

# Newsletter



October 2005

In this issue you will find a handy calendar of Birthdays, Meetings and Events. There will be one in each issue.

## Info update card

In this issue you will find a card with the info that we have on file for you. Please review it and if it is correct you may throw it away. If it's wrong, please make corrections and return.

## Membership

We are very close to 100%. I have called the last few members that still need to send in their dues. If you haven't sent them in yet, we need your support! PLEASE GET YOUR DUES IN! Thanks to all the members who have already done so.

## Don't be scammed

There is a scam going on where Veterans are being called and told that the VA will not be providing their prescription medications any longer. They are told that a new company has taken over for the VA and in order to process their prescriptions, they will need a credit card number. This call is bogus. The VA is still the dispenser of VA prescription medications. DON'T give anyone who calls you, that you don't know, your credit card number.

## Community Day

The Post made over \$400.00 dollars community day and the Ladies made over \$200.00. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who marched or worked the booth or table!!! We also made a \$20.00 donation to the Semper Fi mothers .

## Christmas Party

December 9. 7 to 11 pm at Sinapi's Rte 376 & 52.

Buffet style with carving station, 4 hr open bar, we have a DJ set up but it hasn't been finalized. The Buffet menu will be voted on at the October meeting.

Sinapi's is located above the Olympic Diner Rte 376 and 52.

Paid up members with a 2006 Legion card, with continuing years ending in 5 or 0 will be receiving a longevity award at the party so make a special effort to attend if this applies to you.

Invitations need to be back to me by November 30.

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## VA WITCH HUNT

In May, the V.A. quietly began to draw up plans to review nearly 72,000 individual cases of veterans who in the last five years have been classified as disabled and unemployable because of mental trauma from war. Veterans' advocates have argued that a review would mainly be an attempt to cut costs, as the price tag of caring for veterans, like that of the Iraq war continues to soar. They've also said the review would force traumatized veterans to prove their mental wounds to the department all over again, resulting in further anguish and exacerbating the stigma about war-inflicted psychological damage – which already prevents many soldiers from seeking the help they need. The V.A. plan, would revisit decisions to grant disability benefits to veterans incapacitated by post-traumatic stress disorder. After they get out of the military, veterans can get healthcare from the V.A. and disability payments for wounds or injuries incurred from service; vets judged to be unemployable can collect approximately \$2,000 a month.

Any member who is currently drawing disability in any amount due to PTSD and is notified by the VA that their case is going to be reviewed, you need to contact Nelson Rivera at 486-2060 immediately. Nelson is the Director of the Dutchess County Veterans Services Office and he will be more than happy to help you.