

## Chapter 1036 Color Guard



The Chapter 1036 Color Guard Plays an Integral Role in Our VVA Chapter Activities

# **Color Guard Traditions**

- Before the 20th century, military colors were carried covered except for ceremonies or when in sight of the enemy.
- A unit's colors provided battlefield recognition for both friend and foe. These were always the soul and reputation of the unit.
- To ensure that the men knew the flag of their own regiment the two flags were paraded before them during reviews and other ceremonies.
  From this practice developed our modern color guard.

## Color Guard Traditions – Cont.

- Following British custom, American infantry first had a junior officer (called an Ensign) to carry and guard the regimental colors.
- Since each company had an Ensign and there were eight companies, the ensigns had to take turns guarding the flags.
- Later, the color guards were selected from among the strongest and bravest soldiers. So the task was performed by enlisted men instead of officers. They wore the same uniform as other troops.

## Flag Courtesy

- In a line of flags (such as a color guard marching down the street) the U.S. flag must be on the right.
   Only this flag has an eagle finial, and the eagle should face forward.
- Other flags go on the left in precedence of other nations (in alphabetical order), states, and organizations.
- No other flag may be larger or higher than the U.S. flag. These other flags have spear head or ball finials
- In an auditorium or similar place, the U.S. flag is posted to the speaker's right.

# VVA Chapter 1036 Flags

The Chapter Color Guard Carries Four Flags During Events:

- U.S. Flag
- Vietnam Veterans of America Flag with Campaign Award Streamers
- VVA Chapter 1036 Flag with Chapter Award Streamers
- POW/MIA Flag



#### Vietnam Veterans of America Flag

**The Vietnam Veterans flag** was designed to honor and remember the sacrifices made by U.S military men during the war in Vietnam.



The Vietnam Veterans flag features a yellow background with seventeen brown stars on the left side of the flag.

- The stars are arranged in three vertical lines.
- The Stars represent the seventeen official campaigns of the Vietnam War.

#### VVA Chapter 1036 Flag & Streamers



Flag Streamers Represent Various Recognition Awards the Chapter has Received Over the Years

#### New VVA Chapter 1036 Flag



At the September 2016, Chapter 1036 meeting, members recognized Rose Luehrsen, a Village resident and an accomplished seamstress who fabricated our new Chapter Flag. Color Guard Member, Bob Van Nuise (behind flag) coordinated the new flag project.

## VVA Chapter 1036 Flag Streamers

A Chapter Flag Streamer Presentation by Jim Knotts (far left), President of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund



#### POW/MIA Flag



The POW/MIA flag is *"the* symbol of our Nation's concern and commitment to resolving as fully as possible the fates of Americans still prisoner, missing and unaccounted for in Southeast Asia, thus ending the uncertainty for their families and the Nation"



#### **Chapter Color Guard Members**

Active Unit Members

Larry Basile Fred Brighton Richie Gunther

Mike Kendall Claire Madson Arti Miglio

Rick Rademacher Mike Tweedy Bob Van Nuise

#### Past Unit Members

Marjorie Fada Robert (Greg) Gregoire Ron Irwin

Rick KeeneyLarry MiloscioEd KoehnBob PrzybylskiTim KrawczykBill StattmanDave KruegerRon Wygonik

## Roll of the Chapter Color Guard Commander

- Plan/Coordinate Color Guard Events with the Chapter President and Board of Directors
- Procure Color Guard Uniforms and Supplies
- Hold Color Guard Planning/Training Meetings
- Plan/Schedule Color Guard Member for Events
- Encourage new members for the Color Guard
- Coordinate the availability of Flags, Stands, Parade Banners, etc. for events



Typically, Seven Color Guard Members are Needed for Each Event:

- Color Guard Commander
- Four Flag Bearers
- Two Rifle Bearers



#### **Color Guard Tasks**

- Attend Color Guard Member Meetings (Monthly/as required)
- Present the Flags at the Chapter Meetings (Up to 12/year)
- Support Events at Veterans Memorial Park (About 4/Year)
- Lead the Chapter Members at Village Parades (About 2/Year)
- Represent Chapter 1036 at special events (Up to 4/Year)



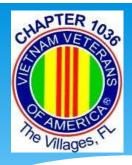
#### **Color Guard Meetings**



Canal Street Recreation Center



Color Guard Planning Meeting



#### **Color Guard Monthly Meetings**

- Color Guard Meeting is Held Last Wednesday of every month at 9:00 AM – Canal Street Recreation Center
   For Info contact Bob Van Nuise at <a href="mailto:bigorangecj@aol.com">bigorangecj@aol.com</a>
- Coffee and Doughnuts are Normally Available
- Ongoing Activities and Plans are Reviewed
- Our Chapter Provides Color Guard Uniforms/Accessories
- Chapter members are encouraged to attend the meeting to learn more about the group's work. No commitment or experience is required



## Veterans Memorial Park Ceremonies





POW/MIA Recognition Day September 2018



#### **Chapter Color Guard Event**



Eisenhower Recreation Center

## **Prior Chapter Color Guards**









## **Community Events**



Italian/American Fest







**German/American Fest** 

Irish/American Day



#### **Welcome Home Ceremony Photos**





(Photos by Stan Misiorski)



#### **Color Guard Award**



Chapter 1036 Color Guard Receives Chapter Service Appreciation Award – February 2015



Chapter 1036 Wishes to Recognize and Thank All Current And Past Color Guard Volunteers for Their Dedicated Work and Participation Representing and Supporting Our Chapter Events Around The Villages