Between The Lines

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Lyndon B. Johnson (LBJ), as he took over the presidency after the death of Kennedy, initially did not consider Vietnam a priority and was more concerned with his "Great Society" and progressive social programs. Presidential aide Jack Valenti recalls, "Vietnam at the time was no bigger than a man's fist on the horizon. We hardly discussed it because it was not worth discussing." On 24 November 1963, Johnson said, "the battle against communism... must be joined... with strength and determination." The pledge came at a time when Vietnam was deteriorating, especially in places like the Mekong Delta, because of the recent coup against Diem. Johnson had reversed Kennedy's disengagement policy from Vietnam in withdrawing 1,000 troops by the end of 1963 (NSAM 263 on 11 October), with his own NSAM 273 (26 November) to expand the war.

The military revolutionary council, meeting in lieu of a strong South Vietnamese leader, was made up of 12 members headed by General Duong Van Minh whom Stanley Karnow, a journalist on the ground, later recalled as "a model of lethargy." Lodge, frustrated by the end of the year, cabled home about Minh: "Will he be strong enough to get on top of things?" His regime was overthrown in January 1964 by General Nguyen Khanh. However, there was persistent instability in the military as several coups—not all successful—occurred in a short space of time.

On 2 August 1964, the USS Maddox, on an intelligence mission along North Vietnam's coast, allegedly fired upon and damaged several torpedo boats that had been stalking it in the Gulf of Tonkin. A second attack was reported two days later on the USS Turner Joy and Maddox in the same area. The circumstances of the attack were murky. Lyndon Johnson commented to Undersecretary of State George Ball that "those sailors out there may have been shooting at flying fish." The second attack led to retaliatory air strikes, prompted Congress to approve the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution on 7 August 1964, signed by Johnson, and gave the President power to conduct military operations in Southeast Asia without declaring war. Although Congressmen at the time denied that this was a full scale war declaration, the Tonkin Resolution allowed the President unilateral power to launch a full scale war if the President deemed necessary. In the same month, Johnson pledged that he was not "...committing American boys to fighting a war that I think ought to be fought by the boys of Asia to help protect their own land." An undated NSA publication declassified in 2005, however, revealed that there was no attack on 4 August. It had already been called into question long before this. "Gulf of Tonkin incident", writes Louise Gerdes, "is an oft-cited example of the way in which Johnson misled the American people to gain support for his foreign policy in Vietnam." George C. Herring argues, however, that McNamara and the Pentagon "did not knowingly lie about the alleged attacks, but they were obviously in a mood to retaliate and they seem to have selected from the evidence available to them those parts that confirmed what they wanted to believe." "From a strength of approximately 5,000 at the start of 1959 the Viet Cong's ranks grew to about 100,000 at the end of 1964...Between 1961 and 1964 the Army's strength rose from about 850,000 to nearly a million men." The numbers for U.S. troops deployed to Vietnam during the same period were quite different; 2,000 in 1961, rising rapidly to 16,500 in 1964.
The National Security Council recommended a three-stage escalation of the bombing of North Vietnam. On 2 March 1965, following an attack on a U.S. Marine barracks at Pleiku, Operation Flaming Dart (initiated when Soviet Premier Alexei Kosygin was at a state visit to North Vietnam), Operation Rolling Thunder and Operation Arc Light commenced. The bombing campaign, which ultimately lasted three years, was intended to force North Vietnam to cease its support for the National Front for the Liberation of South Vietnam (NLF) by threatening to destroy North Vietnam's air defenses and industrial infrastructure. As well, it was aimed at bolstering the morale of the South Vietnamese.\(^\text{[174]}\) Between March 1965 and November 1968, "Rolling Thunder" deluged the north with a million tons of missiles, rockets and bombs. Bombing was not restricted to North Vietnam. Other aerial campaigns, such as Operation Commando Hunt, targeted different parts of the NLF and VPA infrastructure. These included the Ho Chi Minh trail, which ran through Laos and Cambodia. The objective of stopping North Vietnam and the NLF was never reached. As one officer noted "this is a political war and it calls for discriminate killing. The best weapon... would be a knife... The worst is an airplane." The Chief of Staff of the United States Air Force Curtis LeMay, however, had long advocated saturation bombing in Vietnam and wrote of the communists that "we’re going to bomb them back into the Stone Age".

New benefits available for Agent Orange illnesses

Being added to the list of presumptive conditions from exposure to Agent Orange. The diseases include B-cell leukemias such as hairy-cell leukemia, Parkinson’s disease and ischemic heart disease, bringing a total of 14 conditions assumed to be associated with Agent Orange.

