

# "VVA 970 WELCOME HOME NEWSLETTER"

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

CHAPTER 970

CHARTER - DAWSON COUNTY GA

FREEDOM IS



NOT FREE



UNTIL THEY



ALL COME HOME

SEPTEMBER 2017

Volume X

## VVA 970 MEMBERSHIP



Chapter Membership = 105  
90 Life Members  
Life membership is \$100.00

## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

9 October 2017 Monday - 7:00 PM  
Dawson County Professional Development  
Center 30 Main Street Dawsonville

## OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

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## VSO IN DAWSONVILLE

Cindy Hayes will be at the Dawsonville City Hall  
Wednesday 10:00AM to 2:00PM 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
18 October 2017



## VVA 970 - Always Out Front

## VVA 970 ANNUAL FUNDRAISER

50<sup>TH</sup> MOUNTAIN  
MOONSHINE FESTIVAL  
DAWSONVILLE

## IT IS HERE

OCTOBER 27-29, 2017

SEE BOB FOR TICKETS

## BUNKER SCUTTLEBUTT

The sergeant-major growled at the young soldier,  
"I didn't see you at camouflage training  
this morning."

The young soldier replied  
"Thank you very much, sir."



## JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST

FRIDAYS 8:00 AM

All Veterans  
Welcomed

Billie's Country Kitchen  
731 GA 9 N. Dawsonville, GA

## R.O.M.E.O. S

Retired Old Men Eating Out  
Cash and credit cards accepted



## SICK CALL



Pam De Lyra, Patti Mcquirt, Mike McCue, Ken Justice, Don Tackett, Hezzie & Sue Patrick, Terry Ertle, Matt Pesce, Cindy Alvey (Steve's Sister), Jane Day, John & Linda Bryant, Dan Pichon, Vivian Hood (Cindy Hayes co-worker), Bonnie Weil, Marianne Gage, and Carol Jewel (Hospice Coordinator).

Please keep our Chapter Family in your prayers.

## VVA 970 CHAPTER SUPPORT GROUP

"FAMILY FIRST PROGRAM"

Chapter Chaplain Vic Wallace

Please let Vic know of any updates or needs  
Within our Chapter Family

[Vlwallace2@msn.com](mailto:Vlwallace2@msn.com) 706-265-4913



Thank you Dawson County for your votes for making us the 2017 Best Civic Club Serving Veterans



September 18<sup>th</sup> – U.S. Air Force 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday (1947)



POW/MIA remembrance will be a part of the Veterans Day Program in November



VVA 970 Gives Back To The Community And Veteran Programs



**VVA 970 / HOME DEPOT PARTNERSHIP**

If you know of a veteran in need please contact one of our chapter officers. This program is open to all veterans



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**DoD TO OPEN ONLINE EXCHANGE SHOPPING TO VETERANS**

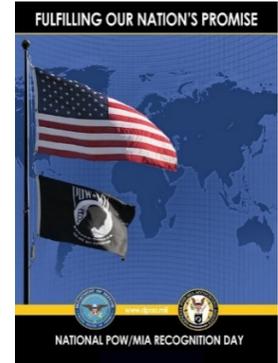


### NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Due to Hurricane Irma the POW/MIA program was canceled.

A part of the Veterans Day Program in November will include a remembrance to our missing fella veterans.

Please Join us on November 12<sup>th</sup>.



### OUR FAMILIES SERVING IN THE MILITARY



Please Remember Their Families.



They Are Serving Too.



US ARMY

Cpt. Ceara Riggs  
Cpt. Dorn Majure  
Maj. John Veneza  
Maj. William Anderson  
Col. Mike Wallace



US NAVY

Sean Parrish  
Chelsey Kukendall  
Lt Cmdr Jason Nowell



US MARINES

Jason Ardeneaux



### MOUNTAIN MOONSHINE FESTIVAL FUNDRAISER

27-29 October 2017

Bob Eikenberry, Chairman

Bob is working on a list of prizes for our Moonshine Festival fundraiser.

