



**FULFILLING OUR PROMISES**  
TO THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVED

Disabled American Veterans, Department of Ohio

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**FROM THE DESK OF STATE COMMANDER PHILLIP ALEXANDER**



Comrades, thank you all for your participation in the 2016 Mid-Winter Conference. Visiting two Senators and over 14 members of Congress and Representatives, our team from Ohio served our purpose of getting the word out. All our teams performed well sticking to our goal of, "Keeping the Promise." We all as Disabled American Veteran members stuck to our agenda. This should keep us strong on this upcoming election year. Thank you to all Ohio Chapter members for the excellent team work of holding down the fort while we were on the road as we all were not able to attend the conference. More information about the conference will be sent out to every Chapter.

All Veterans from every war or conflict deserves health care and benefits keeping in mind we do not have the right to be judge, jury or executioner. Our mission is to help Veterans, their spouse and families fulfilling our promise to the men and women who served (Judge not less ye also be judged). If nothing else is done today help a veteran and a person learn and live life in a manner that becomes others. Doing this alone will make a person or persons stand up and say I want to join that group called DAV as they see our logo all around our great nation.

To all Chapter officers and members it is time for nominations and elections for either new or returning offices. If your Chapter Officers are not performing to the standards of this organization, now is the time to let your votes speak, I know in most cases this is not necessary. *Remember to submit your new officer's report within 10 days after your new elections.*

Remember all of our sick and shut-in and special prayers Executive Committeeman John Plahovinsak and family. Also please contact our office otherwise we won't know who is in need of our support.

**BE OF SERVICE!**

*Phillip Alexander*  
State Commander

**FRIENDLY REMINDER: I-X PISTON POWERED AUTO-RAMA IS BEING HELD MARCH 18, 19, 20, 2016**

**COMMEMORATION OF THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE VIETNAM WAR**

*The 2016 Summit Racing Equipment*  
**I-X PISTON POWERED AUTO-RAMA**  
*Presented by Rad Air Complete Car Care and Tire Centers*

**Teams with Medina VFW 5137, Local Veteran Organizations, multiple chapters of DAV, VVA, American Legion, VFW, Marine Corps League, Rolling Thunder and Knights Paladin M/C to Commemorate The 50th Anniversary of The Vietnam War.**

**Commemorative Programs Including Displays, Activities, Ceremonies, VA Enrollment, Support, Information and More to:**

- Thank and honor veterans of the Vietnam War, including POWs and MIAs, and their families, for their service and sacrifices on behalf of the United States.
- Highlight the service of the Armed Forces during the Vietnam War and the contributions of Federal government and non-government organizations that served with, or in support of, the Armed Forces.
- Pay tribute to the contributions made on the home front by the people of the United States during the Vietnam War.

**\$5.00 OFF MILITARY DISCOUNT WITH VALID MILITARY ID**  
Military Admission – \$13 Kids 7-12 – \$5 Kids 6 and Under – FREE

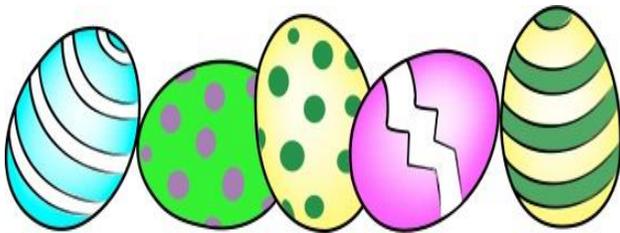
At I-X Center Box Office only. Limit 6 tickets. Eligible member or spouse (but not both) may purchase up to 6 tickets, provided one is used by the purchasing member/spouse. Tickets are available to active and retired U.S. military personnel including active and retired members of the United States Coast Guard, National Guard and Reservists or their spouses. Must show Current, Retired or Dependent Military ID to receive discount. Veterans must show DD214 or a VA Medical Card.

