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Meeting Notice

19 July 2017

Elks Lodge 5555 W. Good Hope Rd.

Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.

Chapter Meeting 7 - 8 p.m.

Future Meetings 2017

20 September, 18 October,
15 November, 20 December

Chapter web page: www.vietnamvetschapter324.com
National web page: www.vva.org

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Your Help Is Needed Chapter Fund Raising, Miller Park

Brewers vs Cincinnati Reds

Saturday, August 12 - Negro League Tribute game (game time 6:30)

Sunday, August 13 - American Legion Day (game time 1:10)

The Brewers allow us to ask for donations in the parking lots.

Parking lots open 3 hours before game time.

Parking fees reimbursed. Drinks and refreshments provided.

This our main fundraising activity for the year.

The more people helping, the more we earn to help vets.

No August Meeting - Have a Good Summer

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Milwaukee Chapter 324
June 21, 2017

Meeting called to Order at 7:10 pm by President Pat Ciofani

A **Moment of Silence** was observed for our brothers and sisters no longer with us, for all POW/MIA's and their families and for all serving our country

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance – Dennis Szymanski, Pat Ciofani, David Titter, John Morgan, Milan Mursec, John Zutz, Pat Moore, Oliver Williams

Minutes of the May 17, 2017 meeting reviewed and accepted

Treasurer's Report – Pat Moore - \$2040.59 balance in our checking account

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fund Raising – Miller Park dates are August 12 – 13

Website – Contact Pat Moore to post items of interest

OLD BUSINESS

Wauwatosa 4th of July Parade

NO AUGUST MEETING

NEW BUSINESS

June State Council Meeting

Moved and passed to allow up to \$50 for funeral

flowers

Discussion on amending our by-laws regarding the number of members required to have a quorum

Adjournment – 7:58 pm

PROPOSAL TO AMEND BY-LAWS

Due to declining attendance at our monthly meetings, it has been proposed that we amend our by-laws to change the number of members that are required for a quorum. Currently, our by-laws require 6 members and 2 officers to be present to constitute a quorum.

Article V – Meetings

Section 2 – 6 members and 2 officers of the Chapter shall constitute quorum at monthly meetings.

In order to assure that business can be conducted at monthly meetings, it is proposed we amend our by-laws to read:

Article V – Meetings

Section 2 – 2 members and 1 officer of the Chapter shall constitute quorum at the monthly meetings.

It is proposed that discussion and a vote on this change be made at our September 20, 2017 meeting.



SUAB HMONG NEWS (06/28/2017) – Pa Cheng Cha (Paj Tsheej Tsab) passed away on June 12, 2017. A memorial funeral service will be held for Pa Cheng Cha from July 7 to 10, 2017 at Good Hope Center
7323 N 76th St
Milwaukee, WI 53223
For more detail information, call Nao Yeng Cha at 414-239-3483

Paj Tsheej Tsab tau tas sim neej rau lub 06 hli ntuj hnuv tim 12 xyoo 2017. Yuav muab nws lub cev coj los ua kab lig kev cai pib rau lub 7 hli ntuj hnuv tim 7 txog tim 10 xyoo 2017 nyob rau ntawm Good Hope Center
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Yog muaj lus dab tsi, hu xov tooj nug tau rau Nom Yeej Tsab 414-239-3483.

Exchange Online Shopping - Early Registration

Karen Jowers, MilitaryTimes, June 5, 2017

It's official: Military exchanges plan to offer online access to veterans by Nov. 11

All honorably discharged veterans interested in shopping online at the military exchanges can begin their verification process immediately, exchange officials said, and some may be able to shop prior to the program's full launch. Some veterans who register at <https://www.vetverify.org> will be invited to be beta testers, with the ability to shop online earlier than the planned Nov. 11 launch date. Officials said the sooner veterans register on the site, the better their chances of being chosen as a beta tester. The exchange websites offer tax-free shopping, as well as discounted pricing. Actual online pricing can be seen only by those who are authorized to shop at the sites: <https://www.shopmyexchange.com>, <https://www.shopmyexchange.com>, <https://www.shopmyexchange.com>.

VetVerify.org uses information from the Defense Department's Defense Manpower Data Center to verify a veteran's status; veterans will receive notification of their acceptance as online shoppers or, if their records are incomplete, will receive guidance on the steps they can take to update those records. Doing this process ahead of time will allow veterans to start shopping 11 NOV, or earlier if they are among the "beta testers" chosen to try out the system in advance of the launch.

This new benefit, which would increase the online shopping base by an estimated 13 million veterans, applies only to shopping online at the military exchanges, not at the physical buildings on military installations. Until now, online military exchange shopping was available only to active-duty, reserve and Guard members, retirees, 100 percent disabled veterans and their dependent family members, and certain others. "It's an honor to now provide this service and benefit to our well-deserving veterans. Once a Marine, always a Marine," said

Cindy Whitman Lacy, Marine Corps Exchange Director of Business and Support Services at Headquarters Marine Corps Manpower and Reserve Affairs, in a statement today announcing the verifying website. "This initiative is one of many ways to keep our community connected."

