



Vietnam Veterans of America | Chapter 218 | Santa Barbara

RECON REPORT

“Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another”

MARCH 2020

***“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.
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Next Regular Chapter Meeting

March 11 | 6:00 pm social
6:45 pm meeting
Santa Barbara Elks Lodge
150 N. Kellogg Ave., Goleta
Dinner Available: \$9.00 per person

To the Membership:

Consider this your invitation to attend our next meeting: Wednesday, March 11 at 6pm at the Elks Lodge, Santa Barbara.

With 2020 well underway, we are quickly moving toward our annual election of officers and board members at our April meeting.

At our March gathering we will take nominations from the floor for all positions: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as from anyone wishing to be an additional member of the board. (The four officers also serve as board members).

I encourage everyone to not shy away from serving the chapter, either as an officer-of-record or additional board member. At our mandated (by VVA national) meeting in April, we will again take nominations from the floor and then vote on the nominees for officers and board members who will serve a one-year term (April 2020-April 2021).

As we move into this next decade, we do have a number of issues we must address. Our Huey helicopter, at some point in time, will need to have a permanent home, possibly as a static display somewhere within Santa Barbara County. We have a group of our members who have formed a task force to study all possibilities.

In the meantime, the Huey will have some busy times coming up in the month of May and throughout the rest of the year. I'll publish dates, places and times in the next edition of the Recon.

The specter of growing old and slowing down will eventually begin to hit us all. With that in mind, we must continue to follow closely what VVA national intends to do over the next 10 years as they prepare for real changes in how the organization will run or, as has been proposed, disbanded at some future date. More to the point; who will take care of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial and how will that be accomplished?

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The month of May also marks our annual contribution (\$2,000) to the Scholarship Foundation of Santa Barbara. If you wish to support this very worthy cause, you can send a check—in any amount—in care of the chapter at our address on the left side of the front page. Mark it for: Scholarship Fund. This year the two \$1,000 scholarships will be named in honor of Richard D. Henrey and Kenneth S. Adams, two of the 99 Santa Barbara Vietnam Veterans who were killed in the war.

These and other items will be discussed at the March meeting. I look forward to seeing you there.

Welcome Home!



Peter Bie
President



Let's go trippin' down Memory Lane.....

MARCH 1975...

Songs: Best of My Love/Eagles, Have You Never Been Mellow/Olivia Newton-John, Black Water/Doobie Brothers, My Eyes Adored You/Frankie Valli, Lady Marmalade/Labelle

TV: All in the Family, Sanford and Son, Chico and the Man, The Jeffersons, M*A*S*H, Rhoda, Good Times, The Waltons, Maude, Hawaii 5-0

MARCH 1970...

Songs: Bridge Over Troubled Water (#1 for six weeks) Simon & Garfunkel, Thank You (Falettin Me be Mice Elf Agin)/Sly & the Family Stone, Travelin' Band/CCR, No Time/Guess Who, Hey There Lonely Girl/Eddie Holman

TV: Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In, Gunsmoke, Bonanza, Mayberry R.F.D., Family Affair, Here's Lucy, The Red Skelton Hour, Marcus Welby, M.D., Walt Disney's Wonderful World of Color

MARCH 1965...

Songs: My Girl/The Temptations, Eight Days A Week/Beatles, King of The Road/Roger Miller, Stop! In the Name of Love/Supremes, This Diamond Ring/Gary Lewis & The Playboys, You've Lost That Lovin' Feelin'/Righteous Bros., Can't You Hear My Heartbeat/Herman's Hermits

TV: Bonanza, Bewitched, Gomer Pyle, U.S.M.C. (during its entire run the Vietnam War was never once mentioned), The Andy Griffith Show, The Fugitive, The Red Skelton Hour, The Dick Van Dyke Show, The Lucy Show, Combat.