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Long May they Wave


U.S. Marine Corps photo by Sgt. Andrea M. Olguin/Released

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Well we finally made it through the month of March and Spring will be here soon enough. I am presently home recuperating from shoulder surgery and I want to thank all that have sent their well wishes. I really do appreciate it and can hardly wait to start driving again and get back to work.

The report this month from the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) and Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action (JPAC) and the National League of Families has indicated that one more missing American serviceman from the Vietnam War has been located and identified.

The number of Americans still missing from this war is now 1676.

**LTC. Charles Milton Walling,** US Air Force from Phoenix, Arizona was the pilot of a F4C Phantom Jet with call sign “Boxer 06”. On August 8, 1966, LTC. Walling and his copilot’s aircraft departed from Cam Ranh Airbase as the No.2 aircraft in a flight of 2 on a scramble mission to provide close air support for Marine forces who had made contact with a suspected Viet Cong troop concentration approximately 19 miles northeast of Bien Hoa Airbase in the Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam.
After arriving at the intended target, the 2 aircrafts prepared to make a bombing run on the entrenched enemy position. Earlier reports indicated that there was intense enemy ground fire in this target area. Dive-bombing was impossible due to weather conditions so only level bomb runs over the target area could be made. Several attempts to release their bombs on the target were unsuccessful. On the 4th attempt, LTC. Walling’s aircraft delivered its ordnance and proceeded to pull up into the cloud cover. Seconds later a forward Air Controller saw an explosion about 1 ½ miles southeast of the target which was northeast of Saigon. A search and rescue (SAR) operation was initiated and rescue helicopters hovering over the crash site could find no evidence of parachutes or of the missing 2 men. Radio broadcast from Hanoi later that day, indicated that an American aircraft was shot down in that target area and that the pilot and co-pilot onboard were killed. They were officially listed at that time as missing in action. In 1994 investigators found at this crash site, the pilot survival gear and LTC. Walling’s dog tags. In 2006, further excavation continued and on April 13, 2010 remains of Walling were uncovered and sent for forensic DNA testing. He was positively identified on November 30, 2011. A full Military service for LTC Charles Milton Walling is planned by the family in mid-June at Arlington National Cemetery.

It was stated by Jeff Walling, the brother of Charles that “our 45 year old mystery is finally ended, and it goes to show you the dedication of the military, of them never leaving a man behind and to what lengths they will go to get them back.” Jeff also said, “I think all of us are so thankful that the Government is continuing to pursue these unanswered questions for so many families.”

In my article in the February issue of the BTL, I stated that with the withdrawal of our forces in Iraq we should not forget the fate of our only missing serviceman from that war, Staff Sgt. Ahmed Kousay Al-Taie, who was reported missing/captured in Baghdad on October 23, 2006 during operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation New Dawn mission.

I am very pleased to announce that the Armed Forces medical examiner at the Dover Port Mortuary in Dover, Delaware has reported the positive identification of the remains of Staff Sgt. Ahmed Kousay Al-Taie from Ann Arbor, Michigan. He will now be returned to his awaiting family for full military honors and burial. Members of his family had stated that this was not the ending that they had hoped for, but now the 5-year mystery has finally come to a close and he is coming home. There are still 3 civilian contractors who were reported missing in Iraq and are still unaccounted for. Let us not forget them.

In addition there are also reports of the recovery and identification of the following from other wars:

2nd Lt. Emil T. Wasilewski, US Army Air Corps was reported missing when his B-17G aircraft was shot down on Sept. 13, 1944 during a bombing mission over Merseburg, Germany. He was accounted for on Feb. 11, 2012.

2nd Lt. Charles R. Moritz, US Army Air Corps was lost June 7, 1944 near Goxhill Airfield in England during a training exercise. He was accounted for on Feb. 26, 2012.

Pvt. Arthur W. Leiviska, US Army was captured by enemy forces on 1951 and died in captivity on April 20, 1951. He was accounted for on Feb. 3, 2012.

Cpl. Robert I. Wax, US Army was lost on Aug. 11, 1950 near Pongamni, South Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 23, 2012.

Cpl. James N. Larkin, US Army was captured on Feb. 11, 1951 and died in captivity in Apr 1951. He was accounted for on Feb. 21, 2012.

Cpl. Henry F. Johnson, US Army was captured on Nov. 25, 1950 and died in captivity in 1951. He was accounted for on Feb. 15, 2012.

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

We welcome you home, Brothers! May you all forever rest in Peace.

Veterans Incarcerated Committee Report

Ron Trovato

Ken Moore and I attended Chapter 489’s General Membership Meeting at the Attica Correctional Facility on 1/14/12 which had a good turnout. We want to thank Staff Advisor Mark Schiefer as well as Phil Glaser and Pete Gross for a productive and well run meeting. I gave an update on the resolutions passed at the Reno Convention and Kenny answered questions relating to veterans benefits and claims. A new cycle of programs for incarcerated veterans is to begin there soon including anger management, substance abuse and PTSD. Cindy Thayer, Western N.Y. Veterans Re-entry Coordinator came into Attica again in December to help those veterans who are close to release. There are about 200 known veterans at Attica and we hope they can continue making progress there. Keep the 489 Newsletters coming guys, and a special thanks to all the veterans who were able to come to the meeting.