We need your help to sell tickets.

This year we have teamed up with Home Depot.

They will be offering a craft shop for the young children.

This should help with the amount of people stopping by our booth.



Please contact Bob

770-823-0860

[eikenberrybob@gmail.com](mailto:eikenberrybob@gmail.com)

## LIFE AT THE BUNKER

Chapter members gathered at the Bunker in August to sign a banner for John Bryant.

He has been a regular at the Bunker on Friday mornings for ROMEO'S.

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Visiting hours are from 9AM-9PM. They will give Room # at front desk.



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 970 DAWSONVILLE, GEORGIA 29 AUGUST 2017  
DOUG POWELL - WAYNE WATKINS - DON GAGE - ROY BIGGS - LARRY HARRIS - DAN PICHON - KIMBALL SCHENCK  
VIC WALLACE - DAVID HILDEBRAND - FRED WEIL - TOM QUINTRELL - RICHARD MEDLOCK  
KARL HAMALAINEN - RAY SPARKS - BOB EIKENBERRY - BILL TRACKER  
AL DAY - HAYNES JOHNSON - BILL MARTIN

## VVA 970 AWARDS CHECKS TO COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

### HOSPICE OF NORTHEAST GEORGIA MEDICAL CENTER



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 970  
PRESENTS A CHECK TO THE NORTHEAST GEORGIA HOSPICE PROGRAM  
31 AUGUST 2017  
KARLA BROOKRESON - DWYENS - LARRY HARRIS - CAROL JEWELL  
BILL MARTIN - DAN PICHON - DON BROWN - CRYSTAL ROESCH

Carol Jewel accepts the VVA 970 check as the Hospice of Northeast Georgia Medical Center Director.

Crystal Roesch Hospice Business Development Specialist:

I want to personally thank the Vietnam Veterans of America Dawson County Chapter #970 for their gracious donation to our "We Honor Veterans" outreach program. This program would not be possible without individuals like yourself that are willing to sacrifice time and resources in order to insure their fellow Veterans receive the honor they deserve during their End-of-life Care.

### GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC

Kay Parrish, Director of the Good Shepherd Clinic, accepts a check for \$300.00. This check will provide medical services for one patient for one year. Good Shepherd Clinic is operated by volunteers including medical staff. The Clinic provides medical services to qualifying citizens in Dawson County without insurance..

Under the direction of Wayne Watkins the clinic also provides patients with a local newspaper and a "Grace In A Box" meal.



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 970  
PRESENTS A CHECK TO THE DIRECTOR OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD CLINIC  
DAWSON COUNTY GEORGIA 5 SEPTEMBER 2017  
LARRY HARRIS - TOM QUINTRELL - DON BROWN - KAY PARRISH - BILL MARTIN - WAYNE WATKINS

**WALK OF HONOR  
VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK DAWSONVILLE**



**ORDER YOUR OWN BRICK**

Eligibility requirements are to have served with honor in a branch of the United States Armed Forces.

COST: \$25.00 per brick  
Veterans Affairs of Dawson County



**CHAPTER CORPSMAN DR. LARRY ANDERSON'S REPORT**

REMEMBER YOUR FLU SHOT AND LET YOUR PHYSICIAN KNOW YOU GOT IT



**POW/MIA**

**DEFENSE POW/MIA ACCOUNTING AGENCY – DPAA**



AS OF 15 JUNE 2017



Larry W. Harris

**Current Status of Unaccounted-for Americans Lost in the Vietnam War**

	Vietnam	Laos	Cambodia	China	Total
Original Missing	1,973	573	90	10	2,646
Repatriated and Identified	717	276	42	3	1,038
Remaining Missing	1,256	297	48	7	1,608

Of the remaining 1,256 Americans still unaccounted for in Vietnam, 470 are in a “non-recoverable” category. This means that as a result of rigorous investigation, we have conclusive evidence the individual perished, but do not believe it possible to recover his remains. On rare occasions, new leads can arise that bring a case back to an active status.