If you do not receive your emailed copy of the BTL by the end of the first week (each month) go to Chapter 20 website vva20.org and download from that site.
Chapter 20 Election 2013
Expiring Terms (April 2013)

Mike General
Lynn Gursslin
Dick Oleksyn
Stan Patykiewicz
Pat Pudetti

Slated Candidates (April 2013 – April 2016)

Mike General
Lynn Gursslin
Dick Oleksyn
Stan Patykiewicz
Mike Sanfilippo

The Bio’s for Mike General, Dick Oleksyn and Mike Sanfilippo appeared in the March BTL.
MEET THE CANDIDATES

Lynn Gursslin, Director Candidate

I served in the US Army from 1968-71. I retired from Kodak with 33 years of service. I was President of CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association) for 11 years. I became a member of Chapter 20 in 2010 and a life member in 2011. I have been filling in on the Board of Directors for the last 6-8 months. I would like to offer myself as a candidate for the Board of Directors. Thank you.

Stan Patykiewicz, Director Candidate

I served in the Marine Corps. 1969-1971, Khe Sanh 1970-1971. This is my first run at a director position. I hope to learn the ways of the organization and be able to contribute in a way that moves the chapter forward. This is a great organization and I hope to keep it that way.
I still work for a living and have about 2 ½ years left. My wonderful wife of 34 years and me are empty nesters now (after 3 kids). I graduated from Edison Tech in 1967, went to work for Kodak as I was also going to RIT. Got drafted, joined the Marine Corps. When I came back I went to work in the tool and die industry and have been at it ever since in varying positions. I am now a Planner at P&R Industries.
I joined VVA Chapter 20 in 1990, but only started participating in 2008. I am also in the Marching Unit. Thank you for your consideration. OOHRA!!!
I would like to welcome to our Chapter 20 Family:

William Clark
James LoDolce
Terry Bergeron

William Debree
Irving Bergeron, Jr.
Elmer Brown
Chapter 20 made a donation of $500.00 to the Gold Star Mothers, Rita Hasenauer and Mary Ellen Schramm.

CONNIE AND STEVE PRATT PRESENTED A CHECK FOR $350 TO THE CHAPTER AS A DONATION FROM THE BROCKPORT HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 66. THE CHECK WAS SENT FROM CINDY LAGE AND BONNIE St. JOHN.

VALENTINE CAKE FOR THE LADIES OF CHAPTER 20.
MEMORIAL REPORT

Website  http://rochestervietnammemorial.org/

Remembering our Fallen Heroes – April

Patrick M.       Bierlein       4/3/1949
Irwin Lee        Knickerbocker  4/4/1947
Carl Arthur      Smith          4/5/1946
Richard Irving   Bornheimer    4/5/1947
Ronald James     Paniccia      4/7/1949
John Bernard     Tette         4/8/1946
Howard Lewis     Bowen          4/9/1946
James Frank      Potter         4/10/1946
Gerald Joseph    Downey        4/10/1949
Joseph           Christiano    4/11/1922
Donald R.        Judd          4/11/1943
Andrew Carnegie  Strong III    4/11/1951
Alexander John   Menzies       4/12/1945
Charles E.       Wuertemberger 4/13/1942
Wayne Philip     Bundy         4/14/1939
Gary Lawrence    Vanderbrook   4/15/1944
David            States        4/15/1945
Nicholas         Sochacki      4/18/1944
Charles L.       Seefeldt Jr.  4/18/1948
William Henry    Haupt III     4/19/1950
Donald Steven    Forest        4/20/1944
John Howard      Priesthoff    4/20/1946
Richard L.       LaFlair       4/21/1948
John Wesley      Geary         4/22/1944
Donald           Jacques       4/23/1947
John Andrew      Cardot        4/27/1928
William M.       DeVos         4/28/1949
Douglas Harold   Silvernail    4/28/1949
Kimball H.       Sheldon       4/29/1947
Richard Eugene   Engle         4/29/1948
James            Thompson      4/30/1947
Recent reports that I have received from the Defense Prisoner of War* Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), the Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action (JPAC) and the National League of Families indicate that two more American has been recovered and accounted for. This now changes the total number of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War to 1651.

