

# MAIL CALL



PO Box 23405  
Chattanooga, TN 37422

**August 2011**

Meeting:

**Monday,  
August 15th**

Dinner at 6pm

Meeting at 7pm

**American  
Legion**

**Post 95**

3329 Ringgold Rd  
East Ridge, TN



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**VVA Chapter 203 leads the July 4th Military Parade in Dunlap, TN. with 2 members driving restored World War 2 Willis Jeeps, the Big Black Bus with Tennessee State President Charlie Hobbs driving and Larry Johnson pulling the 16 foot trailer with the VVA Murals on each side.**

Photo By: Carson Camp Photography - Dunlap, TN.

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**VVA Chapter 203 has committed to sending 11 Voting Delegates to the 15th Biennial National Convention being held at the Silver Legacy Hotel in Reno, Nevada - We want to wish all our delegates a safe and rewarding trip and hope they return to tell us of good things to come!!!**

**Note: To all of the members that have signed up to bring food to the business meeting on August 15th, please remember. We need your contributions in order to have enough food to feed everyone.**

*Officers  
and Board  
of  
Directors*

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Team: James McLain, Stan Brown, Robert Johnson

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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

My Brothers & Sisters,

VVA Chapter 203 is now in the season of good old summertime. I know from personal experience, we are all cooked, and served well done.

The month of July was a very active period of time for us, with a lot of commitments that we completed. They needed to be "fruitful", and they were!!

Our collections, for the support of the



National Convention turned out with totals that will keep the eleven delegates that will be attending, out of the Chapter's "Coffers" and will let us pay our own way to that function.

For the month of July, we started with a POW/MIA Ceremony at the New Haven Baptist Church. This came off very well. Then it was the July 4<sup>th</sup> Military Parade in Dunlap, Tennessee. This, also, was well attended, and the turn out for the event was very good.

There were two collections during the month of July. The first was at the

Walmart on Signal Mountain Road on July 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>, and it was good to Chapter 203's bank account,

as was the collection on July 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> at the Walmart in Kimball, Tennessee. Some 20 to 25 members were there at both sites to help out. Thank you, all!!! You are appreciated!!!

As per Mr. Tom Sloan, I am told that the Chapter's Honor Guard had many veterans to take care of during the month of July. Their families continue to thank us, as they know that our men and women are the best.

As we look to Labor Day and with fall coming, there will be lots of "venues" for the Chapter to consider. Thank you all for your help on these projects, past and upcoming!! Everyone is needed!! Now let's Turn with Summer and Burn!!!

Don

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## Chaplain's Corner: His Eye is on the Sparrow



Chaplain, Paul Williams

**"...Both  
God and  
Jesus have  
promised to  
be with  
us..."**

Everyone knows what a sparrow is. How could one not know? They seem to be everywhere.

And I have no doubt that they are. In 1988 I was transferred to Okinawa from Pensacola, Florida. Because of the need to sell our house in Pensacola, my wife, Marilyn had to stay behind. In a few weeks she finally arrived. The next day we were in church at Camp Kinser where my Group's Headquarters was located. After church we were meeting the people who attended that day. My wife met a young officer who happened to be the Nutritionist at the Hospital. Looking around they saw sparrows all over the front lawn of the chapel. The Nutritionist mentioned the sparrows to Marilyn. They were chirping and tweeting as they hopped around finding seeds and other eatables. Then she said, "I have traveled all over America and many overseas stations. Everywhere I have been there have been sparrows. It's almost like the story that Jesus taught his Disciples. "Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father's will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear

therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows." (Matt. 10:29-31)

In that lovely song, the title of which I use for this article, it says that "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. Yes, even the very hairs of one's head are numbered. Take into account those wonderful promises. It is tight security when even one's hairs are numbered and accounted for. Then consider one's worth from Jesus' words that the sparrow which sells for one copper is so guarded that not one falls to the ground apart from God's will.

In considering how well we are watched over and cared for, let us remember very important promises of God the Father and God the Son. As one reads the accounts of God's deliverances of His people one can see how closely he watches over and guides His people. Having established a great relationship with Abram, the son of Terah, God covenanted with Abram, whose name will be changed to Abraham. He sent Abraham to the land where He wanted to establish a land of His people. In the course of time the covenant will be handed down to the descendants of Abraham,

who wound up in Egypt and were an enslaved people. Using Moses, God delivered the Israelites and guided them to the "Promised Land." As they reached the land, Moses died and Joshua took the role of leading God's people into the "Promised Land." There they thrived and waited for the promised Messiah who came centuries after their entry into the "Promised Land." Now, hear this. As God was preparing Joshua to lead the people in, He made this promise. "I will never leave you nor forsake you." When the Messiah was about to ascend back into heaven, He promised His disciples "lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

We are never alone. Both God and Jesus have promised to be with us. It is they whose eye will be on the sparrow and who will be watching us. Oh, the wondrous love of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Sleep well in such love and care.

Paul Williams, Chaplain

# Membership Update and Renewals

As of August 5, 2011:

## July

Edward Austin	Larry Houser
Robert Blakeslee	Paul Smith
Benjamin Conner	Dennis Trapp
Terry Dungan	

## August

Jeff Alverson	Dwight Ledbetter
Roy Avans	Dennis Puncochar
Anthony Bruschi	Jerry Romesburg
Thomas Condra	Larry Stewart
Clyde Evans	Willie Sutherland
Fred Ewton	Bill Vincent
John Holden	Larry Willerson
Richard Jones	

## September

Robert Dickerson	Mike Scoggins
Daryl Hinds	Bernard Sherman
Dennis Phillips	Larry Taylor
Charlie Rawlins	Jackie Thompson
Fred Richeson	

**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

*Dan L. Taylor, Jr.*  
**(423) 991-5628  
Membership Chair  
VVA Chapter 203**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

August 9th: E-Board Meeting - American Legion Post 95 - 3329 Ringgold Rd. - East Ridge, TN. - 18:00 Hrs.

August 15th: Business Meeting - American Legion Post 95 - 3329 Ringgold Rd. - East Ridge, TN. - 18:00 Hrs.

August 17th - 20th: 15th Biennial National Convention - Silver Legacy Hotel - Reno, Nevada

September 5th: Labor Day

September 11th: Tennessee State Council Meeting - Murfreesboro, TN.



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★ **Photos from the July 4th Military Parade in Dunlap, TN. of the**  
★ **Restored World War 2 Willis Jeeps**  
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★ **Above: Jeep Driven by Tommy Hickey - Passenger: Ryan Hickey**  
★ **Below: Jeep Driven by Bob Merritt - Passenger Side: Bill McClure - In Rear**  
★ **Seat: Larry McGehee**  
★ **Photos By: Carson Camp Photography - Dunlap, TN.**  
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# 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

- ( ) Receive Printed copy of the monthly newsletter
- ( ) I will read the the monthly newsletter at [www.vva203.org](http://www.vva203.org) (no mailed copy)


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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"*