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Friends in Need

U.S. Navy Equipment Operator Constructionman Alex Brautigam interacts with a dog at the Rota Animal Welfare League (RAWL) animal shelter at Naval Station Rota, Spain, May 14, 2011. Sailors with the Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 74 Junior Enlisted Leadership Organization presented the RAWL with a donation for animal care and facility maintenance.

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Michael Lindsey/Released
Photographer's Name: MC2 Michael Lindsey
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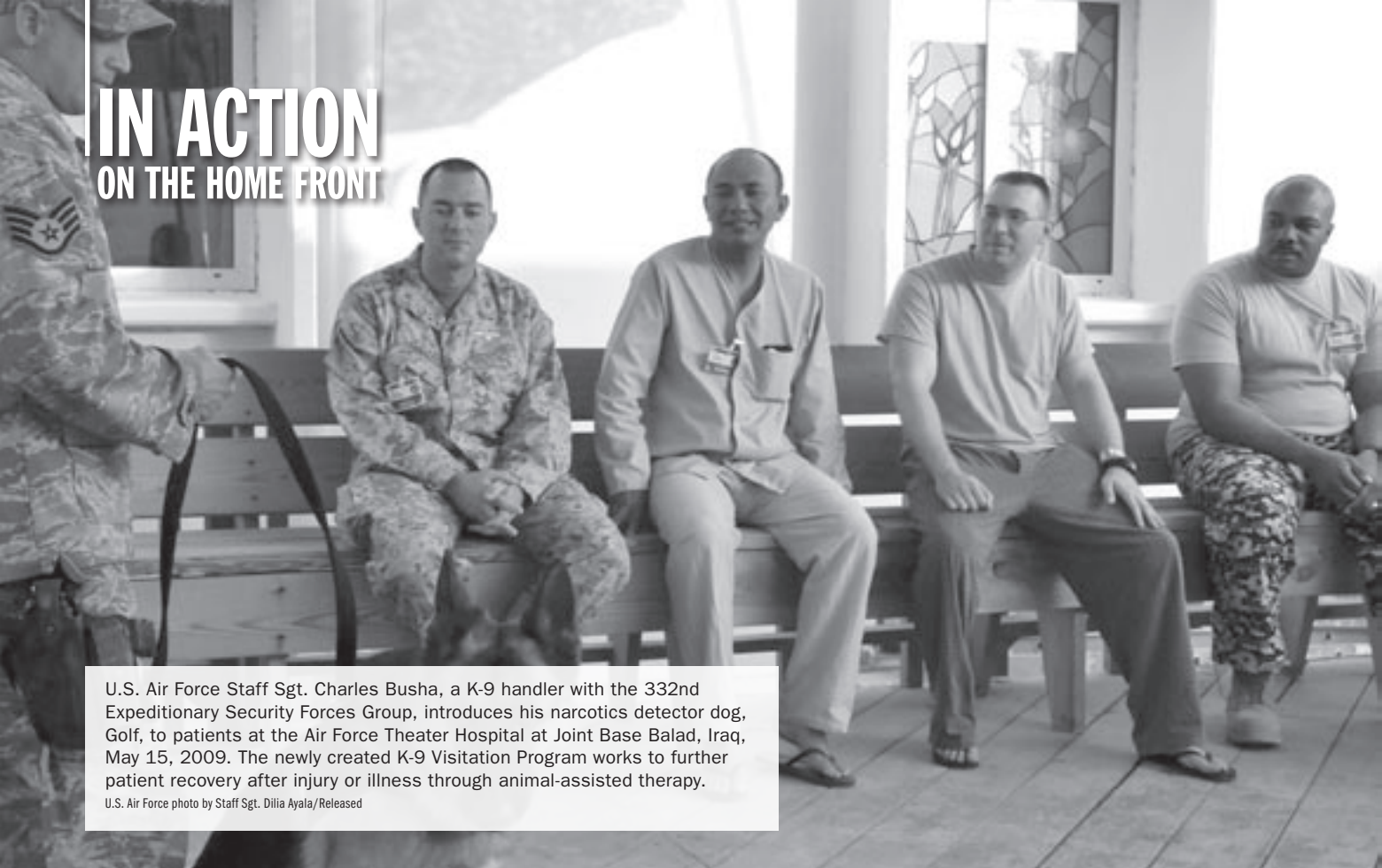
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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Charles Busha, a K-9 handler with the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Group, introduces his narcotics detector dog, Golf, to patients at the Air Force Theater Hospital at Joint Base Balad, Iraq, May 15, 2009. The newly created K-9 Visitation Program works to further patient recovery after injury or illness through animal-assisted therapy.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Dilia Ayala/Released