PFC. Daniel Andrew Benedett, U.S. Marine Corps from Auburn King, Washington. On May 12, 1975, the merchant ship MAYAGUEZ and its crew were seized by the Khmer Rouge forces in international waters in the Gulf of Siam off the coast of Cambodia. A battalion landing team of 1100 Marines were ordered to the area for an assault and rescue mission on the island of Koh Tang, which is 35 miles off the coast of Cambodia. On May 15th, during the first wave of assault, a CH53A Helicopter (code name Knife 31) carrying 23 Marines and 2 Navy Corpsmen, which included PFC. Benedett, was approaching the east side of the island when it was caught in a cross fire and hit by a rocket. The severely damaged helicopter crashed into the sea just off the beach of the island and exploded. To avoid enemy fire, 12 survivors of the crash were forced to swim out to sea for rescue. The remaining 13-crewmembers who included PFC. Benedett were reported as missing. In 1991 U.S. salvage crews were permitted to visit the crash site of “Knife 31” where pieces of the aircraft were discovered and personal effects as well as remains were excavated. The remains of PFC. Benedett was returned to the U.S. on August 25, 1991 and identified on January 23, 2012. PFC. Daniel Andrew Benedett was officially accounted for on February 20, 2013. There were 3 other members who where accounted for previously (BTL issues Oct./Nov. and Dec. 2012) while currently there are 5 members who are still awaiting recovery and ID.
LCPL. Merlin Raye Allen, U.S. Marine Corps from Bayfield, Wisconsin. On June 30, 1967, LCpl. Allen was a member of a recon team on board a CH46A helicopter and was assigned to Company A, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, 3rd Marine Division. This aircraft while approaching for an insertion in a recently cleared landing zone near the city of Phu Bai, South Vietnam was unexpectedly hit by an enemy anti tank round which caused the aircraft to explode. The helicopter then broke apart and crashed into the triple-canopy jungle below along the side of a ridge. The co-pilot, 2 crewmembers and 4 of the 8 recon team members survived the crash and were rescued. The pilot and LCpl. Allen as well as 3 other recon team members perished and their remains were never located due to the heavy enemy forces in the area. They were all listed as KIA/Body not recovered. The remains of LCpl. Allen were returned to the U.S. on June 25, 2012 and identified on Aug. 23, 2012. LCpl. Merlin Raye Allen was officially accounted for on February 16, 2013 and will be laid to rest with full military honors in Wisconsin on June 20, 2013.

There are also reports of the recoveries and identifications of individuals from the following wars:
- MSgt. Robert A. Stein, US Army reported lost on December 4, 1950 near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on February 6, 2013.

These families now have the peace of mind as to where there loved one now rest. Not in foreign lands or foreign seas but here on American soil. We welcome you home brothers.

“Rest in Peace, and let it be known that you were never forgotten”.

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Well, this is it! The final weigh in for year five of the Fit Vet Challenge will be on Thursday, April 11th. Thus ending our friendly competition between service branches for that coveted honor and bragging rights to become year five “biggest losers”. Who will win this year? So coming to the April 2013 meeting will accomplish two very important things. First, you can step on the scales one final time for the Challenge weigh in, and help your branch of service compete for the title, bragging rights, and best of all new YOU. And secondly, you can cast your vote for fellow Chapter 20 members who are asking for your support to become Directors of our Chapter. Where else can you get a Twofer like that and surround yourself with like minded friends for a few hours of camaraderie, knowledge and some laughs. Getting back to the official close of this year’s Fit Vet Challenge, I want to remind everyone that even if you did not fully participate, even if you meant well and had good intentions to become more aware, it is never too late. Sure we will have a 6th season starting in 2014, but why wait! Keep doing what you started, keep it simple, but try any of the suggestions that you hear or read about these past four months. Recall our motto...move more...eat less. Look at what your doing and try to “downsize” the volume you are taking in on a daily basis. We are not talking about total fasting here, small steps. Try and consume 100 less calories a day, and become more active than yesterday by using up 100 more calories in an activity. The total of 100 less cals consumed and 100 more cals burn equal 200/per day x 7 days equals 1400/per week or ½ pound less body weight to carry around at the beach this summer. That’s right, with warmer temperatures, and longer days the bathing suit season will be here in no time. So are you telling me you can’t do this? Of course you can! One less cookies, one more apple, or some grapes, park a little farther away from the store, get out in the yard or garden, take a walk with a spouse or friend or even the pet pooch. Just keep going, and going and going, like the Energizer Bunny...move more...eat less. Many of life’s success are obtained by doing small things consistently and repeating them faithfully over and over. So small really is better. We are not talking about fads or gimmicks here, even if you stray off the path of good intentions, it’s okay. No guilt here, only get back to what you have already proved to yourself that you can do this. You are more aware, and that is power, power to change and you have the control. The official results will be recorded and this year’s losers will be announced in May 2013. I want to thank everyone for their support and participation throughout this event. In closing, be a healthier you from this point on in 2013. Find something you like, and do it! Jerry McDermott, Health Affairs Committee Chair

