On January 17, Chapter 20 gathered to pack boxes for U.S. troops. Those boxes will bring a few comforts of home to U.S. Soldiers like these from 2nd Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division and 3rd Battalion, 21st Infantry Regiment, 1st Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division who watch as U.S. Air Force F-16 fighter jets drop 500-pound bombs on a booby-trapped building outside the Diyala Media Center in Diyala, Iraq, Feb. 6, 2009.

(U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communications Specialist 2nd Class Walter J. Pels/Released)
President’s Report

Let me start by saying it is heart-breaking for Chapter 20 to have lost such a great veteran, friend and fellow Board member, Pat Marianetti. Pat passed from us on January 6, 2009 just after serving Chapter 20 at a Board meeting. I know we will all miss Pat and the hard work he has done not only as a Board member, but also as a Chair of the Membership committee. Pat spent many hours this past year arranging outreaches, providing information on veterans’ benefits and getting new members into the chapter. God Bless you, Patrick - you will be truly missed.

For last few months Ray Melens, Jerry McDermott and I have attended training for the new Monroe County Veterans Court, presided over by the Honorable Pat Marks. On January 12th we attended the first session as mentors for the court, providing support for those veterans who have been charged with a crime and who qualify for consideration for alternatives to incarceration. In the first session, there were 27 defendants on trial and we, along with four other mentors, talked to about three quarters of them, to offer our support in their case. Veterans Court will offer veterans (for example, those that face a DWI charge) a chance to seek out drug counseling and a program to help them recover from their addiction and, if complete the program successfully, their charges may be reduced or dropped. The court is a project of the VA and has the help of services from VOC, Monroe County Veterans Service Agency and others. I can’t say enough about how great a program this is. It is long overdue and offers Veterans who served in harm’s way a second chance on their misfortunes. The Hon. Pat Marks does a wonderful job running this court and shows compassion for our veterans. In the case of those who are making strides toward success, she comes off the bench to congratulate them and share a hug. Great job, Judge Marks! If you want more information on this, please ask one of us.

This year the troop boxes were sent on Saturday, January 17th. The project was a great success and I would like to thank all those who helped out. A special thanks to Tom and Kathy Gleason for running the project. What was special about Friday night was that not only did we get together and assemble the boxes, but we also shared our friendship and camaraderie.

On January 18th, Joe Peck, Tom Gleason, Pat Pudetti and I attended the Vietnamese New Year celebration in Gates. As it turned out, I think we all agreed that it was a fun event and quite interesting. They performed the Lion Dance, there were some great songs by a young lady from Atlanta, and we were served food that was pretty good. I met a former South Vietnamese soldier who was a POW after the war, a real pleasant gentleman. All in all, it was a pleasure to represent the Chapter along with the normal politicians from the city and county governments.

Well when you read this I will have just arrived home from 10 days in the Caribbean enjoying the sun and fun. See you at the next meeting!

Together Then Together Now
Ken Moore
US Army 17 Cavalry
Vietnam 1966-67

Marching Unit
Ray Melens, Commander

Here we are in the month of March and another month closer to the warm weather and also parade season. Speaking of parade season, I hope all Marching Unit members have marked their calendars for the annual Marching Unit meeting which is being held this year on Saturday, April 18th at Ira at 7 P.M. This is the meeting where we not only vote on the upcoming parade season parades, but also any concerns or changes that the Unit may need to change or add. So please remember the meeting and bring your spouse and, of course there will be pizza and wings immediately following the meeting with plenty of time to socialize.

At this time, I also wish to remind you all that if you have not already done so, to please get your Marching Unit Service Award nomination in to me as soon as you can. As of this writing there has not been any nominations submitted. I would surely hate to see some deserving member go unrecognized this year for the lack of a nomination. So get them in quickly.

I would like to remind everyone that next month’s meeting is our annual election of members to the Board of Directors. Any Marching Unit/Honor Guard member interested in running is encouraged to do so and if you are, please get your name into Chuck Macaluso so you can be put on the ballot.

