



## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 1071 NEWSLETTER



Meeting held on the third Saturday each month at 10AM, Elks Lodge, 1455 Newland St, Lakewood, CO  
a \$11 breakfast is offered at 8AM until 10AM

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September 5<sup>th</sup> – Board of Directors meeting  
September 6<sup>th</sup> – National Suicide Prevention Week  
September 7<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day  
September 11<sup>th</sup> – Patriot Day, Rosh Hashanah begins  
September 18<sup>th</sup> – 79<sup>th</sup> U.S. Air Force Birthday, National POW/MIA Recognition Day  
September 19<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Membership Meeting, 10 AM  
September 22<sup>nd</sup> – First Day of Autumn  
September 24<sup>th</sup> – West Metro Veterans Fair, 11AM-2PM, Elks Lodge, 1455 Newland St., Lakewood  
September 24<sup>th</sup> – Golden History Museum & Park, “Welcome Home” exhibit open reception, 5-7 PM  
September 27<sup>th</sup> – Gold Star Mothers & Family Day

### **Did you know? .... You can request your military records**

You can request your OMPF (Official Military Personnel File), medical and dental records by using the standard form SF-180. It's available on the internet by searching for the file name. Follow the instruction sheet, attach a copy of your DD-214 and send it in. Wait times for records may take several weeks or months. On July 12, 1973, a major fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis destroyed roughly 16–18 million military personnel files, with the most severe losses affecting Army records from 1912–1960 and Air Force records from 1947–1964.

<https://www.archives.gov/personnel-records-center/military-personnel/ompf-archival-requests>

### **Honored Guest Speaker at the September 19<sup>th</sup> Membership Meeting**

Phil Waters, long time member and Naval Aviator, tells us about Operation Vengeance, a military operation to kill Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto of the Imperial Japanese Navy on 18 April 1943.

### **The PACT Act adds new presumptive conditions**

Has this new legislation covered a condition that you have? Learn about what is covered by visiting the following link <https://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/>

### **Pre-plan your no-cost burial at a National Cemetery**

Frequently, including several this year, one of our brothers or sisters passed on without having planned their final affairs. Whether it is through a commercial funeral service, or with the National Cemetery Association, burials need planning so that your wishes can be honored. Why put an unnecessary burden on your surviving family?

### **Pre-plan (continued)**

Veterans are entitled to free burial within a National Cemetery, a headstone, an American Flag, and a signed letter from the sitting President of the United States, free of charge. And our chapter will provide Honor Guard arrangements for a full military style ceremony. Contact any board member today to get started, or, visit this link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oj-D1hiU6Y>

### **The Air Force Academy versus the US Naval Academy football**

October 3, 2026 at 10 AM, Falcon Field, Colorado Springs. Our chapter organizer, Tom Sandquist, has arranged for 39 reserved tickets for the game. All of the seats will be together in Section M-10. These tickets are discounted and must be purchased no later than September 19, 2026 at 11:59 PM. You must provide your own transport. Use the following weblink to order tickets.

<https://www.gofevo.com/event/vietnamveterans26>

### **Our chapter's "Veterans in Need" program**

We now have 61 Veterans that we are helping by providing food and clothing. They live in VA subsidized housing at 40 West, Robinson Place and 2 Flats – all in Lakewood. Don't forget these Vets as you walk down the aisles of Costco and Sam's Club.

The Golden History Museum & Park is having its public opening of the "Welcome Home" exhibit on Thursday, September 24, 2026, with a free Public Reception between 5:00 PM and 7:00 PM at 923 10<sup>th</sup> St. Golden, CO 80401.

The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency <https://www.dpaa.mil/>

It was recently announced that the remains of Bennet H. Waters of the US Army Air Corps have been identified. Bennet was 26 when he was captured and then killed on Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1945 by the Japanese. After 81 years, his remains were finally returned home and he was buried with full military honors. When the agency was established in 1973, there were 2,633 listed as missing in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. With 1,067 now accounted for, there are still 1,566 unaccounted for. <https://dpaa-mil.sites.crmforce.mil/dpaaFamWebVietnam>

Cooper's Troopers meets on the third Thursday of every month at the Wilmore-Richter American Legion Post 161, 6230 W 60th Ave, Arvada, CO 80003.

Lunch is available 1100-11:30 am. Guest speakers present to the group.

Broomfield Veterans Museum invites you to "Coffee and Conversation" on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at 10:00am. Presentations are available online through the museum's [YouTube channel](#). To view the full list of videos with their associated links, please click on this link: [Coffee and Conversation Digital Guide](#)

*Remember, if we have a member in need, please inform the Board of Directors so that we can provide help/assistance*

See y'all at the meeting,  
Chapter 1071 Board of Directors

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## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Sunday                                   | Monday         | Tuesday                      | Wednesday | Thursday                                                             | Friday                               | Saturday         |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|
|                                          |                | 1                            | 2         | 3                                                                    | 4                                    | 5<br>BOD Meeting |
| 6<br>National Suicide<br>Prevention Week | 7<br>Labor Day | 8                            | 9         | 10                                                                   | 11<br>Patriot Day                    | 12               |
| 13                                       | 14             | 15                           | 16        | 17                                                                   | 18<br>79 <sup>th</sup> USAF Birthday | 19               |
| 20                                       | 21             | 22<br>First Day of<br>Autumn | 23        | 24<br>West Metro<br>Veterans Fair 11AM<br>Golden Museum<br>Reception | 25                                   | 26               |
| 27<br>Gold Star Mothers<br>& Family Day  | 28             | 29                           | 30        |                                                                      |                                      |                  |

This calendar is suitable for printing and placing on a location of interest