

# MAIL CALL



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PO Box 23405  
Chattanooga, TN 37422

May 2011

Meeting:

**Monday,**

**May 16th**

Dinner at 6pm

Meeting at 7pm

**American  
Legion**

**Post 95**

3329 Ringgold Rd  
East Ridge, TN



**VVA Chapter 203 members attend Valley  
Fest in Dunlap, TN. - April 16th & 17th**

**(From left to right: Tommy Hickey, David Bell,  
Charlie Crowe, Gerald Sniff, Jackie Clark)**

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## **Important Dates to Remember this Month**

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

May 14th: R&R Picnic - Soddy Daisy, TN.

May 24th: Thunder Creek - Run to the Wall

May 29th: POW/MIA Ceremony - Calvary Baptist Church

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Note: To all of the members that have signed up to bring food to the business meeting on May 16th, please remember. We need your contributions in order to have enough food to feed everyone.

*Officers  
and Board  
of  
Directors*

Officers:

President: Don Hays 706-866-4890  
1st VP: Stan Brown 423-658-2417  
2nd VP: Tommy Hickey 423-240-7767  
Secretary: Don Hill 423-886-3875  
Treasurer: Dan Lovin 423-238-5128  
AVVA: Karen Carnes 423-260-9736

Board of Directors

Charlie Crowe 423-509-2690  
Vance Elliott: 423-332-5447  
Larry Johnson: 423-875-3949  
Ralph Price: 423-629-7242  
Rick Simpson: 423-902-1359

## Appointed Positions in Chapter 203

### VVA

*Membership Chair:* Dan Taylor 423-842-0461  
*Chaplain:* Paul Williams 706-866-2034  
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*Armory Sergeant:* Vacant  
*Website:* Sharon Hobbs 423-495-0202  
*Newsletter:* David Carne 423-413-0012  
*Social Director:* Joyce Simpson 423-987-6851

### AVVA (Subject to change)

*Membership Chair:* Susan Price 423-629-7242  
*Chaplain:* Donna Sparks 423-843-3637  
*Secretary:* Bettye Selby 423-894-5743  
*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,

Spring has sprung, the grass is turning green, and Chapter 203 has just elected its leadership team for the upcoming year 2011 – 2012. Thank you, Mr. Fred Huskey, for your work putting the slate of officers together for the coming year.

For the leadership team this year, Chapter 203 will need for you to put your best foot forward. For candidates and newly elected Vice President's Mr. Stan Brown & Mr. Tommy Hickey, for Secretary Mr. Don Hill, for Treasurer Mr. Dan Lovin and for new "E" board members Mr. Charlie Crowe, Mr. Vance Elliott, Mr. Larry Johnson & Mr. Rick Simpson and as well as myself. Go team!!!!



For the membership of Chapter 203, thank you all for the great turn out to make this years election "legal". Chapter 203 would like to see a turn out of members like this every month. Thank You!!

For the month of May 2011, a lot of projects are on the board. On May 6th, we have the C.A.V.C. Military Parade. We need a good turn out of members in their camo's for this event. Your help is appreciated. See you there at V.F.W. Post 4848

at 09:15 A.M. Louise will drive the bus. On May 14th, Mr. Vance Elliott will be ready for this year's R & R Picnic at the helicopter in Soddy Daisy, TN. We will have lots of good food, gifts and fellowship. Bring your family and come out to enjoy. Eating will start around 12:30 P.M. On May 24th, Ms. Terry Trouble would like Chapter 203 to be at Thunder Creek with product sales and the Wall also, for the run to Washington, D.C. On May 28th, Mr. Tom Sloan would like to have the Honor Guard Fire Team for the Boy Scouts at the National Cemetery. On May 29th, Mr. Phil Minton would like to have the POW/MIA team at Calvary Baptist Church in Red Bank. On May 30th, the Honor Guard Fire Team will be needed at the National Cemetery for Memorial Day to post the colors.

Thank you Chapter 203. Let's continue to grow and go for the year 2011. Now **Turn and Burn!!!**

Don

*"...thank you all for the great turn out to make this years election "legal"...."*

## Chaplain's Corner: THE STORMS OF LIFE VERSUS THE PEACE OF ETERNITY



Chaplain, Paul Williams

**“...there is a force far greater than a tornado in our world.”**

Tornados are the most destructive storms known to man. There is a destructive force in those funnels that are beyond the imagination of humankind. I remember the Believe it or Not stories that were published on the cartoon pages of our newspapers several years ago. There were stories provided that are truly unbelievable. I remember accounts of straws that penetrated deep into trees like the oak. I also remember accounts given about window panes being driven deep into trees without breaking them. A friend who grew up in the Columbia, Tennessee area tells me that after a tornado in the area he saw sticks jutting back out of tree trunks. They were just ordinary dry sticks that had fallen from the trees which during the storm were slammed into the tree with such force that they penetrated the trunks without breaking.