**A GRATEFUL NATION THANKS AND HONORS YOU**




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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Mar. 18-20, 2016	I-X Piston Powered Auto-Rama, Cleveland, Ohio.
April 2, 2016	District 3 Meeting, Ch. #54, 111 N. Shannon St., Van Wert, OH Lunch at 12 p.m. and Meeting to follow.
April 3-8, 2016	National Disabled Veterans Winter Sports Clinic, Snowmass, CO.
April 9, 2016	Commander Phillip Alexander & Auxiliary Commander Judy Davis Testimonial Dinner, Dublin, OH
April 16, 2016	District 5 Meeting, American Legion, 1544 US Hwy W 20, Norwalk, OH at 1 p.m.
April 16, 2016	District 9 Meeting, Ch. #10, Shrine Club, Route 52, Portsmouth, OH Lunch at 12 p.m. & meeting at 1 p.m.
April 17, 2016	District 6 Meeting, VSC, 1060 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron, Ohio at 1:00 p.m.
April 23, 2016	District 8 Meeting, Ch. #52, 835 DAV Rd., Whipple, OH Lunch at 11 a.m. and Meeting to follow.
May 1, 2016	District 4 Meeting, Ch. #77, 218 W. Main, Ottawa, OH Lunch at 1 p.m. and Meeting at 2 p.m.
May 1, 2016	District 7 Meeting, Ch. #50, 9540 McCallum Ave., Alliance, OH at 2:00 p.m.
May 7, 2016	District 2 Meeting, Ch. #104, 1477 St. Rt. 503 SW, W. Alexandria, OH at 11:00 a.m.
May 28, 2016	Forget-Me-Not, Clermont County Ch. #63, Kroger Market Place Store, 7580 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, OH 11 a.m.- 4p.m.
May 28, 2016	Forget-Me-Not, Clermont County Ch. #63, Kroger Store, 4530 Eastgate Blvd., Cincinnati, OH 11 a.m.- 4p.m.
May 28, 2016	Forget-Me-Not, Clermont County Ch. #63, Kroger Market Place Store, 210 Sterling Run Blvd., Mt. Orab, OH 11 a.m.- 4p.m.
May 28, 2016	Forget-Me-Not, Clermont County Ch. #63, Kroger Market Place Store, 262 West Main St., Amelia, OH 11 a.m.- 4p.m.
June 4-5, 2016	Forget-Me-Not, Van Wert Ch. #54, Walmart Center, 301 Town Center Blvd., Van Wert, OH.
June 23-26, 2016	95 <sup>th</sup> Department of Ohio Convention, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
July 30-Aug. 2, 2016	National Convention, Atlanta, GA.
November 4-6, 2016	Fall Conference, Crowne Plaza, Dublin, Ohio.
Feb. 26-Mar. 1, 2017	Mid-Winter Conference, Arlington, VA.
June 22-25, 2017	96 <sup>th</sup> Department of Ohio Convention, Columbus Marriott North, Dublin, Ohio.
July 29-Aug. 1, 2017	National Convention, New Orleans, LA.
Nov. 3-5, 2017	Fall Conference, Columbus Marriott North, Dublin, OH.
February 25-28, 2018	Mid-Winter Conference, Arlington, VA.
June 21-24, 2018	97 <sup>th</sup> Department of Ohio Convention, Columbus Marriott North, Dublin, Ohio.
Nov. 2-4, 2018	Fall Conference, Columbus Marriott North, Dublin, OH.

## NOTES FROM THE STATE ADJUTANT KENNETH MARCUM



### MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT

Bennie Adkins turned 82 on Feb. 1. Exactly 50 years ago, Mr. Adkins was in the jungles of Vietnam. He returned to the United States a legend among Army Rangers, and almost a half-century later was awarded the Medal of Honor for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty during the Vietnam War.

So numerous and heroic were Adkins' battlefield exploits that President Obama started his remarks at the White House Medal of Honor ceremony by saying that there was no way there would be enough time to describe them all. At another point he paused to simply say, "you can't make this stuff up." Here's a lightly edited transcript of the official citation, which details a portion of Adkins' incredible story:

When Adkins' camp was attacked by a large North Vietnamese and Viet Cong force in the early morning hours of March 9, 1966, Sergeant First Class Adkins rushed through intense enemy fire and

manned a mortar position continually adjusting fire for the camp, despite incurring wounds as the mortar pit received several direct hits from enemy mortars.