**Veterans Affairs of Dawson County has a “new” 1951-52 military style Jeep**

If you would like to help us restore this vintage jeep contact Don Brown - 678-779-2584. The jeep will represent veterans on Veterans Day, Memorial Day, POW/MIA Day, and all other veteran events. If it is restored by moonshine festival it will be on display at our booth.



**SEPTEMBER GUEST SPEAKER**



VETERANS 3 GUN  
veterans3gun@gmail.com  
Phone 706-525-1462  
P.O. Box 282  
Dawsonville GA 30534

President Bill Martin presented VVA 970 member Leo Van Oudheusden with a \$500.00 check to support veterans involved with the 3 Gun Program. Leo invited members to join the 3 Gun Program.

**COMBAT VETERANS  
DAWSONVILLE  
Support Group**

**Free & Confidential - Readjustment Counseling Services**  
Focusing On The Importance Of Total Wellness By Improving Physical + Mental Health & Well-Being:

- PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder)
- Conflict Resolution
- Coping With Daily Challenges & Current Stressors
- Communication Skills
- Medical Concerns



Groups are held on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday @  
1:00PM – 2:30PM

LOCATION:  
**Goodwill Career Center**  
66 N 400 Center Ln, Dawsonville, GA 30534

Don't wait until you break...



**P.T.S.D.**



Learn to cope through counseling.

**Call 404-728- 4195 To Check For Eligibility**



**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We have received confirmation that both grants have been approved.

Hezzie Patrick will be on Thursday  
November 2.  
Bill Taylor's project will be on Thursday  
November 9.

Both Brothers are having ramps built for  
access to their homes.

Please leave some time on both days to help  
out on these projects. Remember that we  
know that all of us have physical limitations  
but every little bit will assist in completing the  
projects for these deserving brothers.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR AND ALL  
AIR FORCE VETERANS**



## VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Gainesville Office



CINDY HAYES, VSO  
770-531-6060  
311 Green St Room 315  
Gainesville, GA 30501

### NE Georgia/Oakwood CBOC

Marie Lundquist – Veterans Field Service Officer  
404-321-6111 Ext. 8225

Georgia Department of Veterans Service  
<https://veterans.georgia.gov>

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### VETERANS CHOICE ACT LINKS

[www.va.gov/opa/choiceact](http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact)

[www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/faqs.asp](http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact/faqs.asp)

[www.benefits.va.gov/TAP](http://www.benefits.va.gov/TAP)

[www.va.gov/opa/toolkit](http://www.va.gov/opa/toolkit)

### VVA NATIONAL CONTACTS

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA  
800-VVA-1316

VVA VETERANS BENEFITS  
BENEFITSFORUM.ORG/REPASPX

VVA VETERANS HEALTH COUNCIL  
[www.veteranshealth.org](http://www.veteranshealth.org)

ASSOCIATES OF VVA  
[www.avva.org](http://www.avva.org)

VVA CAR DONATION PROGRAM  
800-435-7838

**VETERANS CRISIS 800-273-8255 PRESS 1**

## CONTACT US - CHAPTER OFFICERS

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[rebdon@windstream.net](mailto:rebdon@windstream.net)  
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[dspchon@windstream.net](mailto:dspchon@windstream.net)

### VVA 970 WEBSITE

	Visit our website <a href="http://www.VVA970.com">www.VVA970.com</a> Roy Riggs – VVA 970 Web Master
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Contact Larry Harris 706-265-7020 <a href="mailto:sgtlwh@hotmail.com">sgtlwh@hotmail.com</a>	
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### VETERANS WORKING TOGETHER



VVA 970

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[www.VVA970.com](http://www.VVA970.com)



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678-779-2584



AMERICAN LEGION

Post 247 meets second  
Tuesday monthly 50  
Campground Center Plaza  
off Lumpkin Campground  
Road at 7:00 PM



MOAA

Military Officers  
Association of America,  
meets third Thursday  
monthly at the Board of  
Education Professional  
Development Building in  
Dawsonville at 7:00 PM



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