THE SCUTTLEBUTT

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FROM THE CHAIRMAN - -

Sorry that this issue of ***The Scuttlebutt*** is late, but December and January were hectic months for me. What with the other two newsletters that I edit and Christmas with family in Virginia, December was eaten up - - then January brought an unplanned health issue, plus a trip to the panhandle for a meeting and another couple of days visiting family in that area. So, with that stuff out of the way, I finally have time to get done what I should have done in December.

Congratulations to our long-time Vice Chairman (VC), John Masiarczyk on his successful bid to again become the Mayor of Deltona. That was good news - - the bad news was that he had to resign the VC office due to potential conflict of interest issues. The VCEP Board made John "Honorary Museum Director for Life" following the acceptance of his resignation. The Board then elected USAF veteran and American Legion (AL) Post #255 member Cheryl Martin as VC.

VCEP also lost our long-time Treasurer, William T. "Bill" Hickey, USA (RET) on December 22, 2010, following extended illness. While Bill loved to go on cruises with Wendy, he was dedicated to AL Post #255 and VCEP, and will be sorely missed. His widow, Wendy, continues to support the Legion and VCEP - - God Bless Her.

Tim Beasley, a nationally known General George S. Patton impersonator, with many performances to his credit - - brought his act to Deltona on Veterans Day, Thursday, November 11, 2010. He made three (3) a p - pearances - - one each at the Deltona Regional Library Amphitheater, Veterans Memorial Park (For the Dedication of the Vietnam Wall of Honor), and an evening Dinner Show at Veteran's of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #8093 in DeBary - - an we again extend our thanks to Group 10 Financial, LLC; the City of Deltona Parks & Recreation Department; VFW Post Number 8093; and our VCEP volunteers for their support of our Veteran's Day activities. Photographs of the days events are located on page 3 of this issue.

I am still like a broken record, and must state that we still need a lot of help with the Museum in the form of volunteer Docents - - those folks who you see in any museum who are there to assist visitors. So, we have scheduled another volunteer Docent Training for 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 12th, and are praying that you will show up. It would help for us to have a "head count" a few days before the 12th, so please contact either myself (386-960-5425) or Cheryl Martin (386-473-7160) before the 12th to make a reservation. I should add that being a Volunteer Docent is NOT HARD WORK - - just a matter of devoting a few hours "baby sitting" our Veterans Museum, which is air conditioned and has very comfortable seating (and a state of the art television, with outstanding DVD's and some pretty good programming. So PLEASE give it a try.

Semper Fi!

Marion L. "Mick" Cotten, MAJ, USMC (Ret'd)

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SCHEDULE OF VCEP & OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST:

JANUARY - -

1ST, SATURDAY, NEW YEARS DAY - - VETERANS WORK DAY CANELLED.
1ST & 2ND, SATURDAY & SUNDAY - - MUSEUM CLOSED (AS IT WAS ON CHRISTMAS WEEKEND).
6TH, THURSDAY, VCEP BOARD MEETING, 7:00 PM, DELTONA VETERANS MUSEUM.

FEBRUARY- -

3RD, THURSDAY, VCEP BOARD MEETING, 7:00 PM, VETERANS MUSEUM.
5TH, SATURDAY, VETERANS WORK DAY AT DVMP.
6TH, SUNDAY, REAGAN'S BIRTHDAY.
14TH, MONDAY, ST. VALENTINE'S DAY.
12TH, SATURDAY, LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.
21ST, MONDAY, PRESIDENT'S DAY (WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVED). DELTONA YMCA TO TOUR MUSEUM AT 10:00 AM.
22ND, WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.

MARCH - -

3RD, THURSDAY, VCEP BOARD MEETING, 7:00 PM, VETERANS MUSEUM. "STAR SPANGLED BANNER" MADE U.S. NATIONAL ANTHEM (1931).
5TH, SATURDAY, VETS WORKDAY, 8:30 AM, DVMP.
9TH, ASH WEDNESDAY (BEGINNING OF LENT).
13TH, SUNDAY, DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ("SPRING FORWARD").
17TH, THURSDAY, ST. PATRICK'S DAY.
19TH, SATURDAY, OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM BEGINS, COMMEMORATIVE CEREMONY AT DVMP AT 10:00 AM.
20TH, SUNDAY, FIRST DAY OF SPRING.

EVERY SATURDAY - -
EXCEPT CHRISTMAS
AND NEW YEARS EVE:
MUSEUM IS OPEN FROM
11:00 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM.