Upon learning that several soldiers were wounded near the center of camp, he temporarily turned the mortar over to another soldier, ran through exploding mortar rounds and dragged several comrades to safety. As the hostile fire subsided, Adkins exposed himself to sporadic sniper fire while carrying his wounded comrades to the camp dispensary.

When Adkins and his group of defenders came under heavy small arms fire from members of the Civilian Irregular Defense Group that had defected to fight with the North Vietnamese, he maneuvered outside the camp to evacuate a seriously wounded American and draw fire all the while successfully covering the rescue.

When a resupply air drop landed outside of the camp perimeter, Adkins, again, moved outside of the camp walls to retrieve the much needed supplies.

During the early morning hours of March 10, 1966, enemy forces launched their main attack and within two hours, Adkins was the only man firing a mortar weapon. When all mortar rounds were expended, Adkins began placing effective recoilless rifle fire upon enemy positions. Despite receiving additional wounds from enemy rounds exploding on his position, Adkins fought off intense waves of attacking Viet Cong.

Adkins eliminated numerous insurgents with small arms fire after withdrawing to a communications bunker with several soldiers. Running extremely low on ammunition, he returned to the mortar pit, gathered vital ammunition and ran through intense fire back to the bunker. After being ordered to evacuate the camp, Adkins and a small group of soldiers destroyed all signal equipment and classified documents, dug their way out of the rear of the bunker, and fought their way out of the camp.

While carrying a wounded soldier to the extraction point he learned that the last helicopter had already departed. Adkins led the group while evading the enemy until they were rescued by helicopter on March 12, 1966.

During the thirty-eight hour battle and forty-eight hours of escape and evasion, fighting with mortars, machine guns, recoilless rifles, small arms, and hand grenades, it was estimated that Adkins killed between 135 and 175 of the enemy while sustaining eighteen different wounds to his body.

When that last line was read aloud, there was a collective, audible gasp throughout the assembled crowd of friends, family, press and members of the military in the East Room of the White House.

Every member of Adkins' unit was either killed or wounded during the 48-hour ordeal detailed above. Two of the men he saved were able to attend the event. After the ceremony, Adkins' thoughts quickly turned to the other heroes with whom he served.

"This Medal of Honor belongs to the other 16 Special Forces soldiers with me," he said.

Medal of Honor recommendations usually must be made within two years of the act of heroism and must be presented within three years. Adkins received his some 48 years after the fact.

So why did it take so long for Adkins to be recognized?

"In 2009, Command Sergeant Major Adkins' family contacted my office and told us that they were going to try to get this wrong righted," U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers, Adkins' congressman, told Yellowhammer.

From that moment forward, Rogers made it his personal mission to make sure Adkins received the honor he was due.

Rogers immediately moved for there to be a review of Adkins' records. Fortunately, all of the documentation the Army compiled after Adkins' heroic efforts — including first-hand accounts from American soldiers who are still alive — had been preserved by the Pentagon.

According to the documentation, Adkins was nominated for the Medal of Honor shortly after the battle by his chain of command. In doing that, his commanding officer, who was in the battle with him, wrote a five-page narrative detailing what had happened. The Army then took statements from every soldier who was with him and documented all of the communications that took place during the battle.

But as the recommendation worked its way up the chain of command to the general officer level, they inexplicably decided Adkins' actions merited the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest military honor, rather than the Medal of Honor.

When Congressman Rogers' office started pushing for the Army to revisit Adkins' story, there was a treasure trove of original battlefield information still intact.

Rogers lobbied his colleagues incessantly.

"There was a lot of resistance, surprisingly," he said. "But one thing that really helped was that Secretary (of Defense) Hagel was asking for this. He had reviewed it and felt like it was an injustice that needed to be remedied. It finally got passed, but it took several months."

In addition to lobbying Congress, Rogers also had to make his case to the White House, who would not normally be receptive to the requests of a Republican congressman from Alabama.

"We spent several months pestering the president's office," Rogers laughed. "Fortunately they did the right thing."

"Sometimes even the most extraordinary stories can get lost in the fog of war or the passage of time," President Obama said. "When new evidence comes to light, certain actions can be reconsidered for this honor, and it is entirely right and proper that we have done so."