We were recently contacted by Jace Williams from the Veterans Self Help Group at the Collins Correctional facility. According to Jace, the current President of the Side II Self Help Group, they are in the midst of restructuring the veterans organization there with the emphasis being on benefits information, claims and re-entry assistance. I sent them information on agencies in the Monroe County area that can assist veterans paroled from Collins and we hope that they can again become an effective advocacy group for the veterans there.

Per Craig McLaren of Chapter 190 in Atmore, Alabama, all is well with the vets there with the exception of the leather shop, which has been closed. They won’t be able to make wallets for a while, but hopefully they’ll be back in business soon. The Chapter has a newly elected Executive Committee and a recent General Membership Meeting, in the prison chapel, had 21 members present. We wish Craig and all the vets at Chapter 190 well.

Misc: According to the Daily Record dated 12/16/11, the number of offenders under correctional supervision declined for the second straight year in 2010. In New York, the prison population declined by 2,031. It would appear that money spent on preventive measures is money effectively spent. During 2010, Federal and State prison releases (708,677) exceeded prison admissions (703,798) for the first time since the Bureau of Justice began compiling statistics in 1977.
OFFICER CANDIDATES

President – Valentino Gatto

My name is Valentino Gatto. In October 1966 I was drafted and served in the 5th Infantry Division in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 in Fort Carson, Colorado. I was injured during basic training and spent approximately nine months in the military hospital in Denver. My injuries required two major surgeries, and during my recovery I was assigned to work in the Chapel Center where I served as a chaplain’s assistant for about twelve months.

I am currently an active member of Chapter 20. I have been a member since 2007 and in 2009 was elected to the Chapter 20 Board of Directors. My responsibilities include the coordination and sale of Chapter 20 related apparel, commonly referred to as “Chapter Gear.”

In 2009 I became a member of the Chapter 20 Honor Guard and in 2010 was appointed to the position of Assistant Commander of the Marching Unit. In 2010 I was also elected as a delegate to the New York State Council. In 2011 I was appointed Coordinator of Social Events.

To be elected to the position of Vice President of Chapter 20, would allow me to better serve the interest of the Chapter and its members. I will strive for the success of the Chapter in helping our members and our Community.

Vice President – Chuck Macaluso

I would like to start out by giving you a little background about myself. I have served three years in the USMC with duty stations in the Mediterranean, Vietnam, Philippine Islands and Camp Pendleton, CA.

Graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology obtaining an A.A.S. Degree in Electronics. Retired from Eastman Kodak after 37 years as a Process Control/Computer Systems Technician. I am a certified instructor for the Department of Environmental Conservation and teach Hunter Safety for students wishing to obtain a hunting license. I am currently a Life Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Marine Corps League, American Legion, Military Order of the Purple Heart and member of The Khe Sanh Veterans. Married for 42 years to my lovely wife Joan, we have two children Dawn & Brian, along with two grandchildren, Kylie (Dawn & Mike Mitchell) and Jeffrey (Brian and Allison).

Past Service - Served as Chairman of the Mailing Committee for eight years, a member of the House Committee for six years and 10K Race Committee for four years, Social Committee Chairman for two years and member of Strategic Planning Committee. I have been an active member of Chapter 20 for 29 years, member of the Marching Unit for the same (assisting the Commander of the Unit when needed). I have served on the Board of Directors for 23 years, Nominating Committee for 28 holding the position of committee chair for past 26 years. Currently President of the Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial and have served on their Board for eight years. Founder and Chairman of the Veterans Walk at Highland Park. For the past year and a half I have assumed the position of Honor Guard Commander.

The experience of serving on the Board and working on Chapter goals and activities is very rewarding. I believe the major goal must be a drive to get the membership more involved in Chapter activities and committees. We must also increase our visibility in the Community. If we as veterans want to be recognized as being an asset to the Community, we must have people willing to get involved by taking part on committees and community events. We must be actively involved with past and current veterans’ issues, laying the groundwork for future generations of veterans to follow.

I believe the “business” part of our membership meetings should be limited to enable more social time for old and new members to get to know each other. Introductions lead to friendships and the more comfortable members feel around each other the greater likelihood for involvement - the Marching Unit / Honor Guard is proof positive that this approach works. I am also a firm believer of recognition for “active” members; large memberships mean nothing without these “doers.”
Secretary – Joe Peck
I am presently running for the position of Secretary for chapter 20. I served in the US Army in the 5th Signal Command in Manheim, Germany as a test fixture repairman (35B20) and was honorably discharged from the Seneca Army Depot here in New York State in 1976. I have lived in Rochester all my life, and that is where I met and married my high school sweetheart, LuAnn. We raised a daughter and a son, and also have a precious granddaughter named Gianna.