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Joe Peck, Chairperson

I recently sent an inquiry to the Defense Prisoner of War/ Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) concerning the "unaccounted for" status of JO3 Raul Guerra. It was announced in Oct. 24, 2007 and again in Apr. 29, 2011 that the remains and personal effects of five Naval crewmembers, one of which was JO3 Guerra, were located and repatriated to the US. All but RO3 Guerra have been listed as accounted for. I received a letter from Robert Goeke, OSD-DPMO, stating that the news regarding JO3 Guerra was a mistake. Although they have recovered and identified remains associated with him, they have not yet been able to locate a family member to brief them so they can accept the identification. The DPMO does not consider a service member accounted for until the family is briefed and accepts the identification and findings. The Department of the Navy is working hard to try and locate a family member. Once this is done, JO3 Raul Guerra will be considered accounted for.

The current number of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War is now at 1,684. This number does include JO3 Raul Guerra as he is now on American soil awaiting confirmation from a family member.



Maj. Thomas
Edward Clark

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Editor's Note: Over the last few months we've received several letters from our incarcerated friends. Thanks so much for taking the time to write to the BTL. Please know we're happy to print news and photos you might want to share with our members. Just send them in with information for photo captions. Thanks!



Canandaigua VA is now on Facebook! If you have a Facebook account please log-in using the link below and "like" us. You will now be able to see activities and announcements posted on this site!

VETERANS' INCARCERATED COMMITTEE REPORT

Yours truly was hot, sweaty, and busy during the entire month of July scraping and painting and painting and scraping. Chapter 190, Atmore, Alabama, was busy, too. The founding member, Craig McLaren, was recently released from the hospital and we hear that he is back on his feet and active with chapter affairs. Appreciate the leather CIB you sent up buddy. The vets there celebrated the 4th of July with the 27th Annual Freedom Run for POW's and MIA's, which included a pull-up, a horseshoe, and a free throw contest.

Chapter 563 at San Quentin prison, in California, is in a period of transition. Longstanding member Jeff Langnese was paroled to a veterans facility in Menlo Park, California and we wish him the best of luck. He was a great contact there for many years and he got a nice send off from the guys there upon his release. I was recently contacted by Sunny Campbell, a marine Vietnam vet and a facilitator with the group at San Quentin. He was requesting information on Monroe County's Veterans' Court and we got him going in the right direction.

I heard from Michael Lawler, from Chapter 603, at the Groveland Correctional Facility, who requested information on steps to get the VVA Chapter in Groveland back on a solid footing again with VVA National. He is also attempting to implement the Veterans' Program at that facility that was on the cutting edge in New York State for so many years. To lift the suspension of the chapter, an election report and a finance report must be filed with NYS Council and VVA National. Additionally, a form 990-N has to be filed with IRS and a receipt can be printed out as proof. I would suggest any NY State incarcerated chapters currently under suspension have their staff advisor file the form 990-N, a simple form to send.

On June 12 the Veterans' Festival was held by Chapter 489 at the Attica Correctional Facility and good food was shared by all. The Chapter is currently raising funds for the Marine Corp Toys for Tots Program. A thank you is in order to Cindy Thayer, a western New York VA Re-entry Coordinator who has been working with the Attica vets. I also want to thank Chapter President

Charles Thibeault, Vice-President Carl Macedonio, and Secretary Phil Glaser for all of their hard work there. Attica's long time Staff Advisor Sgt. Mark Schieffer attended Chapter 20's Dakota Bike Run and we appreciate his support.

On a personal note, Jay and Ann Marie Gsell donated \$500 to Chapter 20 in memory of their daughter Claire, who passed away in 2009. Jay is the County Manager of Genesee County and I knew Claire from her work at Pre-trial Release here in Rochester. A more committed employee you will not find. I also want to thank Cathy Lucisano, Supervisor at Pre-trial for her support of me personally and veterans in general over the years. It's a great staff there and they are so helpful of veterans caught up in the criminal justice system.

high school diplomas

The Gates Chili School District, in accordance with a NYS Department of Education initiative, is offering high school diplomas to any veterans from WWII, Korea and Vietnam who did not graduate due to their service. In order to qualify, the veteran has to live in school district, or have attended the school district. The veteran will also be required to provide a copy of their DD-214. High school vice principal Rick Pound wants to start this in the Gates Chili School District after initiating the same program at Honeoye Lima School District. The graduation ceremony will be held on Veterans Day at the Gates Chili High School auditorium. Any veteran that meets the criteria and is interested in receiving a diploma should contact Wes Geer at wesley_geer@gateschili.monroe.edu <mailto:wesley_geer@gateschili.monroe.edu>.

