



Vietnam Veterans of America | Chapter 218 | Santa Barbara

RECON REPORT

"Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another"

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***"Together then,
Together now"***



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Vance Memorial Fund

The Chapter's Vance Committee distributes assistance funds to qualified American veterans of all eras.
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Next Regular Chapter Meeting

September 11 | 6:00 pm social
6:45 pm meeting
Santa Barbara Elks Lodge
150 N. Kellogg Ave., Goleta
Dinner Available: \$9.00 per person

To the Membership:

Let's celebrate the end of Summer with a display of our Huey at Fosters Freeze, 5205 Carpinteria Ave. in Carpinteria on **Saturday, August 31** from 10am to 4pm! We'll have a pop-up tent to sell our Huey T-Shirts and other memorabilia. A PA system will pump out the great songs of the 50s, 60s & 70s. All this at the invitation of Laura Pettit, the owner of Fosters, who was of such great help to us a few years ago when she provided the pulled pork for our Fiesta Booth. She's a huge fan of 218 and Veterans of all eras.

The bird will arrive around 9am and we need a crew of folks to help with the setup of the tent, tables, boxes of shirts, the PA, etc. We do have power available. We'll be able to take MC/Visa, credit & debit, cards and we'll have change on hand for those folks who don't use plastic.

If you can spare a few hours (or longer), come join us to meet and greet the public. It'll be Labor Day Weekend so I expect we'll be seeing lots of folks all day long! Let me know if you can be there: (805) 259-9779 and leave a message or e-mail: info@vvachapter218.org Why not invite a family member or friend to come along and help in the booth or at the bird.

It is my wish that we get the Huey, and our members, out before the public at least once a month, or every other month, from Goleta to Carpinteria and rotate our locations. This is the only way to show the public that we haven't "died off" and that our commitment to the community and our fellow Vets is just as strong as ever. Plus, we'll be able to raise much needed funds along the way.

Speaking of the Huey, it's now safely parked in a very out-of-the-way lot in Goleta. And the better news is that we are working with the Santa Barbara School District to get it back to the old NG Armory on Canon Perdido, where it spent quite a few years. Details are being hammered out. We'll keep you posted.

Kristina Duckworth-Bailey, the owner of Thomas Towing, has graciously offered to provide a driver anytime we need to take the bird out for display or to a special event. And it'll be towed by the bright red tow truck she had repainted in memory of Santiago Perez Jr., former co-owner and long time driver, who we lost last year in an industrial accident.

Special thanks to Don Stevens, who had kept the bird on his lot off Hollister in Goleta, at no charge, and was kind enough to drive the bird in the recent parade as well as get it to its new location. Don was faced with the huge task of moving all the heavy equipment (Huey included) on the lot after the new owners of the property ordered him to vacate in less than two weeks.

The bird's next appearance will be at the **PEP Touch-A-Truck** event at **Santa Barbara City College, West Campus Parking Lot**, on **Sunday, September 22** from **9:30am to 2pm**. It's the annual fundraiser for Postpartum Education for Parents and is a family-friendly event. We've been to this one before and we're always swarmed with kids and parents. If you can help, contact Rik Peirson at (805) 963-7835 or e-mail: info@vvachapter218.org

Make plans to join us for our next Chapter meeting on **Wednesday, September 11, 6pm** at the Elks Lodge, Santa Barbara. We may be part of a special flag ceremony that evening as this marks the 18th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. Details soon. There is no scheduled meeting in October. Our final meeting of the year is **Wednesday, November 13, 6pm**. Our first meeting of **2020** will be on **Wednesday, January 8, 6pm**.

Congrats to our very own associate member, Maureen McFadden, for her interview with CNN about that fabulous weekend in August, 1969 that she spent on Max Yasgar's dairy farm in Bethel, New York—along with 350,000 of her closest friends—to enjoy the Woodstock Music and Art Fair! Mo handles publicity and social media for the Chapter. See the full interview at CNN.com.

Please calendar these dates:

- Sunday, August 31, Fosters Freeze, Carpinteria, Huey on display, 10am-4pm.
- Wednesday, September 11, 6pm: Chapter meeting, Elks Lodge.
- Sunday, September 22, SBCC, PEP Touch-A-Truck Event, 9:30am-2pm.

Now, let's jump into the wayback machine....

August, 1975

#1 Songs: *One of These Nights*/Eagles, *Jive Talkin'*/BeeGees, *Fallin' In Love*/Hamilton, Joe Frank & Reynolds, *Get Down Tonight*/KC & The Sunshine Band.

Top 10 TV Shows: All in The Family, Sanford & Son, Chico & The Man, The Jeffersons, M*A*S*H, Rhoda, Good Times, The Waltons, Maude, Hawaii 5-0.

Biggest Movies of the Year: Jaws, One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest, Shampoo, Dog Day Afternoon.

August 1970

#1 Songs: *(They Long to Be) Close to You*/Carpenters, *Make It with You*/Bread, War/Edwin Starr.

Top 10 TV Shows: Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In, Gunsmoke, Bonanza, Mayberry R.F.D., Family Affair, Here's Lucy, The Red Skelton Show, Marcus Welby, M.D., Disney's Wonderful World of Color, The Doris Day Show.

Biggest Movies of the Year Love Story, Airport, M*A*S*H, Patton, Woodstock.

August 1965

#1 Songs: *I'm Henry VIII, I Am*/Herman's Hermits, *I Got You Babe*/Sonny & Cher.

Top 10 TV Shows: Bonanza, Bewitched, Gomer Pyle U.S.M.C., Andy Griffith Show, The Fugitive, The Red Skelton Show, The Dick Van Dyke Show, The Lucy Show, Combat, Peyton Place II (Half-hour episodes were seen on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights!)

Biggest Movies of the Year: The Sound of Music, Doctor Zhivago, Thunderball, The Great Race.

Till next time...

Welcome Home!



Peter Bie, President

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INVITES YOU TO CLIMB ON BOARD OUR HUEY!**



**SATURDAY, AUGUST 31ST
10 AM TO 4 PM**

**CARPINTERIA FOSTERS FREEZE
5205 CARPINTERIA AVENUE**



**MUSIC, HUEY T-SHIRTS, CAPS
AND OTHER MEMORABILIA!**



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