



# Vietnam Veterans of America | Chapter 218 | Santa Barbara

# RECON REPORT

*“Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another”*

**MAY 2018**

**“Together then,  
Together now”**



**Chapter 218**

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### **Vance Memorial Fund**

The Chapter's Vance Committee distributes assistance funds to qualified American veterans of all eras.  
Fred Golin (Chair) Chris Galbraith  
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### **Next Regular Chapter Meeting**

June 13, 2018 | 6:00 pm  
Santa Barbara Elks Lodge  
150 N. Kellogg Ave., Goleta  
Dinner Available: \$8.00 per person

Greetings to the Membership:

Hard to believe that the year is nearly half over! How did that happen?! I know, I know, the older I get the faster the days go by....so let's get to the news:

***Our next scheduled meeting of the Chapter is  
Wednesday, June 13, 6pm at the Elks Lodge.***

Our Huey is out several times in May and June and we need your help as “ground crew”.

- **Sunday, May 20, 9am-4pm:** The State Street Nationals Premiere Car Show (State Street between Micheltorena and Haley). Call George Ogle (805) 403-6453 or Rik Peirson (805) 963-7835 to volunteer and get more info.
- **Tuesday, May 29, 10am:** San Marcos High School Memorial Day ceremony and rededication of the newly restored plaque with names of those from the Santa Barbara area high schools who were killed in Vietnam. This is a call for as many members of our chapter to be present and on the field. Brigadier General Fred Lopez, the highest-ranking member of our chapter, is the keynote speaker. You are welcome to stand by the bird (great photo op) after the ceremony. Feel free to wear your Dress Blues, Class A uniform, fatigues or Chapter polo shirts. Arrive by 9:30am. No need to confirm your attendance.
- **Sunday, June 3, 10am-4pm:** The 26th Annual Nite Life Car Show at Earl Warren Showgrounds. Call Rik Peirson at (805) 963-7835 to volunteer and get more info.

**Monday, May 28, Memorial Day Ceremonies** will be held at the Goleta Cemetery at 9am, the Santa Barbara Cemetery at 10am and the Carpinteria Cemetery at 10am. Please plan on attending one of these events to honor the fallen of all of America's wars. Our Chapter Chaplain, Pattie Murdy, will present a wreath on behalf of 218 at the Carpinteria ceremony.

Put this on your calendar....

**Wednesday, July 4, 1pm, Santa Barbara:** The Annual 4th of July Parade starts at Micheltorena Street and proceeds down State Street to Cota St. Plan on joining us to march ahead of the Huey. We will need five flag bearers plus two folks to carry the 218 banner and, of course, someone to call cadence! More on this at our June 13 meeting.

## Life Member Patch

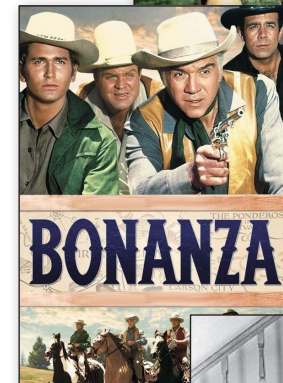
If you are a Life Member of the Chapter and don't yet have a Life Member patch to sew on your Chapter Shirt, I can provide it to you at no charge. If you are not yet a Life Member, the one-time fee of \$100 is still being offered by national VVA. It's a great way not to have to worry about your yearly \$20 dues. We also receive a very nice yearly "rebate" check from national depending on the number of Life Members in the 218. So, the more, the merrier. If you need a patch, or want to know more about becoming a Life Member (so easy), just send an e-mail to me at: [info@vvachapter218.org](mailto:info@vvachapter218.org).

Just for fun:

May, 1968--The number one songs this month: "Honey"/Bobby Goldsboro (c'mon, you know you loved it!) and "Tighten Up"/Archie Bell & The Drells. Debuting this month: "Tip-Toe Thru' The Tulips With Me"/Tiny Tim. The top TV shows: "The Andy Griffith Show", "The Lucy Show", "Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C." (which during its entire run never once mentioned the Vietnam War), "Gunsmoke", "Bonanza" and "Family Affair".



May, 1963--The number one songs this month: "I Will Follow Him"/Little Peggy March (who still performs to this day and is a huge star in Europe) and "If You Wanna Be Happy"/Jimmy Soul. Debuting this month: "Sukiyaki"/Kyu Sakamoto. The top TV Shows: "The Beverly Hillbillies", "Candid Camera", "The Red Skelton Show", "Bonanza" and "The Lucy Show".



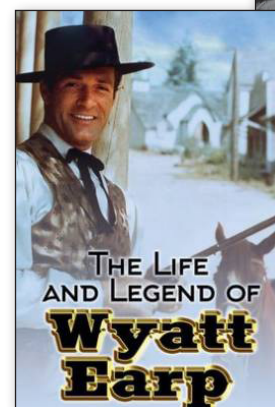
May, 1958--The number one songs this month: "Witch Doctor"/David Saville (yup, 60 years ago!) "All I Have To Do Is Dream"/Everly Bros. The top TV shows: "Gunsmoke", "The Danny Thomas Show", "Tales of Wells Fargo", "Have Gun, Will Travel", "I've Got A Secret" and "The Life and Legend of Wyatt Earp". (At one point in the late 50's/early 60's, the three major networks broadcasted more than 20 westerns in prime time).



Now that we've had our blast from the past...

I look forward to seeing everyone at the June meeting.

Welcome Home!



*Peter*

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