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Emotional Therapy Dogs - These dogs work with mental health professionals at VA and military medical centers to facilitate veterans' recovery from mental or social issues such as post-traumatic stress disorder.

America's VetDogs® - The Veteran's K-9 Corps® is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization founded by the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind and serves the needs of disabled veterans and active duty personnel. Since 1946, the Guide Dog Foundation has provided guide dogs and training at no cost to people who are blind or visually impaired, including veterans. In 2003, the Guide Dog Foundation for the Blind recognized the need for an overall assistance dog program for

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Reference: <http://www.vetdogs.org/>

Dedication of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, September 8th, 1996. (left to right) Bill Meminger, US Army; Dave Hooker, US Navy; Tim Sturm, US Air Force; Tony Bovenzi, US Marine Corps; Dave VanHerreweghe, US Coast Guard.)



IN MEMORIAM

David Hooker

Dave really enjoyed being a member of Chapter 20 and was proud of his appointment as the organization's Historian. Over the past 30 years, he attended and/or volunteered at a majority of events and worked on building the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park. Dave took hundreds of VVA Chapter 20 pictures and shared them with the membership after placing the photos in albums. He was a devoted husband to his late wife, Faye, and took her loss very hard for being at his hunting cabin when she passed away. His mother, sister, nieces, and nephews were with him until the end at hospice, even though Dave wanted to remain at home. He will be missed by all those who knew him. I hope his mother will find peace with losing her son. Before leaving his hospice room, I informed Dave that I would see him on the other side.

~ Nick DeLeo

It was my pleasure to know Dave and be a friend of his. It was nice to see him coming back to the meetings again. He will be missed.

~ Ralph Pascale

I did not know Dave Hooker for very long, but I am very grateful for his and the other founding members of Chapter #20. I can only hope to build upon Dave's and the other charter members vision for Chapter # 20. Thanks to Dave and many other vets who began Chapter # 20 and kept it going until I woke up and found out what I missing. I owe Dave and the others a debt for that. I will try and repay that good fortune that I have found with all who have become Chapter # 20 members.

~ Jerry McDermott

Ever run into anyone who didn't like Dave? I haven't. Dave was a great guy and friend to all. Being in the Honor Guard at funerals you get to eavesdrop on many conversations while presenting honors. At Dave's funeral I heard many people mention that he was a "founding member." Dave was much more than a "founding member." Many whose names are unfamiliar to even us old timers - he was a "life member." He dedicated his life to staying active in the Chapter helping on committees, events, acting as a photographer and longstanding member of the Marching Unit. He and Faye were always at

meetings and were dedicated volunteers in the Chapter Holiday Food Basket Program. I will truly miss comparing hunting stories with him - God Bless Brother.

~Chuck Macaluso

I didn't know Dave all that well, but I worked with his brother Dan. When I saw Dave at our meetings he would sometimes share stories of the two of them getting in trouble at home or at school. He'd share how he and his wife Faye met and married. And one time when I went over to his house to help him organize some of the Chapter information photos and help identify some of the folks and events in the photos, he must have told me 5-6 times how much he missed his wife Faye. He showed me his gun collection and a room with all his military and Chapter stuff in it. He was a proud Navy seaman, and a proud Vietnam vet. He was a good human being. He is now with his beloved Faye and his brother Dan, who passed on several years ago. Rest in Peace, Brother Dave - Job well done! Welcome to your true Home - we'll miss you!

