has a member of the V.V.A 299 that has passed on, please send a copy of the obituary to:

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We want to honor our fallen 299

Brothers and Sisters by having them in the newsletter in the "299 Remembrance" section.

Jim Kirschbaum, Newsletter Editor



299 REMEMBRANCE

LIST OF OUR FALLEN MEMBERS FOR MAY 2021:

MICHAEL GANO April 03, 1949 – March 01, 2021
Became a member of the 299 on 8/30/1994
Served In Vietnam, USMC

DANNY DAEBELLIEHN
December 2, 1946 - March 25, 2021
Became a member of the 299 on 11/24/2014
Served In Vietnam, US Army

Submitted by Jim Kirschbaum



VET 2 VET REPORT

FOR JAN 2021

In light of corona virus – 19, there will be no visitation to the VA hospital in Iowa City, until further notice.

If good will cards need to be sent to our veterans, please call Frenchy Eaves at (563) 386-1696. ■

Any memorials can be sent to:

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Attn: Honor Guard

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This will help our Honor Guard.

Thank You For Support.

Submitted by Jim Kirschbaum



Local Effort Bringing Replica Vietnam War Memorial to Aledo in June

A Vietnam War Traveling Tribute coming to Aledo this June. It's a replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington says Steve Johnson. He is raising funds to bring the display to Mercer County, which will be set up during Rhubarb Festival weekend. But even if the festival isn't held, the replica memorial will still happen.

If you'd like to donate to the cause, you can make checks payable to: MCVT PO Box 24, Aledo, IL 61231. Also, a meeting will be held March 28 at 2 pm at the Mercer County VFW.

Volunteers are needed to staff the wall 24-hours a day while it's in Aledo from June 3-6.

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We are going to roll out the next addition of the *4th Friday* starting *Friday March 26, 2021 from 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM.* We are going to keep in line with the Gov's protocols regarding social distancing and mask wearing.

We are emphasizing "support the 1st Responders" as well as our honor guard members, Chapter members and loyal supporters.

We'll see how this works out. Come out and enjoy the day.

Ray Hamilton



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DATES TO REMEMBER FOR THE 299

MAY 11, 2021BOARD MEETING
MAY 18, 2021ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 19, 2021FOOD DISTRIBUTION
JUNE 8, 2021BOARD MEETING
JUNE 15, 2021MEMBERSHIP MEETING

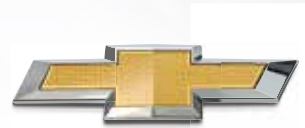
ALL DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO THE PANDEMIC.

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