

# The Listening Post

## Chapter 35's Color Guard Out Front Labor Day Parade Held Monday In Toledo

Under cloudy skies and with cool temperatures, the Chapter 35 Color Guard followed the police vehicles and led the Toledo Labor Day Parade.

With a full compliment of members, the color guard upheld the chapter's long standing tradition of service to this parade.

Color Guard Commander Gene Shurtz was joined by Mike Redner, Bob Bodi, Bob Baker, and Bob Stewart in the formation.

Chapter Vice-President Don Measel was present and taking photos for the newsletter and web site.

Lenny Fetterman was also on-hand to drive the color guard's transport vehicle in



The Labor Day Color Guard (L to R) Gene Shurtz, Mike Redner, Bob Bodi, Bob Baker, and Bob Stewart, along with Lenny Fetterman and Don Measel.

the parade.

Commander Gene Shurtz said he was very grateful for the members who turned out for the detail and provided support transportation service.

A fully restored WWII Army Jeep owned by Dick Wineland of Oregon, Ohio, followed the color guard. The Jeep was driven by Dick's son, Mark Wineland, also of Oregon.



### 2011-12 Officers

Butch Stewart / Pres.  
Don Measel / V. Pres.  
Ed Willmarth / 2nd V.P.  
Dave Meyer / Secretary  
Gene Shurtz / Treasurer

### Board Members

Larry King /till 2012  
Roy Hernandez/till 2013  
Steve Benner/till 2013  
Ron Distel /till 2014

The Wineland's joined with Chapter 35's color guard for the public's viewing pleasure.

*See back for more photos.*

## Ohio Delegation Includes Chapter 35's Leaders At Reno Convention

Chapter President Butch Stewart, Vice-President Don Measel, and Ohio Region 2 Director Bob Stewart were part of the Ohio delegation that attended the 15th Vietnam Veterans of America national convention in Reno, Nevada, last month.

Butch Stewart said the Ohio delegation of 116 people was the second largest attending the convention. Stewart said, "The Ohio Buckeye Council state organization went all out to elect three of our Ohioans to

national office. Unfortunately, they did not get elected." Stewart felt bad for Tom Burke, Ohio V.V.A. President, who garnered the most votes for national vice president on the first ballot against two opponents. When no one received 50% of the vote, as required, a run-off of the two highest vote getters was required. Stewart said Burke lost the run-off election due to the State of Illinois delega-

tion pulling out of the convention and going home.

"Our being at the national convention was important as our leaders know about Chapter 35 and the great

strides we have made and continue to make," Stewart added.

A full report by Butch Stewart, Don Measel, and Bob Stewart on the convention will be made at the September meeting.



### **Next Meeting !**

**Sun. Sept. 11, at 7 p.m.**  
**Petro Stopping Ctr.**  
**I-280 & Exit 1-B**  
**Lake Township**

**October Meeting**  
**10/9/2011 @ 7 p.m.**

## John Rowan Re-Elected National V.V.A. President; 4th Term

(Washington, D.C.)--John Rowan was reelected August 20 to a fourth term as National President of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) at the organization's 15th National Convention in Reno, Nevada.



John Rowan

Rowan, who was elected to VVA's highest office in 2005, has served as the chairman of VVA's Conference of State Council Presidents, for three terms on the organization's Board of Directors, and as president of VVA's New York State Council. He served as a linguist in the U.S. Air Force's 6990 Security Squadron in Vietnam and at Kadena Air Base in Okinawa, providing the Strategic Air Command with intelligence on North Vietnam's SAM sites to protect their bombing missions. Rowan was a founding member and the first president of VVA Chapter

32 in Queens, New York. He retired from city service as an investigator with the City of New York's Comptroller's Office. He lives in Middle Village, New York, with his wife, Mariann.

Fred Elliott of Rochester, New York, was elected to serve as Vice President; Bill Meeks, Jr., of The Woodlands, Texas, was elected as Secretary; and Wayne Reynolds of Athens, Alabama, was elected as VVA's Treasurer.

In addition, 19 National Board of Directors were elected: Ten At-Large and nine Regional. The At-Large directors are Marsha L. Four (PA); Dan Stenvold (ND); Jerry Yamamoto (CA); Felix Peterson (OK); Pat Bessigano (IN); Richard C. DeLong (LA); Pastor Toro, Jr. (NY); Ken Holybee (CA); Joe Jennings (OH); and Jacqueline Rector (KY).

The nine Regional directors elected to serve a 2011-2013 term are: Region 1, John Miner (VT); Region 2, Herb Worthington (NJ); Region 3, Sara McVicker (MD); Region 4, Bob Barry (GA); Region 5, Sandie Wilson (MI); Region 6, John Margowski (WI); Region 7, Allen J. Manuel (LA); Region 8, Tom Owen (OR); and Region 9, Dick Southern (CA).



### Labor Day Photos



Marcy Kaptur, Congresswoman, with color guard before the parade started.



Army Jeep followed our color guard.



### Chapter 35 Picnic Planned For October 16th

Our immediate past president Dick Nolte has announced an old fashioned **Pot Luck Picnic** will be held on Sunday, October 16, 2011, at the Dunberger American Legion Post in Oregon. Reportedly, one of our members was an excellent cook



during his service in Vietnam. *The Listening Post* has been informed the Amish Fried Chicken he is cooking is out of this world! There will be music for all, card games, and lawn games, outside, weather permitting.

If your last name starts with:

A-H / Bring a salad or relish to share...

I-P / Bring a vegetable or casserole to share...

Q-Z / Bring a desert.



RSVP to any Chapter 35 officer, or  
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Lenny Fetterman sporting his Marine Colors on Labor Day

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