~ Tom Puff

FREE FIRE ZONE

MY TWO CENTS

The first penny for thought is on era vs. in country veterans. Someone once said, "they also serve who stand and wait." Those who served "in country" could not have done so without many, many others who "also served," wherever they served. Planes left the Philippines for missions over Vietnam in support of ground troops. Are all those who took care of those planes any less Vietnam veterans than the ground crews who served (in) Vietnam? Are the doctors and nurses who served "back in the world" who took care of the wounded any less Vietnam veterans than those who served in country? I think not; and so too all others who served in the U.S. military during the Vietnam era are, truly, Vietnam veterans. My second penny is this one. A few are of the opinion that veterans of the Vietnam era who are incarcerated should be barred from VVA

membership. A veteran is a veteran, and always will be a veteran - no matter where they are. We served, more times than not were honorably discharged, and are veterans who, unfortunately, are incarcerated.

The VVA ethos is, "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another." That is a fine sentiment; but action speak louder than words. Since we veterans and VVA members who are incarcerated are unable to attend your meetings how about someone making an effort to attend our meetings so we can have regular monthly meetings? We are not looking for a handout, just in need of a helping handshake.

Philip Glaser, 23 year member of VVA #489, Attica, NY



Congratulations

to Fred Elliot, newly elected National Vice President for VVA at the recent 15th Annual VVA Convention in Reno, NV. Watch next month's BTL for convention reports, including a special Ronbo Report!

VETERANS HOMECOMING WEEK

American Tribute to ALL Veterans - America's largest Veterans Day celebration, Veterans Homecoming Week, takes place in Branson Missouri. This seven-day tribute includes many special events, many of which are free and all of which present patriotic salutes to veterans.

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FRONT & CENTER

POW-MIA *cont'd from page 2*

The report this month from JPAC and the DPMO has indicated that one more missing American serviceman has been located and identified.

Maj. Thomas Edward Clark, US Air Force from Emporium, Pennsylvania was a member of the 416th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 37th Tactical Fighter Wing when he went missing during a mission over the Ho Chi Minh trail in his F-100D aircraft on February 8, 1969. His aircraft was struck by enemy ground fire and crashed North East of the DMZ in the Savannakhet Province of Laos. His remains were recovered on November 16, 2005 and identified on June 3, 2011. Further information may follow at a later date. There are also reports of the recovery and identification of the following:

Pfc. John G. Lavelle, US Army, was reported missing on Dec. 1, 1950 when his unit was overrun by enemy forces at Kunu-ri North Korea. He died in captivity at Pyoktong on the Chinese-North Korean border in the Spring of 1951. His remains were identified in March 2011 and he was buried August 1st in Calverton, N.Y.

Cpl. James N. Sund, US Army, was reported missing in January 1951 near Chowon-ri South Korea. He died in Suan Prison Camp in North Korea in April 1951. His remains were recovered between 1991 and 1994. He was identified Jan. 31, 2011 and was buried July 26th in Highland, Minnesota.

Cpl. Robert J. Clark, US Army, was reported missing on Nov. 26, 1950 near Kujang, North Korea. His remains were identified on June 11, 2011

Pfc. Edward L. O'Toole, US Army, was reported missing on Nov. 20 1944 near Suggesterath, Germany. His remains were recovered in 2009 and identified July 13, 2011. He was buried on July 15th in San Bruno, CA. Pfc. William F. Stehlin, US Army, was reported missing on Nov, 26, 1944 near Suggesterath, Germany. His remains were recovered in 2009 and identified Aug. 8, 2011. He was buried on Aug.11, 2011 in Arlington National Cemetery.

Our condolences to all of the families and friends of these brave men. They have waited and prayed for so long hoping that some day their loved one would finally come home.

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Dr. Joseph Lancia's Equine Assisted Psychotherapy

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conflict resolution and management.

Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) is a new and emerging field. It involves a team approach between a licensed mental health professional and an equine specialist. It is psychotherapy that promotes growth and change in people through activities that incorporate horses. It is not a riding or horsemanship program; all activities take place on the ground. It is a short term solution focused approach that involves the use of metaphor as a way to address current life challenges that may be limiting a healthier emotional and psychological

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The horses can become aspects of an individual's emotional life or they can become significant people in their life. While engaging in these activities the individual has the opportunity to learn about how they approach problems in their life and establish relationships.

to look at their current styles of relating, communication (including verbal and nonverbal), problem solving and emotional regulation. It also allows for increased awareness and assessment for the individual of their current beliefs and attitudes and the opportunity to work on trying different ones.

