

MAIL CALL



PO Box 23405
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March 2011

Meeting:

Monday,

March 21st

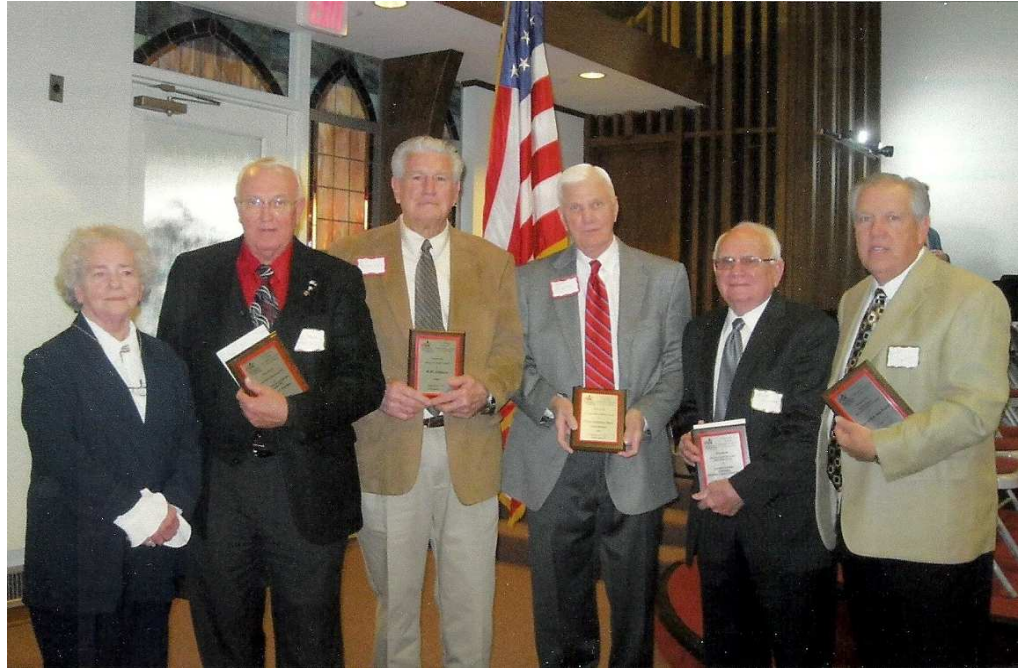
Dinner at 6pm

Meeting at 7pm

**American
Legion**

Post 95

3329 Ringgold Rd
East Ridge, TN



**VVA Chapter 203 receives the Distinguished
Volunteer Organization Award at the
Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge
Awards Presentation on February 20, 2011**

**From left to right: Bettye Parker, Don Hays, W.W. Johnson,
Gene Roberts, Everett Fairchild and Alan Johnston**

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Note: To all of the members that have signed up to bring food to the business meeting on March 21st, please remember. We need your contributions in order to have enough food to feed everyone.

*Officers
and Board
of
Directors*

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President: Don Hays 706-866-4890
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Larry Johnson: 423-875-3949
Ralph Price: 423-629-7242
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Appointed Positions in Chapter 203

VVA

Membership Chair: Dan Taylor 423-842-0461
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Treasurer: Sandi Johnson 423-309-2703

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Chapter 203 Point-of-Contacts

Area #1: Chief Tommy Hickey. 423-240-7767
Team: James McLain, Stan Brown, Robert Johnson

Area #2: Chief Ralph Price. 423-629-7242
Team: Fred Huskey, Vernon Carbine

Area #3: Chief Larry Anderson. 706-673-3458
Team: Larry Cooper, Rick Simpson, Lee Knight

Area #4: Chief Bill McClure. 423-476-5717
Team: David Bell, Larry McGehee, Bob Merritt

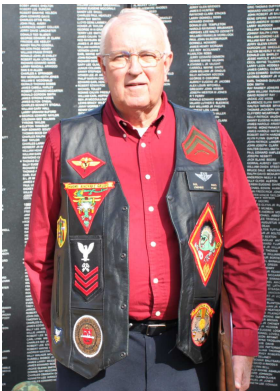
Area #5: Chief Vance Elliott . 423-332-5447
Team: Larry Johnson, Charles Ingle, Skip Broome

President's Message

Brothers & Sisters:

The tree's are in the bud, spring is coming and the snow and ice should be gone for good. February and March, both month's are a little "laid back". Not that much to really talk about, but the Tennessee State Council meeting finds us getting a new printer for the Tennessee Volunteer Newspaper. It will be coming soon.