EVERY SUNDAY - -
EXCEPT NEW YEARS DAY:
MUSEUM IS OPEN FROM
1:00 PM UNTIL 4:00 PM

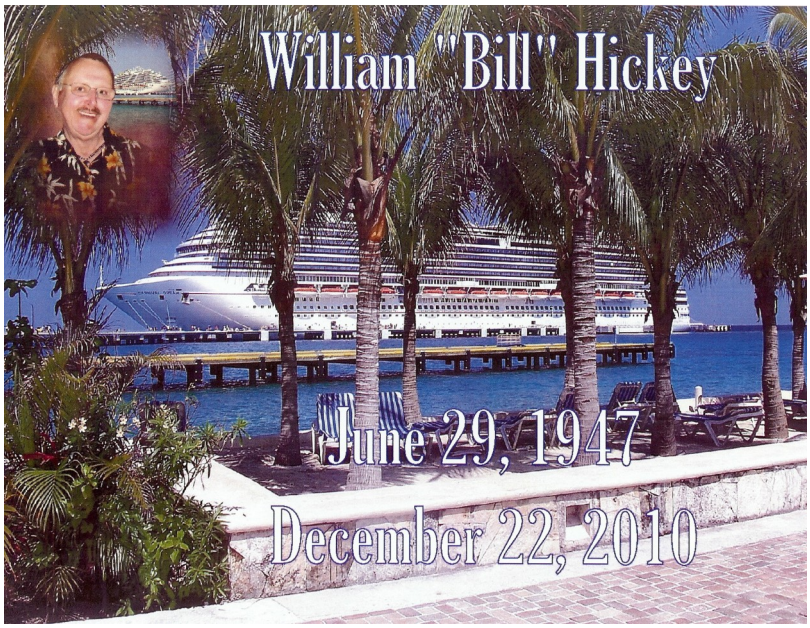
VETERANS DAY, 2010 - -

Tim Beasley (Left, Above), impersonating General George S. Patton, talks about "Old Glory" at the at the Deltona Regional Library Amphitheater. Pictured to the right are LtCol. Keith Mattison, USAF (Ret); Keith's wife, Carol; and Tim Beasley - - the photo op was immediately following the amphitheater show.

Tim Beasley (Left photo, above), impersonating General George S. Patton, gives a short talk at Deltona Veterans Memorial Park prior to the dedication and unveiling of the Vietnam Wall of Honor. The Vietnam Wall of Honor (Center photo, above) is unveiled by VCEP (then) Vice Chairman John Masiarczyk and Chairman Mick Cotten. It should be noted that the names of all fifteen West Volusians Killed In Action (KIA) in the Vietnam War are inscribed on the center of the wall immediately above the Vietnam Service Ribbon. Mildred White (Right photo, above) is ready to close the ceremony by leading attendees in "God Bless America."

Tim Beasley (Left photo, above), impersonating General George S. Patton, arrives at VFW Post #8093 in DeBary aboard his (actually John Masiarczyk's) jeep with Frank Dragoun and Ed Callahan, both members of the local United States Marine Corps League, Inc., assisting. Tim is into his act in the photo on the right. Photos by Cheryl Martin

WILLIAM T. "BILL" HICKEY



Mr. William T. "Bill" Hickey, age 63, of Howland Boulevard, Deltona died December 22, 2010, at Florida Hospital Fish Memorial in Orange City, Florida. ,Mr. Hickey was born on June 29, 1947, in Brooklyn, New York, the son of William W. and Ruth Mahoney Hickey. He was united in marriage to Wendy Shean for sixteen years. He was retired from the U.S. Army. He was a volunteer with the Volusia County Sheriff's Dept. of C.O.P., a Past Commander of the American Legion, Treasurer of V-CEP, a life-member of DAV, a member of the V.F.W. Post # 8093 in DeBary and the Deltona Veterans Museum. He was also a member of Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic Church in Deltona. He is survived by his wife, Wendy; two daughters, Denise Hickey of Apopka, FL and Ann Marie; a stepdaughter, Ann Marie Carrube and a stepson, Joseph Carrube; nine grandchildren; a brother, Timothy Hickey of Deltona, FL; three sisters, Maureen, Eileen and Kathleen; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, December 28th at 2:00 pm at Deltona Memorial Funeral Home, 1295 Saxon Boulevard, Orange City, PH: 386-775-4260, with Father Frank Cerio of Our Lady of The Lakes officiating. Military honors were provided by the U.S. Army and V.F.W. Post # 8093 of DeBary. Memorial donations may be made to VCEP, Inc, P.O. Box 390461, Deltona, FL 32739-0461 and should be noted that they are for "Deltona Veterans Museum in memory of William T. "Bill" Hickey."

NOTE: The above is based on Bill's obituary as published in The News-Journal, Daytona Beach, Florida. Not mentioned in the obituary was the fact that Bill had also served in the U. S. Navy during the Vietnam War.

May he rest in peace.

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