The horses can become aspects of an individual's emotional life or they can become significant people in their life. While engaging in these activities the individual has the opportunity to learn about how they approach problems in their life and establish relationships. The benefit is not only in processing the session but having the opportunity to look at what works and does not work and try again.

to modify behavior in order to work successfully with the animal. Horses are helpful in this therapy as they are social animals and have distinct personalities and places within the herd. What works with one horse may not work with another. They also are prey animals and because of this they are aware of their environment and nonverbal aspects of communication which encourages the participants to look more closely at their own nonverbal aspects of communication and how this impacts relationships and movement towards attaining goals.

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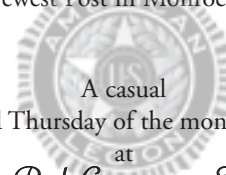
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VA Hospital in Buffalo..... 716-834-9200
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VA Medical Center in Bath..... 607-664-4000
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Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park: www.rochestervietnammemorial.org/The_Memorial.html
Operation Welcome Home:
www.operationwelcomehome.org
VVA New York State Council:
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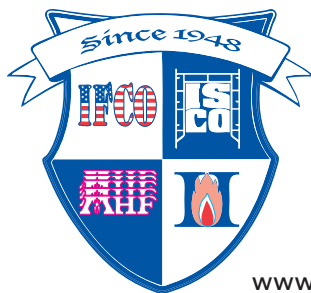
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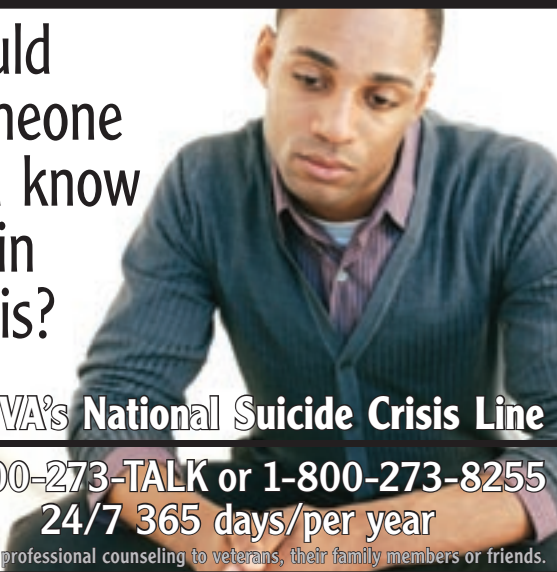


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SEPTEMBER 2011

- 2 FRI** · V-J Day - Japan signed formal surrender, 1945
- 3 SAT** · Treaty of Paris ended the Revolutionary War, 1783
World War II declared, 1939 when England and France declare war on Germany
- 5 MON** · Labor Day
- 10 SAT** · POW/MIA Candlelight Remembrance Ceremony, 7:30pm @ the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Highland Park
· U. S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps incorporated, 1962
- 11 SUN** · Patriot Day - by a joint resolution approved December 18, 2001, the Congress has designated September 11 of each year as "Patriot Day."
- 12 MON** · Board of Directors, 7:00pm
- 13 TUE** · Battle of Heartbreak Ridge began, 1951
- 14 WED** · Star Spangled Banner was written by Francis Scott Key, 1814 (due to Fort McHenry being successfully defended against a bombing by English ships)
- 15 THU** · General Membership Meeting - 7:30pm at the Italian-American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road, between Howard Rd. and Rt. 390
- 16 FRI** · POW/MIA Recognition Day (National, US) - Observed each year on the third Friday of September
- 18 SUN** · Marching Unit Annual Picnic, Gates Memorial Park
· U. S. Air Force established, 1947
- 21 WED** · International Day of Peace (UN) - The General Assembly decided that, beginning in 2002, an International Day of Peace should be observed on 21 September each year.
- 24 SAT** · USS Enterprise, the first nuclear aircraft carrier, launched on September 24, 1960
- 28 WED** · Rosh Hashanah - Jewish New Year begins
- 29 THU** · VFW established, 1899

MEETINGS

NYSC Meetings Owego, NY
September 10, 2011

BOD

- 2011: September 12, October 3,
November 7, December 5.
- 2012: January 9, February 6, March 5, April 2.

Membership

- 2011: September 15, October 13,
November 10, December 8
- 2012: January 12, February 9, March 8,
April 12

Special Events

· Marching Unit Annual Picnic - September 18th from 2PM - ? at Gates Memorial Park. Please RSVP with name and # attending, to kathy14470@msn.com by September 12th.

· Annual POW/MIA Remembrance - Candlelight Ceremony - September 10th at 7:30 PM, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Highland Park.