



Vietnam Veterans of America | Chapter 218 | Santa Barbara

RECON REPORT

“Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another”

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**“Together then,
Together now”**



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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

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

A message from the President...

We have two very important meetings coming up and your attendance is requested at each. First, on **Wednesday, March 13** we'll take nominations for officers of the chapter (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and additional board members. Secondly, we must conduct a meeting on **Wednesday, April 10** to formally elect our officers and board members. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the April meeting. All the officers and board members are elected to a one-year term. (National requires all chapters to hold elections every April).

More to the point, we need someone to take over as Treasurer, as Chris Galbraith will be stepping away from that position in order to pursue some extended travel time. This role is very, very simple: keeper of the checkbooks, balancing the numbers and reporting such to the president and the chapter as a whole. It doesn't take a great deal of time. However, this spot must be filled as required by national rules and regs. Please consider putting your name in nomination. You'll get plenty of input and support from Chris and Pat Rumpza, both of whom have handled this position very well. If you're interested, please contact me: peterbie@cox.net or via cell: (805) 259-9779.

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Congrats to Captain Joe Danely! Joe graduated from UCSB in 1963, coming out of the ROTC program and immediately entered the Army (he knew that with 1A status he was on the short list to be drafted). He graduated from helicopter flight school in 1965 and was soon assigned to the newly refitted and designated 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) at Ft. Bragg and shipped out with the division when it went to 'Nam in September, 1965. His first tour was for 10 months, then back to Ft. Bragg for a time and then being sent to 'Nam again for another year-long tour. Welcome home, Joe!

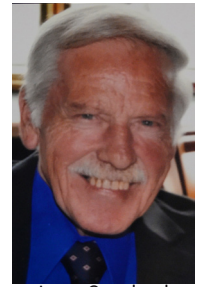
LIFE MEMBER STATUS

Any new member to the chapter is automatically a Life Member since national decided to upgrade everyone to this status. A one-time fee of \$50 is all it takes and the chapter is happy to assist. Anyone who has been paying yearly dues (\$20) for 3 years or more will be bumped to Life Member status and no longer required to pay dues.

IN MEMORIUM

It has been a particularly sad time for the chapter as we lost three of our members near the end of 2018:

William Stewart, Frank Gunther and Lawrence (Larry) Copeland, who passed away on Christmas Day. His memorial was held in Carpinteria on March 2. May they rest in peace.



Larry Copeland
(Photo: Rick Carter)

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA DIRECTORY

If you ordered this publication in 2017, the publishers recently issued an apology for the long, long delay. They were apparently overwhelmed with 5,000 member-submitted photos which had to be restored to high resolution images for best print quality. They hope to begin shipping at the end of March.



CALENDAR THESE DATES:

Wednesday, March 13: Chapter 218 meeting, Elks Lodge, Santa Barbara, 6pm.

Friday, March 29: National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Wednesday, April 10: Meeting, Chapter 218, Elks Lodge, Santa Barbara, 6pm.

(Election of Officers and Board Members. Must be present to vote).

NO CHAPTER MEETING IN MAY

Now let's jump in the way back machine....

March, 1961

Top 5 Songs: *Pony Time/Chubby Checker, Surrender/Elvis Presley, Calcutta/Lawrence Welk, Don't Worry/Marty Robbins, Where the Boys Are/Connie Francis*

Top 5 TV Shows: *Gunsmoke, Wagon Train, Have Gun Will Travel, The Andy Griffith Show, The Real McCoys*

Biggest Movies of '61: *West Side Story, Fanny, The Guns of Navarone, The Hustler, Judgment at Nuremberg*

March 1966

Top 5 Songs: *The Ballad of the Green Berets/S/SGT Barry Sadler (#1 for 5 weeks!), These Boots Are Made for Walkin'/Nancy Sinatra, Lightin' Strikes/Lou Christie, Listen People/Herman Hermits, My World Is Empty Without You/Supremes.*

Top 5 TV Shows: *Bonanza, The Red Skelton Hour, The Andy Griffith Show, The Lucy Show, The Jackie Gleason Show*

Biggest Movies of '66: *Alfie, A Man for All Seasons, The Russians Are Coming, The Sand Pebbles,*

Who's Afraid of Virginia Wolf

March 1971

Top 5 Songs: *One Bad Apple/The Osmonds, Me and Bobby McGee/Janis Joplin, She's A Lady/Tom Jones, Just My Imagination (Running Away with Me)/Temptations, For All We Know/Carpenters*

Top 5 TV Shows: *Marcus Welby, M.D., The Flip Wilson Show, Here's Lucy, Ironside, Gunsmoke*

Biggest Movies of '71: *The French Connection, A Clockwork Orange, Fiddler on The Roof, The Last Picture Show, Nicholas and Alexandra*

See you at the meeting on March 13!

Welcome Home!

Peter

Peter Bie, President

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