At home for Chapter 203, we were given a great honor by the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge on Sunday, February 20, 2011, at 14:00 P.M. Chapter 203 was chosen as a Distinguished Volunteer Military Organization for 2010. Don



Hays was there to accept the plaque for Chapter 203. The Jericho Brass Band also received the Freedom Award for the year. A great

band. They played for everyone there and was well appreciated. We even got our picture in the Chattanooga Newspaper on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. I was shown in great company of Chattanooga's leading people. Thank you, Mr. Gene Pike, for the recognition of Chapter 203.

We need to also remember, the

Region 3 Conference on March 31, 2011 through April 3, 2011.

With all that said, I would like to list some of our upcoming projects:

1.) March - Nominations for office for the upcoming year 2011-2012. All of the positions are open. Please step up and see Mr. Fred Huskey for addition to his list of nominees.

2.) April - Election for the New Year's term. The Chapter must have in attendance a "Quorum". That relates to some 60 members. Please turn out for this.

3.) Chapter 203 will be setting up some collections. The Chief Point of Contacts, will keep everyone informed. Please turn out to help us meet our needs with the "green" stuff.

4.) Chapter 203 will set up for the Valley Fest in Dunlap, Tennessee on April 16th & 17th, 2011.

5.) The Chattanooga Military Parade is coming on May 6, 2011 at 10:30 A.M. This year will mark the 61 consecutive years to honor our Brothers & Sisters in the uniform.

These are only a few projects that we must get ready for.

Chapter 203 is always set to be the best. Let's set the fire to **Turn & Burn!!!**

Yours to serve,

Don

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Chaplain's Corner: The Season of Lent



Chaplain, Paul Williams

**"...the Lord
is concerned
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hearts..."**

When this newsletter is published we will have passed the beginning of Lent. The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday (which this year is March 09 and will continue through the Saturday before Easter. This is a special season which developed through the centuries following Easter and has become a solid period of special preparation.

Lent is an English word. It stems from an Anglo-Saxon word for spring. It is related to the English word "lengthen" which refers to the penitential period that leads up to Easter.

The early Christians believed there was a special call of preparation at Easter as they reflected on the magnitude of the Cross and the Resurrection. In only a few decades they were observing several days of fasting as part of their preparation probably because of their remembrance of Jesus' fasting for 40 days in the wilderness. In time, 40 days became the accepted period of the Lenten Season.

If one looks on a calendar and counts the days from Ash Wednesday to the Saturday before Easter they will come up with the figure 46 days. From the early days of Christianity it was considered inappropriate to

fast on the day of Resurrection. By this they meant the Sabbath day. Now, recount the days from Ash Wednesday through the Saturday before Easter without counting the Sundays. Now you will have 40 days. However, we can always count back 46 days from Easter. You will be on a Wednesday, and that will be Ash Wednesday, the beginning day of Lent.

In our age, Churches seem to be divided on the Season of Lent. There may be a good number of reasons. Lent is very special to those known as the liturgical churches. It is a time of intense training and study about the faith which leads to confirmation and baptism. Some churches observe the time and the various events of the Season such as Palm Sunday, the Upper Room, Maundy Thursday (Lord's Supper and Christ washed the disciples' feet), Gethsemane, the trial, the crucifixion (Good Friday), the Resurrection and the Ascension. These, of course, are the highlights, but fasting and preparation are not as intensely observed.