FYI...THINGS TO CONSIDER

April is National Volunteer Recognition Month. I want to express my appreciation to all who volunteer in any capacity, and try to give recognition to our loyal and faithful Chapter 20 members who give so much to make the Rochester community a better place to live for all of us. There are many groups, agencies, organizations, churches, and programs that gain priceless amounts of time, talents, energy, treasure and aid of all sorts from the support of many of our members. I hope I don’t leave any program or volunteer efforts unnoticed, but I would like to give kudos to some of the following programs that benefit from Chapter 20 volunteers. Such as our local VA, both the Canandaigua Medical Center and the Rochester Clinic, have recruited our members to help in all departments, to our members who operated the Disabled American Veterans Vans and drive the vets for medical appointments, the Monroe and Wayne County Veteran Court mentors, Lifetime Care Vet to Vet Hospice volunteers, people who assist at our Traveling Trailer outreach events and summer festivals, to our well respected Honor Guard and Marching Unit, the members who help keep our Memorial at Highland Park clean and cared for, contributors and editors to our award winning B-T-L newsletter, our
executive officers and board of directors who contribute hours and time not just to Chapter 20, but other veteran programs, to our National Vice President (Fred Elliott) for all his good works, and to the many members who help with youth organizations, school programs and various church programs, “Thank You”! I hope I did not forget anyone’s efforts, but know that you are respected and I want to honor your continued service to our community. Again, thank you all!
Jerry McDermott,

“My future starts when I wake up every morning…every day I find something creative to do with my life”. Miles Davis

After the March weigh-in, we see the Air Force taking the lead, with Army following, Navy in 3rd place and the USMC bringing up the rear.

MARCH 14TH WEIGH-IN

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Please note that these numbers are based only on folks that have been present for at least 2 weigh-ins.

January to February showed an overall loss in average weight of 6.1 pounds. February to March showed an overall loss in average weight of 7.2 pounds.

The stars (those who have lost greater than 10 pounds) of the Challenge at this point are as follows:

Gerry Daniels, Army - down 20.4 pounds!
Chuck Phillips, USAF - down 18.6 pounds!
Bill Wickum, Army - down 12.0 pounds!
Hank Wallace, Army - down 11.6 pounds!

Honorable Mention to the other 2 branches with

Bill Heinrich leading the Navy with his loss of 5.2 pounds
Rose Rossi-Williams leading the USMC with her loss of 6.0 pounds
Chapter 20 membership currently is at 550 members as of 02/28/13, AVVA is at 46 members as of 01/31/13.

I want to thank all the members of Chapter 20 for recruiting new members. We have been making a big push to recruit new members for both Chapter 20 and Associate Members. By moving over the 550 Members for Chapter 20 we are able to send 12 Chapter 20 Members to the National Convention.

Chapter 20 Membership is open to U.S. Veterans who served active duty (other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961 and May 07, 1975, or any duty location between August 05, 1964 and May 07, 1975.

Associate Membership is open to anyone, you do not need to be a Veteran.

I am asking all members of Chapter 20 and AVVA to keep in mind, when you meet people to ask them to join us. Membership Applications are available on our Website or by contacting me. Thank-You for your support in this matter!

GOLD STAR MOTHER’S DEPARTMENT CONVENTION
April 11 – 14, 2013
Rochester, New York

“The American Gold Star Mothers” are hosting the annual New York State Gold Star Mothers’ Convention on April 11-14 at the Radisson Hotel on Jefferson Road in Henrietta. This convention is an opportunity for our mothers to exchange information on Veterans’ issues, to support one another, and to honor the memory of our children and others who lost loved ones during military service.

You are welcome to attend our Memorial service on Friday, April 12th at 4:00 pm. (Radisson).

Our banquet is Saturday, April 13th (Radisson). Reservations for the banquet were accepted until March 10th. This was announced in a previous email to the Chapter 20 membership.
IN MEMORY PROGRAM

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's In Memory program honors those who died as a result of the Vietnam War, but whose deaths do not fit the Department of Defense criteria for inclusion upon the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Vietnam War was the most controversial and longest conflict in American history. From 1959 to 1975, many American soldiers and nurses lost their lives in Southeast Asia. As these brave service men and women began returning home they were met with anger and indifference on the part of the American public. Many of these veterans tried to forget about their experience in Vietnam, while they and their families struggled with the emotional and physical toll of the war. It was not until 1982, when The Wall was dedicated, that the veterans and their families were able to begin a healing process that was long overdue. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the organization that funded the construction of The Wall, wanted to have a place where veterans who had been ignored or embarrassed by their service could stand proud and where the public could embrace the sacrifices these soldiers made.