Army and Air Force Exchange Service CEO Tom Shull formally proposed the idea of expanding the benefit to honorably discharged veterans on May 14, 2014, noting that it would provide a modest benefit to those who had served but left the military short of retirement. "The exchanges began working to recognize the service of millions of veterans without exchange privileges while generating additional financial support for critical budget-constrained quality-of-life programs," Shull said, in a statement. "We are proud to stand with our sister exchanges as we welcome our veterans home to their military family and protect and preserve hard-earned military benefits."

The exchanges currently provide more than \$300 million a year from their profits to support military quality of life programs. The veterans online shopping benefit is expected to increase that monetary support. In a 18 JAN DoD memo, officials noted that AAFES will invest about \$1.8 million a year to cover costs associated with the expansion of the online platform. If 0.3 percent of the newly eligible veteran group, or about 45,000 veterans, shop online, that cost is expected to be recouped. "We are excited to be welcoming our shipmates back to the NEX," said retired

Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, CEO of Navy Exchange Service Command, in a statement. "Inviting veterans to shop online is just another way for us to honor them for their patriotism and service to our country."

PTSD Treatment Decision Aid Launched

VA News Release | June 2, 2017

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) launched a new online tool in early June that will help Veterans compare various treatment options for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The PTSD Treatment Decision Aid at <https://www.ptsd.va.gov/apps/Decisionaid> is a free, interactive online tool that helps educate patients about effective treatment options for PTSD and encourages them to participate actively in decisions about their care.

“The health and well-being of the courageous men and women who have served their country in uniform is the VA’s highest priority,” said VA Secretary Dr. David J. Shulkin. “The PTSD Treatment Decision Aid is an important step in putting Veterans in control of their health care. By helping to bridge understanding and communication between Veterans and providers about the most effective treatment options available, we are ensuring Veterans receive the treatments that best promote their healing and recovery.”

The tool includes information about evidence-based PTSD treatments, such as talk therapy and prescription medication options. It also includes useful information designed for people who have served in the military. Users can watch videos of providers

explaining different treatment options and what to expect with those treatments, and hear from Veterans who have benefited from them. Veterans can also build a chart to compare the treatments they prefer and print a personalized summary to share with their providers. All personal information is erased once the tool is closed to protect users’ privacy.

According to VA findings, approximately eight of every 100 people will experience PTSD at some point in their lifetimes, and almost 620,000 of the Veterans treated by VA have a diagnosis of PTSD. “We know from research and our own clinical experience that Veterans can recover and improve their quality of life with the right PTSD treatment plan,” said Dr. Poonam Alaigh, VA’s Acting Under Secretary for Health. “We want our Veterans and those who care for them to have access to effective treatment options. Knowing about the latest research can help them get the best care possible.” To learn more about PTSD visit the National Center for PTSD website at <https://www.ptsd.va.gov>. Health-care providers who have questions about the PTSD Treatment Decision Aid or other free resources can email the PTSD Consultation Program at PTSDconsult@va.gov or call 866-948-7880.

Rockwell, ManpowerGroup partner to train 1,000 veterans

LEE MATZ, Jun 13, 2017

Milwaukee companies Rockwell

Automation and ManpowerGroup are launching a partnership to train 1,000 military veterans for advanced manufacturing jobs, the companies said. Milwaukee-based Rockwell (NYSE: ROK) and ManpowerGroup (NYSE: MAN) will work together to utilize existing programs toward the goal of training veterans for work in advanced digital manufacturing jobs and other higher-tech roles in the industry.

A recent global survey by ManpowerGroup found that most U.S. employers think automation will increase, not decrease, headcount in manufacturing, but at a higher skill level.

This new technical retraining program will address this need, rapidly training and placing veterans in high-demand roles in as little as four months, the companies said.

“By bringing together the expertise and experience of the world’s largest company devoted exclusively to industrial productivity with the world leader in innovative workforce solutions, we’ve been

able to develop a truly groundbreaking program that will help solve a challenge critical to fueling the future growth of the manufacturing sector,” said Blake Moret, CEO of Rockwell Automation. “Military veterans possess a unique combination of technical savvy and core work skills that makes them well-positioned for careers in today’s advanced manufacturing environments.”

“We are seeing the emergence of a ‘skills revolution’ today — where helping people upskill and adapt to this fast-changing world of work will be the defining challenge of our time,” said Jonas Prising, chairman and CEO of ManpowerGroup. “This initiative is a great example of very intense workforce development. We’re using proven training programs and adapting them for talented veterans who bring valuable skills and experience to the workplace. In return, we’re equipping them for sustainable careers in a fast-growing industry and increasing their earning potential at the same time. It’s a winning formula.”

Canadian Marksman Fires World's Longest Kill Shot

Gayathri Anuradha International Business Times June 22, 2017

A Canada special elite forces sniper broke the world record for the longest kill shot in the military history. According to the Globe and Mail, the sniper whose name was withheld, fired from a stunning distance of 3,450 meters. He is a part of the Joint Task Force 2 in the Iraq Civil War.