I mention these only as information. There is no criticism involved. I come from those (non liturgical) churches which do not observe Lent as intensely as

the liturgical. However, from years of service as a Navy chaplain and worshipping with Protestants of all faith groups, I became very aware, and, quite frankly, I learned to appreciate the Lenten Season traditions. I do believe that the Lord is concerned with what is in our hearts and I have no doubts that He accepts and loves us as we serve Him with all our hearts.

Paul Williams,
Chaplain

Membership Update and Renewals

February

Larry J. Anderson	Walter G. Millsap
Charles C. Bedell	James C. Ryon
Louin Campbell	Dale A. Sluder
Edwin B. Farley	Cecil W. Smith
Perry A. Flynn	Abe Taylor
George P. Gilchrist	James Larry Thurman
F.A. Hatfield	Johnny Dale Tyler
	Charles A. Walker
Richard H. Hunnicutt	Donnie Williams
James W. Lamb	D.C. Wyatt
Glen Limbaugh	William R. Yarber, Jr.

March

Ronald E. Barnette	Lester E. Norton
James Connelly	William G. Ross
Thomas D. Crow	Marguerite W. Sharp
Samuel Dial	Lawrence H. Shell
Garry G. Gray, Sr.	Samuel D. Smith
Robert Greuter	Ronald E. Tatum, Sr.
John C. Higgins	Craig K. Tyndall
Monroe W. Jones	Don Vice
Jerry W. Lewis	Ed A. Winkelman
John T. Nichols	

April

Edward D. Broome	Ronnie Long
Thomas W. Haman	Thomas McDowell
Thomas C. Haynes	Jackie McGowan
Stanley R. Hobbs	Don Mize
Lloyd M. Hodges	James M. Moore
John E. Jenkins	Stephen W. Neumann
Don Keith	Larry B. Palmer
Millard Lewallen	Robert N. Reed, II
Ron Lewis	Benjamin I. Sanzo, Jr.
Perry A. Long	Luther J. Vanhoosier

We want to thank you if you have already paid your dues.

Please send your renewal payments to:

**VVA Chapter 203
P.O. Box 23405
Chattanooga, TN 37422-3405**

This will be a GREAT help in tracking the renewals.



Dan Taylor,
Membership Chair

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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 21st: Business meeting - American Legion Post 95 - 3329 Ringgold Rd. - East Ridge, TN. Nominations of officers to be announced for the upcoming year.

March 31st - April 3rd: Region 3 Conference - Greenville, South Carolina.

April 16th & 17th: Valley Fest - Dunlap, TN.

April 18th: Business meeting - American Legion Post 95 - 3329 Ringgold Rd. - East Ridge, TN. Election of officers for the upcoming year. **It is very important that we have a "Quorum" of members in attendance to hold an election of officers.**

May 6th: Chattanooga Military Parade - 10:30 A.M.



A group of VVA Chapter 203's members
having a "Missing Man Ceremony"
practice



Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.



Application for Membership to VVA

Open to all who served incountry Feb 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975
and Era Vets who served Aug 5, 1964 - May 7, 1975

Office use only
Membership #

Date: _____

Name: _____ Sex: _____ DOB: _____

Address: _____ Apt # _____

City: _____ ST: _____ Zip: _____

Home # [] _____ Cell # [] _____

E-Mail: _____ Recruited by: _____

Marital Status: S M D W Spouse's name: _____

Yearly Membership Dues:

1 year \$20

3 years \$50

Life Membership Options: (check all that apply)

Paid in full

50/55 yrs \$225

56-60 yrs \$200

Payment Plan

61/65 yrs \$175

Requires a \$50 Down Payment;
\$25/mo until paid in full

66 yrs and over \$150

- I want to receive by mail a printed copy of the monthly newsletter.
- I will receive the monthly newsletter electronically through e-mail. (no mailed copy)

Make your check payable to: Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 203


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Applicant must submit a DD214 or SS180 with this form.



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