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Sue Doan, our State Veterans Counselor, has the following address:

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State Office Bldg. 4th Floor
333 E. Washington Street
Syracuse, NY 13202

If any veteran has a question or problem that needs to be addressed, give Sue a call at 428-4046 at the State Office Building. She helped many veterans last year, especially through referrals from members of this chapter. The Iraqi/Afghan vets we've helped send to her are very thankful to Sue for watching out for them.

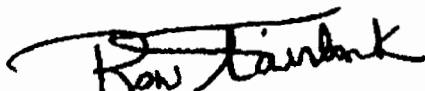
Plans have been firmed up for our annual installation dinner. Our Keynote speaker will be the newly appointed Director of Veterans Affairs in Albany, Col. James McDonough Jr. (Ret.). Dick, Gordy and I met him several weeks back at a Network meeting in Canandaigua. Granted he is a newbie but in talking with him, he seems determined to make a difference and being new he brings with him some fresh ideas and enthusiasm. The dinner will be held again at the Elks Lodge, Liverpool. Cash bar opens at 1800 Hrs. with free appetizers, followed by dinner at 1900. Prices remain as last year, \$20.00 for members, and \$25.00 for spouses and guests. **Contact Dick Madden at 635-2019 to make reservations.**

Next time you are up to the V.A. stop by and get checked out on the **self serve kiosks** across from Security. Swiping your ID card like at an ATM or Wegmans it asks your age, and brings up your personal data, you can verify all is correct or let them know you need to correct something. It automatically checks you into your first clinic appointment to give you a leg up on being seen, (recommend you still let them know you are there when you get there just to be sure the first time or two.) It also prints out data on your first appointment. There will be people there to walk you through the process for the next few weeks—they will insure any corrections you need to make are handled right then also.

It was good to see some new faces and a real treat to see Grady Clark a long time missing member at our last meeting. I met 4 members I hadn't talked with previously—certainly hope they come back again.

I have been asking for some volunteers to help with the T.V. program, but so far just one guy has stepped up—that is not enough. I need at least 2 more to provide some back-up for our long time regulars. When someone is ill, out of town or has another commitment on our night at the studio we have are forced to cancel everything since Time Warner requires we must have a full crew of 8 present. Last month we had to shuffle John Lamanna from his regular position to that of Director—since our Director was out sick, fortunately I was able to limp along to do John's regular job so we could keep going. This month we are in DEEP trouble since John, the Regular Director and our Sound Board guy Bob Goettle are all unavailable. If we are to continue the T.V. program guys you need to raise your hands and we'll get you trained, so you can help out.

For the good of the Chapter,



Ron Fairbank

VVA CHAPTER #103 AWARD NOMINATIONS

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: An individual who has shown exceptional commitment and courage in making the local community a better place to live.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD: A member who has worked for the good of the organization, in the organization, and in the local community.

CORPORATE SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR: A business entity that has demonstrated outstanding support for Chapter 103 through donations of time, manpower, money, goods or services.

GRUNT OF THE YEAR: A member of Chapter 103 who has exhibited workhorse efforts on behalf of the organization beyond the call of duty.

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR: An individual or non-member who has contributed to Chapter 103 or the veterans' community in a manner that has enhanced the quality of life for veterans' and their loved ones.

INDIVIDUAL SUPPORTER OF THE YEAR: An individual or non-member who has contributed greatly to Chapter 103 in one form or another.

PAST PRESIDENT'S AWARD: Award given to the President of Chapter 103 in appreciation of his/her efforts during the past year.

PRESIDENT'S AWARD: An award given by the President of VVA Chapter 103 pursuant to the criteria established by the President.

VIETNAM VET OF THE YEAR: An In-country Veteran, who is a member, who has brought credit to and enhanced the image of the Vietnam Vet in the Chapter 103 geographic area.

VETERANS ADVOCACY AWARD: This award is presented to any governmental organization, governmental employee, political leader, or an elected official in the Federal, State or Local Level, who has shown demonstrable leadership in promoting veterans' needs, causes, or concerns.

Exemplary Service Award

This Award is presented to any individual, group or organization that has long shown outstanding, consistent service and exemplary sacrifice of both time, effort or talent in providing the means to aid Chapter 103 of the Vietnam Veteran's of America in reaching the noble goal of developing programs, activities or experiences that provide assistance in improving the lives and spirit of Veterans and their families.