

Membership Stan Collver

We are always looking for new members, why? You ask? Because, there are so many veterans suffering from exposure to the environment, chemical agents etc. while in the service of our country and don't even know it. Why do you have diabetes, cancer, aches, pains, loss of hearing, I can go on and on. Come and learn! Knowledge is your best insight into the many questions you ask yourself every day. We've had speakers from our own Veteran Service Officer of Chautauqua County, Cardiac Rehabilitation, Agent Orange victims and many others to let us know. Plus, we have our own Chapter President Robert Lewis who represents us at the National and State Level of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He brings back information and knowledge on progress of the many bills in Congress and the State levels. **JUST COME JOIN US....SEE FRONT PAGE FOR OUR MEETING NIGHTS AND INFORMATION.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.



Our Plaque



Chapter 978 donation to the UCAN Center

Report and Update on the UCAN United Christian Advocacy Network City Mission by Stan Collver 1st Street Jamestown, New York

The David L Woodburn Chapter of the VVA 978(Frewsburg) donated furnishings for the first homeless Veteran Room at the UCAN City Mission last year. An attractive plaque was installed outside of the room so the vet could see that it was a veterans' room provided by veterans. The room has been used much of the time since it was made available. Additional rooms on the third floor are in progress of being remodeled now. This year (2018), two additional groups have stepped up to provide rooms for homeless veterans: The PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer-to-Peer Group (facilitated by Cindy Reidy); ALSO, the Blue Star Mothers Lake Erie, NY Chapter 4, just voted on Saturday, April 14, to donate \$1,500 to furnish a third homeless veteran room at the mission. Typical furnishings for each room includes a bed, bedding, curtains, wall picture, plain wood chair, desk, paint, wall repairs, and sometimes refinishing the floor. The Mission is now offering a veterans' SUPPORT GROUP that meets every Saturday from 1-2 PM in the conference room. We would like to thank all those involved in these much needed programs and services at the mission. Many hands at work on these rooms help reduce the cost, so we can provide these facilities to our brothers.

Many Thanks,
Stan Collver Membership\Communications member



Have you ever visited the Vietnam Moving Wall? If not ! The moving wall will be in Meadville, Pa at Diamond Park on Sept 20th – Sept 24th. The wall is open 24 hrs a day while here. A heads up, to mark your calendar.

Hello Brothers: February I believe Cindy Reidy came and spoke about the Dwyer Program. Here are some up comings events. Remember it is a Peer to Peer Group, not an Old, Young or in-between age groups we are Veterans and Families working together for a common cause.

MAY

1st Wed of Month – Veterans Coffee at Joe's
Corner of Prather Ave & Forest Ave 10 am

Every Saturday at 1 to 2 pm – Veterans PTSD
Support Group at UCAN Mission 1st St Jamestown

May 5th – Dinner & Comedy – 6:30 to 9:00
Camp Onyasha Contact Cindy at 661-8447

May 8th – Dwyer Pro Night – Spouse/Girlfriends
Resource Center 200 Dunham Ave Celeron, NY
2nd Wed of the Month – Female Veterans Coffee

Joe's 10 am

3rd Wed of the Month – Vets Coffee at Friendly's
6:30 pm

19 May –Veterans and Adult Bowling 7 to 9 pm
Jamestown Bowling Company

3rd Monday of the Month – Game Night 6 pm
Warner Place LSS Campus on Falconer St

North County Dwyer Group

1st Thursday of the Month – Dwyer Bowling 7 pm
Lucky Lanes Bennett Rd, Fredonia

Every Thursday except 1st Thursday
Dwyer Coffee at Tim Horton's 7 pm

Bennett Rd Fredonia

All events are paid by the Dwyer Program - Attend



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PRESIDENT ROBERT LEWIS

MEETINGS ARE HELD THE 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM OF FREWSBURG CENTRAL SCHOOL AT 7:00 PM.... AT 5 CORNERS TAKE FALCONER ST AND TURN ON ACADEMY ST. ENTER FRONT DOORS AND TURN LEFT; ROOM IS LOCATED ABOUT ¾ DOWN THE HALLWAY. (Sorry Members No Set Pattern to Newsletter Yet)

Informational Section

There is an **Honor Flight** coming up in October, they do make exceptions for Vietnam War Veterans to participate in this endeavor. For more information call Barb Cessna at the Fenton Historical Society, Veterans Finding Veterans Research Center at 73 Forest Ave, Jamestown, NY veterans@fentonhistorycenter.org by email or call (716) 664-6256 or visit their website at: <https://www.fentonhistorycenter.org/vets-finding-vets/>