Again I say their force is beyond human imagination. They are very destructive and they are deadly. They are unpredictable. Meteorologists can provide basic directions of their movement, but they cannot give exact routes. Sometimes they will stall. They may also break into two or more and go in different directions. Sometimes they may rejoin leaving tremendous destruction where they have been while possibly leaving no destruction between the routes of the funnels. There are places I

have seen around the tornado that has just passed that left bare roofs or no roofs, broken trees scattered amongst them while only 100 feet or two hundred feet away there is hardly a sign of that great force that had just gone by.

The tornados are deadly. They are excessively destructive. As one examines their property after the storm, it will be difficult to keep depression away. After all, one has worked long and hard for their home, automobiles, and the many accessories that are needed for living today. Around one's home there will be heat and air equipment, maybe a shed for garden tools and equipment. Some may have a camper and/or a boat. Yes, there may be many expensive properties. It is very painful to lose such after working so hard for them.

Those storms are frightening. However, I believe there is a power, spiritual destruction, and eternal damnation that is far more devastating than the most powerful tornado. I will add to this statement that there is a force far greater than a tornado in our world. This force has caused havoc in God's wonderful creation since the beginning in the Garden of Eden. Take a little time and read the creation account. Satan in the form of a serpent came quietly into the lives of Adam and Eve. He knew God had given them control of

the Garden. They could take of anything in the Garden for their nourishment except the fruit of the tree in the middle of the Garden. Now, he must entice them to violate God's command. He didn't blow into the garden in a powerful funnel. However, his subtle suggestions and lies were powerful. Yes, powerful enough to bring death to humankind. Eternal death.

Now, God's eternal plan must be put into force. There must be a perfect one who can be sacrificed, and whose blood could be shed to wash away the sins of humankind. That, of course would be the Son. He would come to earth as a baby and live as a man. He would be tempted, but he never yielded to it. He would know the suffering of men and women. He would be accepted by some and rejected by others. He would be abused, especially at the time of his crucifixion. He did all this so that anyone who believes in the Christ and invites Him into their lives can overcome the eternal death that Satan brought to the world and live with the Triune God in eternity. As Jesus told Nicodemus, one must be born again. The great destructive force of Satan will be overcome by the wonderful and glorious peace of God through all eternity.

Paul Williams,  
Chaplain

# Membership Update and Renewals

## April

Thomas W. Haman	Thomas McDowell
Stanley R. Hobbs	Jackie McGowan
John E. Jenkins	Stephen W. Newmann
Don Keith	Larry B. Palmer
Millard Lewallen	Robert N. Reed, II
	Luther J. Vanhoosier

## May

Ronald Barnes	Eddie McAfee
Benny Dewitt	Richard Miles
William D. Elliott	James A. Sawvell
Donnie Johnson	Donnie Sisco
Johnny H. Jones	James Wilkes

## June

Wayne L. Adams	Ronnie Land
Charles A. Butler	Johnny L. Martin
George D. Conrad	Jeff Maxwell
Bill Cox	Jon B. McKenzie
Alvin Ray Dodson	Samuel L. Noles
Nickie Hale	William S. Prater
James Hammond	Samuel E. Rainey, Jr.
Jerry W. Henry	Danny N. Tarpley
Jack A. Kennedy	Bill Tucker, Jr.
	Robert L. Webber

**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 L. Taylor, Jr.*  
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Dan Taylor,  
Membership Chair

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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**Pictures of the Newly Elected (& Appointed) Officers (Elected at the April Business meeting):**

Above: Tennessee State President Charlie Hobbs swears in the newly elected officers.

Below: Your elected officers for the 2011 - 2012 term:

Sitting in bottom row - from left to right: Treasurer Dan Lovin, 1st Vice-President Stan Brown, President Don Hays, 2nd Vice-President Tommy Hickey, Secretary Don Hill

Standing in rear - from left to right: E-Board Member Charlie Crowe, E-Board Member Rick Simpson, Chaplain Paul Williams, E-Board Member Vance Elliott, E-Board Member Larry Johnson



# Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.



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## 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



Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service - \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sex: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Place OB: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ St: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home # [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ Cell # [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

Work # [ ] \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_


Life Membership Options: (check all that apply)			1 Year	\$20.00
VVA Member number _____ change to Life Member			3 Year	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Paid in full		<input type="checkbox"/>	50/55 yrs	\$225
<input type="checkbox"/> Payment Plan		<input type="checkbox"/>	56-60 yrs	\$200
Requires a \$50 Down Payment;		<input type="checkbox"/>	61/65 yrs	\$175
\$25/mo until paid in full		<input type="checkbox"/>	66 yrs and over	\$150

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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"*