While The Wall shows the names of those soldiers who died in the war, veterans who suffered from medical issues caused by their service in Vietnam – exposure to defoliant spray and psychological wounds – absent from The Wall. VVMF believes that all those who serve should be honored in a similar way. Therefore, the In Memory program began in an effort to acknowledge the hardships these veterans and their families went through and the strengths they possessed after the war ended. The In Memory program honors the sacrifices these veterans and their families made. The In Memory Day ceremony has become a place where families who faced similar hardships gather and help each other begin or continue their healing processes.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the In Memory 2013 Program please click here to fill out an application online.

OR

Download the In Memory application.

OR

Contact VVMF at (202) 393-0090 or via e-mail at inmemory@vvmf.org.

To have a loved one considered for the In Memory program in 2013, you must submit your application to VVMF by April 12th, 2013. Instructions for what to include and where to send the completed application are outlined on the application form.
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT TO FEMALE VETERANS FROM THE VIETNAM ERA

A letter was received by Rosemary Rossi-Williams from Pat Shaul, Parade & Float Committee Member for Female Veterans. Her Committee would like to build a float commemorating female vets and obtain antique cars for women vets to ride in. If there are any female veterans in Chapter 20 who are interested in participating in this event, please contact Paul Shaul. Also it is their wish to get support by borrowing service flags, donation of money for supplies and materials for the float and for magnetic signs. Any and all help would be greatly appreciated. Pat may be reached at 585-657-7224 or 585-880-9622.

Attention – AVVA Members

At our meeting on April 11, 2013, we will hold an AVVA Chapter Representative Election.

There is one candidate that has submitted her name for this position. She is Marie Davias and a copy of her bio will be available at the April 11th Chapter Meeting. The voting will take place prior to the Chapter 20 elections on April 11, 2013. The ballots will be handed out by Suzanne Oleksyn who is our AVVA Election Representative.

For more information regarding the AVVA election process, please go their website www:AVVA.org/elections

Birthday & Anniversary Recognition

Attention Members:
If you would like your birthday or anniversary noted in our monthly issues please send in dates and name(s) for either and we will include in appropriate issue.
Marie ~ mdavias@rochester.rr.com

Happy Birthday to Bruce VanApeldoorn – April 9, 1950
VVA Chapter 20  Annual Dinner  April 20, 2013
Golden Ponds Restaurant & Party House
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Attn: Membership

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May 7, 2013
June 4, 2013
July 2, 2013
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October 1, 2013
November 5, 2013
December 3, 2013

**MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS**

April 11, 2013
May 9, 2013
June 13, 2013
July 11, 2013
August 8, 2013
September 12, 2013
October 10, 2013
November 14, 2013
December 12, 2013

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- Day-of-Caring  May 9, 2013
- Lilac Festival  May 10-19, 2013
- Memorial Day Ceremony  May 27, 2013

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**Monthly Membership Meetings start at 6:30 pm**

At the Italian American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road, Rochester

Driving Directions to the Italian American Sports Club:

The Club is located at 1250 Buffalo Road close to the intersection of Howard Road, directly across from the stone quarry, next to the Eagles Club and the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

From the East: Heading west on 490, exit Mt. Read Blvd. and turn left; south on Mt. Read to Buffalo Road circle, turn right, west on Buffalo Road, 1.4 miles, the Italian-American Sports Club is on the right side.

From the West: Heading east on 490, exit 33 east, Buffalo Road (Gates Center); head east on Buffalo Road; continue past Howard Road; the Italian-American Sports Club will be on the left side in about .5 mile.
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April 11  Chapter 20 Election Night – VVA & AVVA
April 11-14 Gold Star Mothers’ Convention
April 20  Chapter 20 Annual Dinner
April 20/21 Honor Flight Mission 27
May 9  Day of Caring
May 10-19 Lilac Festival
May 18/19 Honor Flight Mission 28
May 27  Memorial Day
June 15  NYS Council Meeting
June 15/16 Honor Flight Mission 29
August 14-17 National Convention in Jacksonville, FL.
September 21 NYS Council Meeting