

VETERANS HELPING VETERANS



MCHENRY COUNTY CHAPTER



"THE CHAPTER WITH A HEART"

JANUARY 2010

McHenry County Chapter of ViêtNow
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MEETING: General Meetings are open to the public and are held on **the fourth (4) Tuesday of each month** at 7:30 P. M. at the McHenry VFW – 3002 W. Route 120, McHenry.

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EDITORIAL POLICY: The Newsletter Staff will evaluate all articles submitted as to appropriateness and Relevancy. Newsletter items must be submitted to the editorial staff by the Chapter meeting each Month.

CHAPTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

BREAKFAST
SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 @ 9 AM
VAUGHAN'S, RT 47, WOODSTOCK
☺ See you all there !! ☺

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26TH
CHAPTER MEETING
@ AMVETS BLDG – WOODSTOCK
SEE YOU ALL THERE

I am checking around for the
Chapter Holiday Dinner
Will let everyone know where and when it will be.
Will be held end of February, beginning of March, Possibly
in April, 2010
If you have any suggestions where to have it – please let me know.
I will do the leg work and check it out.
Rose Lewis – 815-568-8939

CHAPTER DUES
PLEASE PAY \$15 PER YEAR OR \$150 FOR LIFE
Dues are due BEFORE June 30, 2010
☺ Thanks so much ☺

2009 JIM TOBER CHRISTMAS BASKET PROGRAM

To everyone who helped with the 2009 Jim Tober Christmas Baskets I THANK YOU SO MUCH for your dedication and hard work. You all did a fantastic job. It was a HUGE SUCCESS. We delivered to 51 Veteran and needy families. Our home looked like a warehouse from the side porch into our bedroom, IT WAS GREAT!

Our living room and bedroom became the gift-wrapping station. We took apart our bed to make room to wrap gifts. We wrapped presents from 9 am until about 9 pm when we were done. This year we had more help. We had Steve Rucki's daughter and granddaughter helping with wrapping presents. A Brownie and her mom (Mandy from Wal-Mart) help wrap, Joe Ferranti's Gigi's sister and mother help wrap. Ashley Jones, Marianne Dahl and her mom-in-law helped wrap (she told me I had very nice shaped legs-took me by surprise-I said, "thank you"), Sherry helped wrap, Tony wrapped a couple of gifts, and Joe helped wrap.

Our kitchen, back porch and the office looked like a grocery warehouse central. All the guys did a great, fantastic job. The sorters (everything had to be sorted before it could be packed) were John, Wes, Joe, James, and Brad. The sorting took place on two different days. The packers were Wes, John, Joe, James and a whole lot of his friends (qty 6), Steve, and his son-in-law, Joe F and Cody.

On Sunday, December 20, the deliveries were made. They started at 9 am and the last one was out the door that day about 10 am. That is a record!

I thank all the Elves who delivered – All the McHenry County Independent Riders, Donna and her husband Ralph who got the almost biggest trailer donated by Ralph's Rental to deliver baskets, All of our Chapter members, and our sons James & Kyle.

This year we raised funds and food items by selling Bears football raffle tickets, selling Champion Pizza's, and soliciting donations at the Woodstock Wal-Mart. We were very surprised this year to receive a \$1000.00 donation from Wal-Mart to help cover the cost of the "Jim Tober" Christmas Baskets this year.

There was a group of donations this year, which totally shocked me. Many individual members made donations on behalf of their families. The way the economy is right now, we did not think that we could get much help in meeting my goal to help 51 families this year.

Donna Lohmeyer suggested that we might try asking Wal-Mart if we could solicit outside their store in Woodstock. We looked into this and got approval to stand outside the doors for 2-days. So on the Saturday and Sunday after Thanksgiving (Black Weekend), we stood outside and had a great time greeting the people and passing out fliers. I want to thank everyone who came out both days to help us. Not to point anyone out, but a very special thank you to: John, Wes, Tony, Mike, Dave, Mariann, Steve, James, and Kyle, for being there both days. Bill and Jimmie, thank you for the time that you spent with us out there.