The target was an ISIS operative and by killing him, the sniper broke the previous record by almost 1000 meters. He stood on a high-rise during an operation that took place within the last month in Iraq and fired. It took the bullet under 10 seconds to hit the target. The report said that the kill was independently verified by video and camera data. An unnamed military source was quoted saying: "Hard data on this. It isn't an opinion. It isn't an approximation. There is a second location with eyes on with all the right equipment to capture exactly what the shot was."

The weapon used was a McMillan Tac-50 and the ammunition was Hornady A-MAX.50 (.50 BMG). The windage and curvature of the earth were also factors that had to be considered. "The shot in question actually disrupted an ISIS attack on Iraqi security forces. Instead of dropping a bomb that could potentially kill civilians in the area, it is a very precise application of force and because it was so far way, the bad guys didn't have a clue what was happening," another military source said. He also emphasized that the operation fell within the boundaries of a government assist mission.

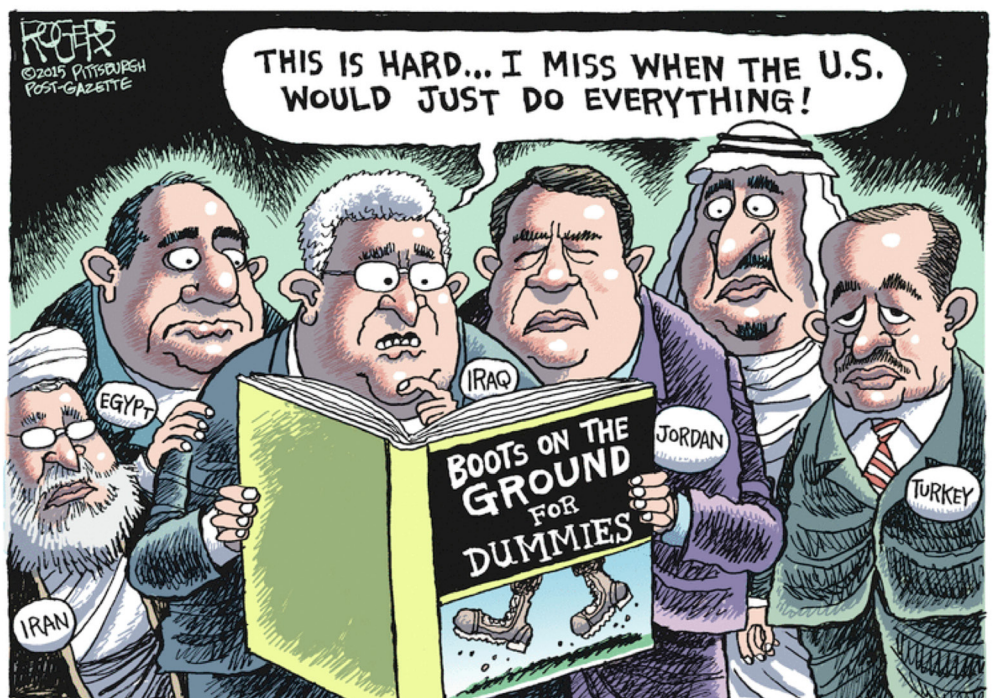
The names of the sniper and his partner were not revealed for reasons of operational security. They were reportedly sent to many dangerous locations to find and do away with insurgents. An expert in training Canadian Special Forces told the Globe and Mail that it would take an immense amount of concentration to fire from a higher location. In such situations, the ballistics of the bullet as well as the direction of wind would have to be accounted for.

With this shot, the sniper has broken the previous record of 2,475 meter by Corporal of Horse, Craig Harrison of the United Kingdom who had shot a Taliban

gunner in the Afghanistan War. Prior to Harrison, the title was held by another Canadian sniper, Rob Furlong, when he shot and killed an Afghan insurgent carrying an RPK machine gun during Operation Anaconda. Before Furlong, Canadian Master Corporal Arron Perry from the same battalion held the record for a few weeks after he killed an insurgent from a distance of 2,310 meters during the same operation. U.S. Serg. Bryan Kremer has the longest confirmed sniper kill shot by a U.S. soldier in 2004 in Iraq when he shot an insurgent standing at a distance of 2,300 meters.

Although the Canadian army is not a member of the Multi-National Force — Iraq which consists of military from the US, UK, Australia, Spain and Poland — the current government of Justin Trudeau has expanded the military commitment in Iraq, committing 207 Canadian Special Forces trainers in an assist, train and advise mission. Joint Task Force 2, to which the sniper belongs, is one of the special operations forces of the Canadian Armed Forces. Canadian commandos are not to be involved in direct combat.

Just a month ago, an unnamed British SAS sniper killed an ISIS fighter (who was himself a sniper) in Mosul, firing from 1.5 miles away. According to the Daily Mail, the shot took three full seconds to travel from the shooter to the target. The gun: a CheyTac M200.





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