As for the reason why Adkins and other deserving soldiers were not properly honored initially upon their return, Rogers said he was not exactly sure, but believes it could have been a combination of the post-war political climate, as well as prejudice.

"There were clearly some prejudices involved when you look at who was and wasn't recognized after Vietnam," he said.

"Some folks were of a different race, some folks were a certain religion, and some folks were from the South. So there was some of that involved. It may have been because Bennie was a southern boy. You never know."

In late September of 2014, all of the efforts of Adkins' family and Rogers' office came to fruition. Four of the five living men whose lives were saved by Adkins between March 9 and March 12, 1966 joined him at the White House in a scene that had been a half-century in the making.

Adkins, who usually walks with a cane, rose unassisted and stood at attention as the President of the United States bestowed upon him his nation's highest military honor. Adkins' chin quivered ever so slightly as President Obama placed the medal around his neck. His wife of 60 years, Mary, beamed with pride on the front row, smiling as she wiped tears from her eyes.

Adkins snapped off a perfectly formed salute to the crowd before exiting the stage.

“This Medal of Honor belongs to the other 16 Special Forces soldiers with me,” he would later say with genuine humility.

And as the Army Chaplain led the audience in a closing prayer, Bennie G. Adkins of Opelika, Ala., stood once more to honor the One who had always been with him, from the jungles of Vietnam to the East Room of the White House and everywhere in between.

*\*Each branch of the United States Military performed a unique role in the Vietnam War.  
Each month our newsletter will list the main contributions during the war.\**

### **THE U.S. ARMY IN VIETNAM 1954-1973**

**The Communists’ victory at Dien Bien Phu in May 1954** marked the end of French involvement in Indochina. The Geneva Accords of July 1954 divided Vietnam into a Communist state in the North and an anti-Communist state in the South.

**The United States had supported the French Army in Indochina through the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG)**, and U.S. advisors continued to train and organize the South Vietnamese Army to repel an invasion from the North. In 1955, MAAG numbered 342 officers and men—most of them Army personnel, rising to around 700 by 1960. In February 1962, the Joint Chiefs of Staff established the U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV), appointing General Paul D. Harkins as the First Commander. General William C. Westmoreland succeeded Harkins in June 1964. As MACV’s responsibilities expanded, U.S. military strength in South Vietnam increased to 23,000 by the end of 1964. Of these, about 15,000 were Army personnel.

**In 1965, President Lyndon B. Johnson began sending U.S. ground troops** to stave off the defeat of the South Vietnamese Army. At first, Army Combat units played a defensive role, protecting Saigon, the South Vietnamese capital, and other important cities and bases. The president authorized the Army to send 20,000 support troops to establish a supply network that had to build from the ground up. The newly formed U.S. Army, Vietnam managed to logistical effort.

**As the U.S. troop’s presence increased, Army combat units operated farther afield.** In the fall of 1965, Westmoreland sent the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division—the Army’s first airmobile unit—to the rugged Central Highlands, where it defeated North Vietnamese regulars in the month-long Battle of the Ia Drang.

**By the fall of 1966, Westmoreland had enough forces**, including 240,000 soldiers, to mount sustained offensives. For over a year, Army combat units conducted search and destroy operations against an elusive enemy. Whenever the Army could bring its superior firepower to bear, the results were often devastating. On March 10, 1967, a Viet Cong regiment mounted a night assault on Firebase Prek Klok, defended by a battalion of the 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division, resulting in 200 enemy dead at a cost of 3 U.S. fatalities.

**On 31 January 1968, the Communists launched a major assault known as the Tet Offensive.** U.S. Army units helped to repel Viet Cong attacks at Saigon and other South Vietnamese cities. The fiercest battle occurred around Hue, where soldiers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division and the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division helped U.S. Marines and South Vietnamese forces defeat North Vietnamese regulars. Although, a tactical victory, Tet signaled a change in U.S. policy in Vietnam, henceforth, peace negotiations would play a pivotal role in ending the war.

