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2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. of each month (except July & August)

@7:30 PM – VFW 2290

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### **Important Web Pages**

452: <a href="www.vva-nj452.org">www.vva-nj452.org</a>
State Council: <a href="www.njscvva.org">www.njscvva.org</a>
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# Commander's Call – President's Message







From the Castle-Bunker

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Welcome Back Everyone... Hope you all had a safe and enjoyable summer break.

In Brotherhood, John



From the 'Flight Line'

### **UPCOMING IMPORTANT DATES**

OCT.	10/6 VVA STATE COUNCIL MTG. & AGENT ORANGE MTG.
	10/19 CAR SHOW HUNTERDON FAIR GROUNDS
NOV.	11/12 MONTHLY CHAPTER MTG.
	11/21 PTSD WARD DINNER – LYONS

DEC.	12/8 VVA STATE COUNCIL MTG.
	12/10 MONTHLY CHAPTER MEETING / CHRISTMAS
	PARTY
	12/15 LAST CAN-SHAKE FOR THE YEAR AT SOMERVILLE SHOPRITE
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# 'Circular Firing Squad' Among American Vets



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After a Long Wait, VA Finally Has a Deputy Secretary



As reported September 12 by Leo Shane III for *Military Times*, senate lawmakers on Wednesday confirmed James Byrne for the second-highest post at the VA, officially filling a key leadership vacancy after an absence of more than a year. Byrne, a former Marine infantry officer who previously served as VA's general counsel, was approved for the post by an 81-11 vote. His nomination has been pending since April, but he has been serving in the post as acting director since August 2018.

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# National League of POW/MIA Families: The History of National POW/MIA Recognition Day

Until July 18, 1979, no special commemoration was held to honor America's POW/MIAs, those returned and those still missing and unaccounted for from our nation's wars. That first year, resolutions were passed in Congress and the national

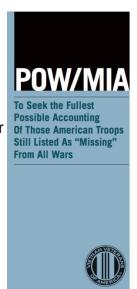
ceremony was held at the National Cathedral, Washington, DC. A Missing Man Formation was flown by the 1st Tactical Squadron, Langley AFB, Virginia. The Veterans Administration published a poster with the letters "POW/MIA" and that format was continued until 1982, when a black and white drawing of a POW in harsh captivity was used to convey the urgency of the situation and the priority that President Ronald Reagan assigned to achieving the fullest possible accounting for Americans still missing from the Vietnam War. For the next ten years, the various renditions of the American Eagle, by artist and Vietnam Veteran Tom Nielsen, came to symbolize America's POW/MIAs and our nation's determination to account for them and bring them home.

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### **VVA POW/MIA Brochure**

It is the goal and obligation of Vietnam Veterans of America to seek and promote the fullest possible accounting of those soldiers, sailors, airmen, and Marines listed as POW/MIA in Southeast Asia and other parts of the world, regardless of the war during which they were lost. VVA's

POW/MIA Committee disseminates information on this issue, a lingering legacy of all wars, to our National Board of Directors, State Councils, Chapters, friends, VVA membership, and the public.



Of the 2,583 troops listed as missing at the conclusion of the Vietnam War, the remains of 994 have been returned as of June 2019.

**Download the Brochure...** 

### The Veterans Initiative Needs Your Help



Objects taken from the battlefields of Vietnam are more than souvenirs or war trophies. Maps, stories, after-action reports, pictures, military items may have a story that could result in finding the location of missing war dead. Can you help?

Contact the Veterans Initiative at:

Veterans Initiative Vietnam Veterans Of America 8719 Colesville Rd., Suite 100 Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 vi@vva.org

# Vietnam POWs Reunion at the Nixon Library - 40th Anniversary



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# 9/11: An opportunity to educate the nation's youth

Tennessee post holds ninth Patriot Day ceremony at local high school, with students and community in attendance.

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# The Big **Q**

What do you make of the al-Qaeda leader's call for new attacks on the 9/11 anniversary?

### COMMUNITY SERVICE



'There were potentially fellow veterans in need'

- Inaugural Vietnam event raises \$6,000 for local veterans with PTSD
- August impact: career events, convention metrics and more
- E. Roy Stone's timeless words: 'This We Believe'

Help us help veterans and communities. JOIN US

# CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION



Celebration of Freedom
with the Wisconsin
American Legion

- Visit the Legion's GI Bill exhibit in Tennessee
- American Legion Centennial Day proclamation

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The American Legion opposes excessive vulgarity and violence in which media?



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September 12, 2019

### VETERANS APPRECIATION DAY AT PATRIOTS TD BANK BALLPARK – 8/25







 $\dots$ As mentioned during the last chapter meeting, 452 is now a recognized partner for the  $50^{th}$  year commemorative program of the Vietnam War.

We received a number of items along with two (2) Proclamations' signed by President's Obama and Trump.

The company that made our 452 bracelets has a new Poppy bracelet coming out in time for Veterans Day. I requested a sample before I purchase a large quantity.

We now have a NEW mailing address:

**Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter 452** 

P.O. Box 508

Manville, NJ 08835

### That's all for now

### Historical Trivia...

### AMERICAN REVOLUTION BATTLE FLAGS CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH!

Remembrance ceremony at the Reformed Church in Millstone





### HAZZAH!