Secretary Cal Fain

This is my first newsletter for the members of VVA 978 – if you have items of interest others might be interested in let me know. I will also take suggestions on what you might want. E-mail cfain@stny.rr.com, Or text at 716-397-3148 or call. Sorry can't help but to push the meeting, so you get the knowledge Our President Robert "Bob" Lewis just returned from Silver Spring, Md. The National Headquarters of the Vietnam veterans of America. I have had many conversations with him and there is some very important information which came out of his visit. Bob will be reporting at our May 1st meeting. If you want to learn more please attend our meeting on May 1st at 7:00 pm at Frewsburg Central School (address above). President Bob brought back gifts for us, so please attend. **Our Grill Drawing** was a great success. We would like to Thank our members for participating in this fundraiser. We also would like to, Thank Everyday's True Value for their generous donation, and everyone who purchased a ticket or more. Without your support we wouldn't be able to help other Veterans and their family. The Grill was won by a local man here in Frewsburg – Cory Lauffenburger.

Veterans Hospitals and Clinics

Jamestown Veterans Clinic

608 W. Third St
Jamestown, New York 14701
716-338-1511



Dunkirk Veterans Clinic

166 E. 4th St
Dunkirk, New York 14048
716-203-6474

Buffalo Veterans Hospital

3495 Baily Ave
Buffalo, New York 14215
716-824-8387

Warren CBOC

3 Farm Colony Dr.
Warren, Pa 16365
866-682-3250

Erie Veterans Hospital

135 E. 38th St
Erie, Pa 16504
814-868-8661 or 800-274-8387

Veteran Service Officers

Jamestown

610 W. 3rd St
Jamestown, New York 14701
716-661-8255
Greg Carlson



Dunkirk

166 E. 4th St
Dunkirk, New York 14048
716-268-6030
Dave Adams

Warren Pa VSO

Ed Burris
204 4th Ave
Warren, Pa 16365
814-728-3478

Veterans Van

To Buffalo No Transportation
on Mon or Holidays
716-665-6466

Blue Star Mothers Lake Erie Chapter 4

PO Box 22
Jamestown, New York 14702
716-499-6897



Always looking for donations & items to send packages to our troops

PFC Joseph P. Dwyer Peer Support Program

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Fenton Historical Veterans Finding Veterans Research Center

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Barb Cessna Historian – 664-6256

Calendar of Events

This will be a listing not a calendar
Some events may pertain to VVA or to all Veterans
Also may contain events farther than 2 months

Month of May and June 2018

- **May 1st** – **VVA Chapter 978 Monthly Meeting** at 7:00 pm
 - (see front cover for meeting information)
- **4th thru 6th May** – **Dwyer Program – Camping** for Veterans Only & Comedy at Camp Onyasha 5433 Lake Rd Dewittville, NY
- **5th May** – **Blue Star Mothers Packing Boxes** for Adopted Unit Fluvanna Church – 9:00 am Set up 4th May at 6:00 pm
 - **8th May** – VE (Victory over Europe) Day 1945
 - **National Teachers Day** – Don't forget our educators
 - **11th May** – National Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- **12 May** – Fenton Historical Society Canteen Sponsored by Veterans Finding Veterans Coffee Hour – 10 am to 12 (Noon)
 - **13th May – Mother's Day**
- **15th May** – National Peace Officers Memorial Day
 - **24th May** – Brother's Day – give him a call
 - **25th May** – National Missing Child Day
- **26th May** – **Gold Star Remembrance Ceremony** at Veterans Park 3rd St and Logan Ave Jamestown, NY 10:00 am
- **28th May – Memorial Day** – check your local area for parades and other events honoring/remembering our veterans that gave all. Anyone or Organization interested in participation contact Commander Brandan Yeskey at Frewsburg American Legion 569-3321



June 2018

- **5th June** – VVA Monthly Meeting – see front for more information
 - **6th June – D-Day 1944** – Normandy Beach
 - **8th 9th 10th June** – Frewsburg Community **Yard Sales**
- **14th June – Flag Day** – Remember to fly those flags – small or large just remember to fly the Red, White, and Blue
 - **Flag Disposal Ceremony** – Bring those old flags to be disposed of properly
 - **17th June – Father's Day**
 - **27th June** – National PTSD Awareness Day



4th of July Parade in Mayville New York – Start 10:00 am
There will be another Honor Flight to Washington DC in October for WWII, Korean, and with approval Vietnam Veterans call Barb Cessna at the Fenton Historical 716-664-6256

For more items and calendar go to VVA978ny.homestead.com