I do not want to forget anyone who helped at Wal-Mart for the weekend. If you helped us out and your name is not mentioned, I thank you for being there. This was such a great time, and not to talk about the cold Sunday, it looks like we might just be doing this again next year.













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January 14, 2010

To: All VietNow Chapters & Members

From: DuPage County VietNow Chapter

Re: Update on Dean Corn, former President of DuPage County Chapter

Many of you have called requesting an up-date on Dean Corn's medical condition. For those who yet do not know, Dean Corn has been hospitalized for collapsed arteries in both of his legs due to diabetes complications. His surgeon was able to insert a stint in one leg and open the artery down to the calf. The other leg, however, was completely closed, and a specialist has been called in to assist with the next surgery.

All of us here at DuPage County Chapter appreciate your concern and prayers, and ask that you keep Dean and his family in your prayers. If the artery cannot be opened, Dean faces the possibility of amputation due to loss of blood flow.

This past year, the Corn family has had more than their share of hardship. Kathy, Dean's wife, had a stroke last year, and has not been able to yet return to work. With Dean now also hospitalized, their lack of income is reaching the critical stage.

For any chapter or member, who would like to send a note, card, or a cash contribution to help Dean and Kathy offset their financial loss of income, please mail to:

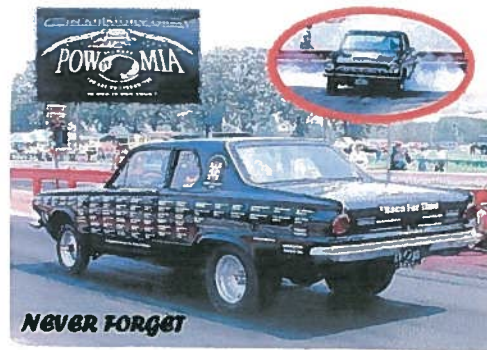
Dean Corn
29W390 Emerald Green Drive
Warrenville, IL 60555

As soon as the Chapter receives additional information regarding Dean's medical condition, we will update you.

DuPage County VietNow Chapter

“RACE FOR TIME”

Proudly Presents the Nationally Known 1963
POW-MIA Drag Car to be Ruffled on
May 1, 2010.



This beautiful car has drag raced, been in many parades, honored our Missing Men from All Wars to the “WALL” in Washington, D.C. and has been on display at Kokomo, Indiana, the largest Vietnam Veterans Reunion, for the past 9 years. The body displays the names of 132 of our Prisoners of War & Missing in Action from Ohio, including Michael Speicher and Matt Maupin. It runs 11.60 sec. in the ¼ mile w/ a 340ci Dodge motor...400hp...8.3/4 rear end w/ roll cage. Can easily be converted to street legal to drive in parades & display.

The auction will be held on the 1st of May 2010 and the drawing will be conducted by Leon Johnson, Veterans of Foreign Wars Dept. of Ohio Commander.

Tickets: \$50.00 each and can be purchased by money order to:

Pam Imhoff Contact #: 419-512-7964

984 Truxell Dr.

Mansfield, Ohio 44906

Part of the proceeds will be donated to: VFW Dept. of Ohio VFW
Dept. of Ohio Ladies Auxiliary & National POW-MIA Advocate
Groups.



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Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

@ 7:30 pm

MCHENRY COUNTY CHAPTER VIETNOW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

DATE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

NAME _____ PHONE () _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

SERVICE BRANCH _____ DATES OF DUTY (1957-CURRENT) _____

_____ I AM A VETERAN AND WANT TO BE A FULL MEMBER OF VIETNOW

_____ I AM NOT A VETERAN BUT WANT TO BE AN ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF VIETNOW

ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR _____

**MEMBERSHIPS ARE \$15 ANNUALLY RENEWABLE JUNE 30TH.
VETERANS MUST ENCLOSE A COPY OF THEIR DD214 FORM.
SEND WITH CHECK PAYABLE TO: MCHENRY COUNTY CHAPTER OF VIETNOW
PO BOX 998, MCHENRY, IL 60051**

FOR A SUM OF TEN (10) TIMES THE YEARLY DUES, YOU CAN BECOME A LIFE MEMBER