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# Vietnam Veteran



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 392



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*"Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."*



## April News

WOW: Our April meeting had some great guest speakers. I was particularly impressed by Mr. Louis Brown Jr from the VA. Mr. Brown was brought to Oregon from Hawaii to correct deficiencies in the Oregon VA, disabilities processes. We all know that it takes years to get through the VA process on a disability claim, so we will take all the help we can get.

Mr. Brown is the trainer for the persons reviewing claims, and making decisions on claims. The individual making decisions does not always have all the information for a correct judgement on a person's disability claim. Training in some of the basic investigation of claims is going to be taught. Claimants will need to supply all required information.

We also had two other guest speakers. Quilts of Valor about quilts made and given to veteran's families of deceased veterans. Also Mr. Jack Estes (writer of 2 books), "A Field of Innocence" and "A Soldier's Son". The books are Vietnam content.

We had quite an informative evening. Inviting Vietnam veterans to attend our meetings should help everyone learn more about events and benefits available to us.

## May News

Our May meeting had quite a surprise for us. We are the recipients of the Cross Point Auction Charity for a second year in a row. We can thank our Special Operations Director Bill Fuher for lobbying with Cross Point for this opportunity. Thanks Bill.

From what I have been told no charity has ever had a 2<sup>nd</sup> auction held for on their behalf. We are the only charity to have two auctions, and in consecutive years. We are honored to have this bestowed upon us, and we must make the most of this generous gift.

This year we will be doing much more for the auction. Tina's Fort Kennedy will be manning the bar, so all profits will go to us. We will arrange for the food, and saving money. We will have at least 3 firearms to auction off. We have a skid car training from Pro Drive again this year. Travel trips will also be on the docket.

All of us need to be soliciting for the auction, cash donations that will be used to purchase basket items, services, products we can sell. Do make sure that all donations are of at least \$250. This is our auction this year, let us show that we are the makers and shakers of the veteran help organizations.



## Mac Woods

Mac Woods has left us, may he be in peace with his fellow veterans.

Mac was a tried and true veteran, with helping and guiding veterans his passion. He was proud and honored to wear his uniform, when performing civic duties.

We will miss Mac for his dedication, passion, and likeable manner. We salute you Mac for representing the best of all us you left behind.

## Upcoming Events

7/24/17 Vietnam movie; Arlene Schnitzer

7/22/17 Silent Ride; Riding to raise PTSD awareness

7/28/17 Cross Point Charity Auction

7/3/17 BBQ fundraiser Fort Kennedy 1pm to 7pm  
14453 SE Frank Rd., Boring Or

Get any and all bottle/can for recycle donations for Fort Kennedy

## Bits of Interest

Vietnam era veterans eligible to get up to \$1500 disability coming up.

Senate bill #380= All veterans receive park permits 15 days early registration.

House bill #2235= Clackamas county property tax 40% reduction for veterans.

Senate bill #694= State tax removes income tax published schematic veteran disability.

A team of 4 military/civilian attorneys to come in and assist veterans with varied legal concerns.

## New Members

Ken Dooley USA

Randy McPheron USN

Steven Hamaker USA

***Welcome home and thank you for your service.***