Members of the Marching Unit, and anyone that may care to join us, will be getting together for their annual St. Patrick’s Day get together on Saturday, March 14th at Gunny’s on North Greece Rd. in Greece. Instead of partaking in the annual downtown parade we have this get together instead. We will be meeting starting at 11 A.M., have some drinks and lunch and just a good time. So if you care to celebrate St. Patty’s Day with us feel free to join us at Gunny’s. This is not a Chapter sponsored event, which means everyone is responsible for their own tab.

There are a couple of events that the Honor Guard will be participating in that have not taken place yet as of this writing. I will report in next month’s article about them. One of them is the Red, White, and Blue
Mass that will be held on Sunday, Feb. 15th. I think this will be a very big event in light of what recently happened to Rochester City police officer DiPonzio. The other event is scheduled to be held on Friday March 13th at Merton Williams Middle School in Hilton. It is a salute to recognize all local military people for their service.

As always, just a reminder that the Honor Guard meets every month one half hour before the regular membership meeting upstairs at Ira. All are welcome to attend even if they are just thinking about joining either unit or if they just wish to address the unit for any reason.

Until next month ………AT EASE!!!!!!
Boxes for the Troops

From Start to Finish...Chapter 20 Sends the Comforts of Home to Our Troops

features photos by Glenn Peck and Bruce McDaniel
Consider those around you and nominate them for one or more of the following...

**Awards**

With our Annual Dinner coming up in April, it is time to think about those who serve the Chapter as well as all veterans. There are several awards given each year – and we are fortunate to have many in both our Chapter and our community who work diligently to serve veterans. Consider those around you and nominate them for one or more of the following awards. You can also email Kathy Gleason at kathy14470@msn.com for an electronic version of these nomination forms.

**Community Service Award**

The Community Service Award recognizes a group, organization or individual who has demonstrated a strong sense of community service and who favorably recognizes and relates to Vietnam Veterans' issues.

My nomination for this award is ______________________________________________________________ because:

**Veterans' Service Award**

The Veterans' Service Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication in improving the condition of Vietnam Veterans and/or the community. (There may be up to 3 Veterans' Service Awards presented annually.)

My nomination for this award is ______________________________________________________________ because:
The Roger Robach Award

The Roger Robach Award is given to an individual who has spent a minimum of ten years working for the betterment of all veterans in New York State.

My nomination for this award is ______________________________________________________________ because:

Don and Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award

The Don and Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award is given to an individual who has accomplished an extraordinary effort on behalf of active duty military personnel and/or veterans and their families. (All individuals are to be considered for this reward regardless of Chapter or veteran affiliation.)

My nomination for this award is ______________________________________________________________ because:

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Cdr. Peter H. Krusi, pilot; LtJg. Hans H. Grauert, co-pilot; and Lt. Richard W. Sanifer, crewman, launched from the USS Constellation on November 3, 1967 in their KA3B tanker about 1900 hours in support of a combat mission. Their responsibility was to circle outside the combat area for accompanying fighter jets to return to their area for refueling.

Upon takeoff, the tanker crashed, and all aboard were killed. Subsequent searches yielded the body of Richard Sanifer, but the bodies of the rest of the crew were not located. Krusi and Grauert were placed in the category of Killed/Body Not Recovered. There is no hope that their remains can be recovered.

The crew of the KA3B lost on November 3, 1967 are listed with honor among the missing because no remains were found. Reports continue to mount that we abandoned hundreds of Americans to the enemy when we left Southeast Asia. While the crew of the KA3B may not be among them, one can imagine their proud willingness to fly one more mission to make sure their freedom flights have the fuel to bring them to safety.

