



HCVVO FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER

From The President:

Hello HCVVO,

As the new year has started, I continue to ask the questions of, “What have we accomplished? Have we (I) kept sight of the mission? Have I worked hard at setting the standard? Have I continued to follow the Army values, especially of selfless service?” I would say the answers to most of the questions have been a continued practice of self-evaluation, with no exact answers. As with any position, there are always new things to learn, to evaluate and to modify if needed. For me, I am very fortunate to have an extensive background of training for such situations, but as always, putting that training into real life situations can be a challenge, but an exciting challenge. I have a fantastic support system made up of volunteers, board members, and overall mentors who have helped me immensely with the learning curve. We, as a group, have been able to meet many challenges head on and come out with positive outcomes. I would say that it has been exciting and rewarding to see the growth of the organization and the members involved. But, as always, with a mission, there is never time to sit back on your achievements, for no other reason than to use them on a continual basis to assess the organization’s goals and objectives to continue to move forward. So, I ask as 2024 has come upon us, with many future accomplishments to be had, please take the time to assess your own strengths and abilities and what you can offer to the mission. We always have a place for everyone, no matter what position you fill, your presence is valued. I thank you all, once again, for the ability to take on this position of service and I welcome any participation in the future.

Marla K. Berkshire,

President

From The Vice-President:

I would like to thank all our volunteers who shared their time, skills, and wisdom to help with the functions of our organization. The new board members are learning and working for the betterment of HCVVO, overcoming the challenges of working in a nonprofit environment. The new wood furnace is working perfectly, using less wood, and warming the building to a

very comfortable temperature. Our trustees have been busy cleaning and working on projects for the future. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions. You may reach me on the following phone number about HCVVO business: (765) 507-5075.

Thank you and have a blessed New Year.

Jerry (EZ) Adams.

From The Financial Secretary:

Financial Report for January 2024

Our organization was privileged to help a total of 3 veterans' families for Christmas. Chappy came in under budget, spending \$2,061.34 of the \$2,100.00 allowable. Thanks to a generous donor, we were able to replace the wood furnace in the main building at no cost to the organization. We received generous donations to add to the building fund. A single donation from VFW Post 748 for \$20,000, along with other donations received from individuals and from the Indiana Patriot Guard brought the total in the building savings account to \$57,980.64. We will be working from a budget for the 2024 fiscal year which will help to guide us to be frugal and fiscally sound. I want to thank the new board for all their efforts to make the transition of the administration smooth, allowing all to work for the best interests of our organization. As always, I am happy to answer any questions (in the office) you might have regarding finances.

Wishing you all a very happy New Year.

Rebecca M. Adams

From the Chaplain:

Dear HCVVO members,

I just wanted to address a couple questions that have been asked in the past. **WHY** do we do the Santa walk? **ANSWER:** because during Christmas we can use the contributions to support various veteran families. For example, in December 2023 HCVVO contributions were used to help three different veteran families in distress during Christmas time. Two of the families had six children and the other family had four children. During the Santa walk, we were able to raise \$2,100.00 with some other help from the board. That gave each family \$700.00 to spend at Walmart for Christmas and family needs. I (Chappy) meet with each family prior to and during the giving of the donations. All express overwhelming

gratitude with the giving of the monies. The decorated golf cart ride on Thursday evening, also goes into the Christmas fund. **WHAT** happens to the monies gathered during the silent auction? **ANSWER:** All the proceeds go back into the organization to assist with keeping it running.

So, if you ever think that you are not helping veterans, please think again. When you give Santa walk, participate in the golf cart ride and/or the silent auction, you **ARE** giving to the vets. Thank you for all your help.

Chappy

From The Recording Secretary:

Becoming involved in this organization has become a very fulfilling way of giving me the opportunity of saying thank you to our Veterans and their families. Being a military wife myself of 25 years, I know how much the support of others means. By volunteering our time and giving back is an opportunity to say thank you and to show our support for one another. I am still working hard at getting the database up to date and going through our hard copy records to ensure that we have all our files in order. I have begun putting everyone's membership files into document protectors in the binders to keep everything together, so we are no longer misplacing important paperwork. I will be sending out letters again soon requesting DD214s for those that are misplaced. If you receive this letter, please email me a copy as soon as possible so I can get everything completed so we are compliant. I appreciate everyone's help in this matter. Also, if you have moved, drop me a line by email at RecordingSecretary.hcvvo@gmail.com to update your mailing address to keep you up to date. Also, if you are missing your membership card, just drop me a line so I can get those out to you asap. I am pretty sure I have those all caught up now but do not want to forget anyone! Thanks again for everyone's cooperation! Remember, it takes a village and Welcome Home!

Nicole Barnhill

From Reunion Site Director

Michael S. Derry

Hello everyone!

Hope you had a wonderful holiday season! We have changed the name of the camping registration form to Reunion Site Registration form. This was done to ensure that we are not referred to as a campground due to tax issues.

Well, we have started the processing of the 2024 HCVVO Reunion Site registrations on February 1st. I started processing paid site reservations on the first of February for all paid HCVVO members who had a campsite in 2023. For those individuals it is important to complete the online reunion site registration form and send it with your payment to HCVVO 8313 E. 400 S. Greentown, IN 46936.

The website is: HCVVO.net and the reunion site reservation form can be found in the drop-down menu under "Forms" and select the Reunion Site Registration form. For new members who signed up at the 2023 Reunion complete the form and send with payment and we will place your information on the waiting list. After June 1st, 2024, we will begin processing those registrations to place you on a site.

I look forward to another great reunion in 2024 with plenty of fellow veterans and family members on the grounds. If you have any questions, please contact me at 1(765) 507-1783 or e-mail me at hcvvocamp33@gmail.com.

Best Regards,

Michael Derry
HCVVO Reunion Site Director