**In 1969, President Richard M. Nixon introduced a program called Vietnamization**, in which the South Vietnamese Army assumed an ever-larger combat role, as MACV began a phased withdrawal of over half a million U.S. soldiers and Marines. Westmoreland’s successor, General Creighton W. Abrams, continued search and destroy operations, gradually reducing their frequency as the drawdown progressed. Notwithstanding their diminishing numbers, Army units and advisors supported South Vietnamese forces in the Cambodian Campaign (1970), Operation LAM SON 719 (1971) in Laos, and in the repulse of the enemy’s Easter Offensive (1972). The Army’s role in the Vietnam War officially ended on March 29, 1973, with a ceremony marking the deactivation of MACV.

*Kenneth Marcum*  
State Adjutant

### **CHAPLAINS CORNER**

Lord, let me shine today like a bright star in the sky, blameless and pure, a child of gold without fault in a warped and crooked generation. (Philippians 2:15)

Like the above verse let the DAV shine bright to help American Veterans.

God Bless Americans everywhere and God Bless the DAV.

*Robert Habern*  
Department Chaplain

### **MID-WINTER 2016**

The annual DAV State Commanders and Adjutants Association meeting, more commonly called the Mid-Winter Conference, was held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Washington, DC on February 21 to February 23, 2016. The DAV National staff sections provided informative seminars and we also heard from two Under Secretaries of the VA. There was also plenty of time to discuss common concerns with our other states counterparts.

While the Ohio delegation was smaller than it had been in recent years, it was still the second largest state group, second only to the host Virginia delegation. As Ohio had a significant presence, we were asked to not only cover our Ohio Congressional meetings, but we were also assigned meetings with American Samoa, California, Guam and Texas Congressional offices. I personally had the opportunity to brief Ohio Senator Sherrod Brown and the American Samoa's only Congressional Chief of Staff, as part of our DAV visit teams. All before everyone attended the Joint Committee on Veterans Affairs meeting, where our National Commander, Moses McIntosh, spoke and answered questions from that committee.

The 2016 Mid-Winter Conference was very informative, well attended and your Ohio delegation was productive in terms of Congressional visits, as well as the information gleaned from the seminars. Our Commander and his line officers, Past Department Commanders, NSO and Auxiliary participation all contributed to making this a great event. Over all, it was a productive and successful event with DAV Ohio again playing a key role.

*David L. Bilinovich*  
Senior Vice Commander

### **SALUTE TO OUR VIETNAM WAR VETERANS**

The Department of Defense (DOD) has designated 2015-2016 as the 50th Commemoration of the Viet Nam War. The Ohio Department of Veterans Services has designated March 2016 as the beginning of Ohio's commemoration activities. Accordingly, the Cleveland I-X Center, in conjunction with the Summit Racing Equipment Company, is allowing space at their March IX Piston Powered Auto Rama Show for a tribute to Ohio's Viet Nam war veterans. The DOD has approved the Cleveland I-X Center as an official commemorative site and is providing resources to help with this commemoration. The exhibit will contain almost 360 panels, equipment, maps and photographs to help capture the Viet Nam experience. Veteran guides will be available to assist people through the exhibit. Also, the first 3000 Viet Nam war veterans through the gate will receive a DOD 50th Anniversary Commemoration pin.

The Piston Powered Auto Rama is an annual event at the Cleveland I-X Center. Unlike the usual car show, this event hosts any vehicle that is piston driven to include automobiles, air planes, boats, motorcycles and just about anything with a piston motor. This year, the show runs from Friday, March 18th through Sunday, March 20th. All veterans and military members will be given a \$5 admission discount with proper identification; DD-214, VA Medical Card, Military ID card, etc. The Cleveland I-X center is conveniently located next to the Cleveland Hopkins Airport with easy access from I-71, I-480 and not far from the Ohio Turnpike. Parking at the I-X Center costs \$10 per vehicle for the day.

Again, this year, DAV Ohio has partnered with the VFW, VVA, USO and other veterans groups to staff the exhibit. DAV Chapters 35, 72 and 116 are providing volunteers to cover the entire weekend exhibit. Our Jr. Vice Commanders James Bailey and John Parker are spearheading this effort. Additionally, most of the participating veterans organizations have agreed to forward any donations received to DAV Ohio to help purchase a van for the Greater Cleveland Fisher House. This is truly a worthwhile endeavor and our Department is supporting it accordingly.