NAME: Hans Hubert Grauert
RANK/BRANCH: 02/US Navy
UNIT: VAH-8 Heavy Attack Squadron, USS Constellation (CVA/CV-64)
DATE OF BIRTH: 31 August 1942
HOME CITY OF RECORD: Rochester NY
DATE OF LOSS: 03 November 1967
COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam (over water)
STATUS (in 1973): Killed/Body Not Recovered
OTHER PERSONNEL IN INCIDENT: Peter H. Krusi (missing); Richard W. Sanifer (killed, body recovered)
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The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the nonprofit organization that has helped America heal from the divisive wounds of the Vietnam War, will honor Vietnam veterans who died as a result of their service, but who do not meet the government requirements for having their names added to The Wall. These heroes will be honored on April 20 during the 11th annual In Memory Day ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. Since its inception in 1993, more than 1,700 individuals have been honored through the In Memory program.

Glenn Peck, AVVA member and Chapter photographer, was privileged to have his brother, Gary, inducted in 1998 and was present to read his name from the podium on the hill overlooking The Wall.

### In Memory

**Annual Ceremony**

(7/30/51 - 6/11/78)

Written and left at The Moving Wall in Rochester, NY on the anniversary of his 40th birthday, July 30, 1991

You will not find my brother’s name
upon this sacred Wall.
For he returned from Vietnam
...and then he lost it all.

He never chose to share his pain,
no words were ever spoken.
We had no clue behind the smile
his Purple Heart was broken.

He seemed as strong as one could be,
he took everything in stride.
But when the choice was life or death,
his choice was suicide.

We’ll never know just what he felt,
we’ve asked -- we’ll ask some more.
We only know he won the battle
...then came home and lost the war.

**Dedicated to the Memory of**

Gary Alan Peck
(July 30, 1951 - June 11, 1978)

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Fit Vet Challenge
Final month to keep the efforts going! Your continued efforts could mean a lifetime of good health for you! Keep the good start going for your daily exercise, nutrition and healthy lifestyle changes that you have started since January. REMEMBER... the biggest losers will be rewarded by choosing a worthy charity to receive funds and the bragging rights of our inter-branch challenge. No wimping out now - move more, eat less! Rally your fellow service members and finish this challenge on the TOP of the BIGGEST loser scales. Thank you to all who participated. You’re not losers — You are winners in the daily competition for better health for yourselves.

New Thrift Store Employee
Stop by the Thrift Store and say “Hello” to new employee, Tracie Lockwood, who is helping Beth in this busy, busy atmosphere!

Donations to VA Canandaigua
On Tuesday, January 20, donations were made to the VA Canandaigua. Valentino Gatto obtained $300 worth of phone cards and presented these to the VA PTSD ward at the Medical Center, in conjunction with our monthly VVA wish list items donated by Chapter members. In addition, the Chapter donated a 54-inch TV and electric scooter from the Thrift Store. Estimated total for these two items was $4,500.

BTL has International Links
The Warriors Day Parade website received permission to link to the recent article by our Tim Sturm on the Marching Unit’s participation in their annual event. You can access it by selecting the “Parade Stories” section of their website at www.thewarriorsdayparade.ca.

VA Eyeglasses and Hearing Aid Information
A new directive allows VA to provide glasses and hearing aids to those who are not service connected for those conditions (Priority Groups 6-8). In the past these were available only to those service connected for the condition. These services are now considered part of the preventative care package for all veterans enrolled in the VA who meet certain criteria. Contact the VA for the publication that outlines the requirements for obtaining eye glasses and hearing aids. Veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system are eligible for battery replacement and repair of hearing aids even though those aids were purchased from a private source. Even though glasses and hearing aids may be provided at no charge, there may be a co-pay required for those in group 6-8. Audiology is a specialty clinic with a $50 dollar co-pay for some services. There is no co-pay for the devices or the batteries. Nor are there any charges for visits for the purpose of adjusting, repairing or modifying hearing aids. (Submitted by Nick DeLeo)

NYS Council embarks on “Chapters History Project”
Chapters are being asked to detail the history of their local group for inclusion on the NYS Council’s web page. The project will start with a short video from State Council President Ned Foote and then link to each chapter’s history pages. Let one of our board members know if you are interested in working on this exciting project. Questions on the Chapters History Project may be directed to Dana Halfours at chapterhistory@nyvietnamvets.org.
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