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An On Again, Off Again Electronic Newsletter

Vietnam Veterans of America, #400
Meets at the
Alameda Veterans Memorial Bldg.
2203 Central Av., Alameda
Third Tuesdays, 6:30pm

The Challengers!

This is the Alameda Little League that Chapter #400 is sponsoring this year.

Alameda Little League is proud to announce that we will be offering a Challenger Division in 2015. Little League International established the Challenger Division in 1989. The Challenger Division is for boys and girls with mental and physical challenges and more than 300,000 players participate in the Challenger Division worldwide. In the Bay Area, more than 35,000 youth with disabilities have difficulty accessing parks, fields, and team sports. This, coupled with the ever-growing community of those with disabilities commensurate with population growth, and the current rise in autism, led Alameda Little League to establish the Challenger Division for the 2015 season.



ELECTIONS!

It's that time of the year again, when we decide on our new Chapter #400 leadership. Names and positions are as follows:

*President

Arnold Dos Santos

*Vice President

Dave Pastor

*Secretary

Ray Will

*Treasurer

Andy Huntoon

*Directors

Bronson "Chief" Parry

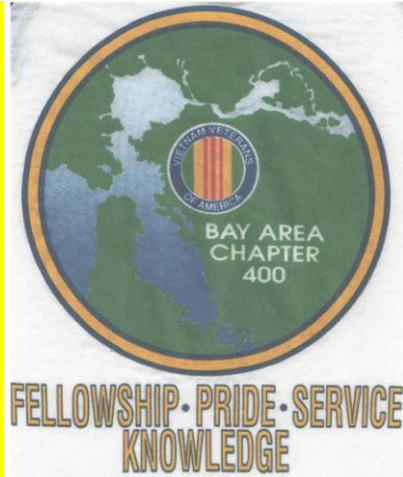
Steve Rogers

Richard Smid

Bill Hodges

Empty space!

Click [here](#) for the District 4 Challenger schedule. Alameda games are highlighted in orange. Field locations are highlighted in red. All games are played at 2:00pm with the exception of Albany which is played at 3:00pm. You can find the District 4 field locations by clicking [here](#). Each year District 4 holds a Challenger jamboree. This year it is at Heather Farm in Walnut Creek. Click [here](#) to find out more about this fun event.



VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA CHAPTER 400 (EAST BAY)

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FIRST ANNUAL PICNIC HONORING ALAMEDA'S VIETNAM VETERANS AND ALL VETERANS

WHERE? NEPTUNE PICNIC AREA, (ACCESSIBLE) END OF MCCAY AVE ADJACENT TO CRAB COVE VISITOR CENTER PARKING LOT

WHEN? SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015

TIME? 10 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

COST? FREE TO ALL VETERANS AND FAMILY MEMBERS

FOOD FAIR? HAMBURGER WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS
HOT DOG WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS
POTATO CHIPS, SOFT DRINKS, BOTTLE TEA
BOTTLED WATER AND TREATS

THERE IS MORE:

**THERE WILL BE RESOURCE TABLES TO PROVIDE
INFORMATION ON VETERANS AND FAMILY BENEFITS**



Ensign Patrick Lynch

The strangest thing about this, is that none of us knew him, and we don't recall any interaction with him.

But, after doing some research and talking with the people administering his properties and bank accounts, we found that Mr. Lynch had supported a number of charities and the schools that he had attended.

In that vein, the Chapter 400 leadership has followed that same path, in that we donate to veterans causes and community outreach programs.

Our Finance Committee investigates each and every potential recipient to assure that the money is well spent.

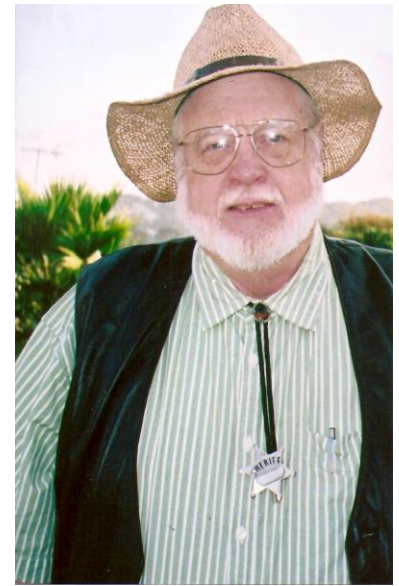
Chapter 400's Benefactor

For those of you who are new to Chapter 400, Patrick Lynch was a Vietnam Veteran.

He served onboard ship off Vietnam.

Mr. Lynch did well for himself, and supported the Catholic schools he attended, as well as other charitable causes.

In later years, he wrote Chapter 400 into his will, and when he passed, we received a not unsubstantial amount of money.



Mr. Lynch, much later

Following, is a list of those who have benefited by Mr. Lynch's largesse :

- *St. Mary's Center (Oakland)
- *Fisher House (Travis AFB & Palo Alto)
- *Yountville Veterans Home
- *Blue Star Moms
- *Operation MOMS
- *San Leandro Battered Women
- *Veterans Cemetery, Igo, CA
- *Alameda Naval Air Museum
- *Encinal High School JROTC
- *KIPP Academy Music Program
- *The Pathway Home
- *College of Alameda Veterans Emergency Book Fund.

For many of these, we donate regularly.

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