If you can attend this salute to our Viet Nam veterans, please mark down on your calendar March 18-20 at the Cleveland I-X Center. If you cannot attend but would still like to donate to the DAV van fund for the Greater Cleveland Fisher House, please contact Department Adjutant Ken Marcum.

*PDC William R. Caine*  
Senior Vice Commander *David L. Bilinovich*

### **VA POLICY CHANGE POTENTIALLY IMPACTS OVER 135,000 VETERANS**

"Christmas came early for over 135,000 veterans," said Chapter #63 Adjutant Raymond Hutchinson, "and DAV members should spread the word to these veterans what occurred." Adjutant Hutchinson was referring to a significant VA policy change that became effective on December 21, 2015.

This VA policy change was to exclude a veteran's net worth as a factor in determining his or her eligibility for VA health care. These 135,000 veterans, who were previously ineligible, would be able to enroll in the VA Health Care System or be eligible for reduced co-payments.

Before December 21, 2015, veterans with illnesses not linked to their military service (and who are not rated for a service-connected disability) were allowed to receive care at VA hospitals and clinics if their combined income and net

worth were above VA thresholds, as long as the veterans were willing to make co-payments for that care.

Now the VA will only consider a veteran's gross household income and expenses from the prior year when determining eligibility. According to the VA, this change could lower health care costs for nearly 190,000 low-income and non-service connected veterans in the next 5 years.

Also veterans prioritized into the lowest tiers of eligibility for care as a result of their net worth/income calculation (Priority Groups 7 & 8) will receive VA notifications that they may now be eligible for enrollment in a higher priority group based upon their gross income.

According to the Federal Register, 53,000 veterans would be moved from a lower priority category to Category 5 in the first year this VA change is implemented, allowing them to make lower co-payments.

With these changes, the VA is projected to lose \$55.5 to \$80 million in patients' co-payments within the next five years. However, VA officials contend that these changes will ease the burden of health care costs for low-income veterans.

"These veterans are potential DAV members of the future," concluded Adjutant Hutchinson, "and by our chapters spreading the word of these VA changes, we are enhancing our recruiting potential for new members."

*John Plahovinsak*  
Executive Committee



PICTURED: Ch. #117 Commander Jerry Genter, United Mine Workers of America, local 1638 representative Baron Trigg, and DAV 1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Commander/Ch. #117 Sr. Vice Commander James Bailey.  
NOT PICTURED: United Mine Workers of America, local 1638 representative John Mercer.

### **BELLAIRE CHAPTER #117**

The United Mine Workers of America, local 1638 of Moundsville, WV, recently presented a check for \$2,344 to Disabled American Veterans Chapter #117 of Bellaire, Ohio. The contribution will help the Chapter to continue aiding local veterans as well as continuing Chapter #117's mission of continued support of comfort items to veterans who are patients or seeking treatment at the Pittsburgh, PA area Veterans Hospitals.

*James Bailey*  
1<sup>st</sup> Jr. Vice Commander

### **GROVE CITY CHAPTER #144**

Last month, members of Grove City Chapter #144 presented ROTC Students from Grove City High School with Certificates of Achievement for helping at the Golden Corral Military Appreciation Day on November 11, 2015. At the Golden Corral, students helped Veterans in wheelchairs get their food and beverages along with assisting them to their tables.

These young people really made a good impression with the people at the Golden Corral. One of the young ladies got a job that night for her efforts.

*Bob Beverage*  
Ch. #144 Commander



PICTURED: DAV Chapter #144 Chaplain Henry Snodgrass, Past Chapter Commander John Hensley, Commander Bob Beverage and Grove City High School ROTC Students.

### **2ND ANNUAL WOMEN VETERANS 5K**

Come out and honor the Service and Sacrifice of our Women Vets from all branches of Service. With over 70,000 women veterans in Ohio, this will be a great day of celebration. Men can run too!

**April 9, 2016** at Glacier Ridge Metro Parks

Pre-Race Activities start at 8:30 A.M.

**Race:** 9:30 A.M.

**Cost:** \$30 if you register by April 1<sup>st</sup>

\$35 after April 1<sup>st</sup>

\$15 for women veterans

The Women Veterans 5k is hosted by the Fallen 15. To get more information and register go to:

<http://www.racepenguin.com/event/womenveterans5k/>