

The Survivor Feb. 2021

From the President:

HAPPY NEW YEAR, 2020 was a tough year for our nation and the organization.

As an organization, we were put in a position to make some very difficult decisions, but with the dedicated work of the Board and our members, 2020 was a success for HCVVO.

The changes will carry through 2021. The reunion in September is now a week long combining both the Sandbox and Vietnam Veterans.

At the 2020 reunion our attendance for the week was 1,780 people. Our normal attendance is 5,000. I know this was due to the Covid restrictions. Hopefully, when September 2021 gets here, Covid will only be a conversation and those of our brothers and sisters that were unable to be here last year will be able to join us once again.

The members have asked if we would have a get together in the spring. The Board has decided on a Back Yard Bar-b-q on June 4, 5 and 6 with a \$10 entry fee. The entry fee is to help with trash, portapots, etc. The main difference between this and years past is there will be NO live music on stage.

Please remember to check out the Website hcvvo.net for the camping form for 2021. It is posted and ready to print, get it in by June 1.

Also, I would like to give a shout out to the stage manager **Alan Kaye**. Through his efforts (HCVVO) FM 88.5 will be up and running again this year. Alan has procured us our own FM transmitter and is working on a mixing board to transmit the daily activities at the reunion.

So, here's to the New Year, may each and everyone of you stay safe and healthy.

The Board and I can't wait to see you in June and September.

Jim Proffit

Chappys corner...

Thankful In All Things; read 1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

My daughter is allergic to peanuts. Her sensitivity is so acute that eating even the tiniest fragment of a peanut threatens her life.

As a result, we scrutinize food package labels. We carry a pre-filled syringe of medicine (to treat allergic reactions) whenever we go. And, when we eat out, we call ahead and quiz the wait staff about the restaurant's menu items.

Despite these precautions, I still feel concerned-both for her current safety and for her future safety. This situation is not something I would naturally be thankful about. Yet God's Word challenges: "In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:18) There's no getting around it. God wants us to pray with thanksgiving when the future is uncertain., when heartbreak hits and when short-falls come.

It's hard to be grateful in difficulties, but it's not impossible. Daniel "prayed and gave thanks" (Dan 6:10), knowing that his life was in danger. Jonah called out "with the voice of thanksgiving" (Jonah 2:9) while inside a fish! These examples, coupled with God's promise that He will work all things together for our good and His glory (Rom. 8:28) can inspire us to be thankful in all things. (Jennifer Benson Schuldt)

In all circumstance, we can give thanks that God has not left us on our own.

Quit running away.....

Quit living as if the purpose of life is to arrive safely at death. Grab life by the mane. Set God size goals. Pursue God ordained passions. Go after a dream that is destined to fail without divine intervention. Keep asking questions. Keep making mistakes. Keep seeking God. Stop repeating the past and start creating the future. Stop playing it safe and start taking risks. Expand your horizons. Accumulate experiences. Consider the lilies. Enjoy the journey. Find every excuse you can celebrate everything you can. Live like today is the first day and the last day of your life. Don't let what's wrong with you keep you from worshiping what's right with God. Burn sinful bridges Blaze a new trail. Criticize by creating. Worry less about what people think and more about what God thinks. Don't try to be who you're not. Be yourself. Laugh at yourself. Quit holding out. Quit holding back, Quit running away..... Chase the Lion

It's our back yard bar-b-que event



June 4, 5 and 6

\$10.00 entry fee

**It's time to bust out and meet up with a lot
of our brothers and sisters.**

***No bands on stage. At this point no
vendors planned.**

September All Veterans Reunion Vietnam – Sandbox



September
10th thru 19th.

Details to follow