

President's Message-July 2008

We are in the process of re-designing our Newsletter. Until that is accomplished we will strive to keep you informed and up to date on Chapter workings and significant information on veteran's issues. The Newsletter at this point is only means we have to keep all of us connected, not everyone has E-mail, or a computer to access the internet where you could download and print off your own copy so we need to explore this re-design to cut down on printing, paper and mailing charges.

The Chapter, as of July 1st, has a hot dog cart operating again at the PSB. We have a signed lease arrangement with a gentlemen who operates hot dog carts at Home Depots locally, and at local events-such as the car show at Liverpool Village park every Thursday night. He will be employing 2 college boys, to operate the stand for us, and they will wear T-shirts with our Chapter logo and white "B-Ball" hats with a U.S. Flag. A 5 foot foam board sign identifying the operation as "Chapter 103" is displayed up front. We now have source of income each week without the continual rectal miseries some of us experienced all last summer. *A big Thank You to Kurt Noll* for setting up the original contact with the business owner.

Mike Haven as many know has assumed the duties of Assistant Treasurer to off load "Tipper". Mike is setting up the books on his computer using "Quick-Books" like Tipper has done over the years. Mike and "Tip" are having telephone discussions to get Mike up to speed and so far had just one actual conference at the Vendetti Post with appropriate lubrications to facilitate deep and rewarding discussions on the finer points of Chapter accounting.

On Sunday, July 27th there will be a large public event called "Operation Salute" to honor and recognize all the veterans from the War on Terror as well as all other veterans. There will be food, entertainment, a job fair, and numerous information tables. The event will be held at the On-Center, and all are welcome. Our Chapter will have a table there to provide pamphlets from VVA National, the State Council and some we have made up ourselves. We hope to capture some new members, both regular and associate, along with making it known to all the new "Vets" that they are welcome to affiliate with us or use us for vet to vet support if they have questions on benefits.

Those who remember long time member Duncan Green-he would welcome a card or phone call-he's been diagnosed with cancer, the prognosis is not too encouraging. Call me if you need his address, etc.

The State Fair is coming already-think about when you can volunteer. Closer yet-our annual Golf Tournament, we were short on volunteers last year; some of us ate lunch out on our post. Start thinking about volunteering-the charcoal grilled steaks are excellent-as is the cold beer, etc. Sell an ad for the Golf Tournament-we make our money on ads not golfers.

Ron

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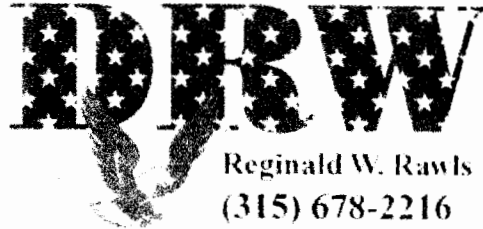
Sue Doan, our State Veterans Counselor, has the following address:

Sue Doan
State Veteran Counselor
State Office Bldg. 4th Floor
333 E. Washington Street
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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.

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Chapter Notes

- ❖ The next meeting of the Veteran's Day parade committee is Thursday, July 24th at 1700 hours at the UAW Hall on Manlius Street, East Syracuse. All are encouraged to attend. This year, Bill Magnarelli is behind the event and so far there 11 bands already lined up, including the Syracuse University band. We need some Chapter 103 members there.
- ❖ Our next meeting will be held Thursday, July 17th, at the American Legion Post 188, 205 Cypress Street, Liverpool, NY.
- ❖ The VA is in desperate need of volunteer drivers. If you have the time and so desire, please contact the DAV Transportation Office at the VA Hospital. Their number is 425-4352.
- ❖ *Change of address?* Comments, concerns, criticisms (hey, go easy!) or anything you'd like to add to this newsletter please contact me at rmadden002@twcnny.rr.com.

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