I am still working at Xerox (34 yrs.) and am looking forward to retiring in a few more years. I joined the VVA organization in 1997 and became a member of Chapter 20 in 2004. I have also been in the Marching and Honor Guard Units since 2005.

Over the years I have taken on the responsibilities of being a part of the Board of Directors and have been very involved in many projects and functions were sponsored by the Chapter to benefit Veterans in our community. I am presently the POW/MIA chair and have had the privilege of attending the repatriation of several of our MIAs here in Monroe County as well as in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC.

I am also very proud to be listed as the youngest member (56) in Chapter 20 at the present time. I assumed the position of Secretary last year and decided to continue on for another term. With your vote of confidence I will continue my work to serve the organization to the best of my abilities. Thank you!

Treasurer – Alan Frisa
I am the owner and CEO of Butler Security Group, which I started in 1990. I take care of my own books, using QuickBooks just like the Chapter does, completing monthly reconciliations and other transactions and reports.

I was drafted in 1966 into the US Army and did my basic training at Fort Dix, then went on to Fort Knox for armor training. I got orders for Germany was stationed in Swineford where I was a track mechanic in the 3rd Infantry Division 2nd Battalion 64th Armor. My job was to keep the tanks running to protect the borders from the Russians.

I was Master of the 4th New York District for the Knights of Columbus and managed funds from all of the Assemblies. I ran a lottery 4 times to make money for the K of C.

In addition I have held other positions for the Knights: First Degree Knight (March of 1991) as a charter member of St. Jude’s Council 10758; 4th Degree for the John W. Steger Assembly. My duties have included: Color Corps Commander for the John W. Steger Assembly (1991-2003), Color Corps Commander, 4th New York District, St. Isaac Jogues Province (2002-2004), District Marshall of the 4th New York District, St. Isaac Jogues Province (2004-2006), and Diocesan Coordinator of the 4th New York District, St. Isaac Jogues Province (2006-2008). I was Worthy Master of the 4th New York District, St. Isaac Jogues Province (2008-2010).

Thank you for your time!

DIRECTOR CANDIDATES
Dan Corona
I am running for a fourth term on the Board of Directors for Chapter 20. I have been with Chapter 20 since 1991 and have been a member of the Marching Unit since 1992. Over the last nine years the Chapter has gone through a lot -- we had almost no funds for a while and weren’t sure how we were going to survive. After many difficult changes and cuts and better business decisions, we got healthy.

I am also a member of the LLC Board for the thrift store and car donation business. The store became a very profitable operation and provided the Chapter with more income than they budgeted, allowing the Chapter to take on projects like the Library Endowment and the Endowment funding for the Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park. But now, as many of you know we had to make a sad decision to close the store due to competition. We will continue to have the car donation business.

I also oversee the Chapter website, which has been redesigned to make it easier to navigate and we added some features that give a lot more information about the Chapter, what we do and who we are.

I graduated from Gates-Chili High School in 1968 and went to Monroe Community College the very first year the campus was in Henrietta. Then I got drafted before I could get into RIT. I was in the Army from 1970-73 and worked with toxic chemicals and explosives in the Chemical Corps.

I am seeking your vote to continue making this one of the best Chapters in the country.
Hank Wallace

I would again like to offer myself as a candidate for the Board of Directors. I have served the membership of Chapter 20 previously, on the Board of Directors, chair of the Finance Committee and as treasurer over the last few years. I am currently retired from RIT where I taught accounting and QuickBooks at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf (RIT) for more than thirty years. Additionally, I am a CPA with a small tax practice. Before that, I worked in several positions and earned a Master’s degree from SUNY Binghamton via the GI bill. I served in the Army from 1966 to 1970 and in Vietnam was a member of the 173th Airborne Brigade from June 1967 to June 1968.

Rosemary Rossi-Williams

I served in the Marine Corps 12/64-3/68 where I was a still photographer and ran the base photo lab at MCAF Futema, Okinawa. I married a Navy Corpsman and had two sons. Dennis is married to Lisa and has three children. Sean married Karen who had two girls. In July of 2011, Sean died of lung cancer.

I have previously served on the Board of Directors for Chapter 20, including 2 years as treasurer. I retired from Rochester Psychiatric. Center four years ago and currently work part time at Sears Marketplace. I volunteer at ROPC every Monday in the pharmacy and serve as the representative to Canandaigua VA from the Marine Corps League. I also served two terms as Commander of Ely Fagan Post 1151-American Legion and three terms as Monroe County Vice-Commander. I am currently President of PEF Retirees Chapter 3 and serve on the State political action committee for my union.

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL DELEGATES

Fred Elliott

Fred was elected in August 2011 to serve as National Vice President of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) at the organization’s 15th National Convention in Reno, Nevada. He completed his fourth term as Region 2 Director to the VVA National Board of Directors and also served two terms as Director At-Large. He has chaired the Strategic Planning Committee, the Convention Resolutions Committee, the Convention Rules Committee and the Budget Oversight Subcommittee at the National level.

In New York State, Fred has served as Chapter 20’s President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and as a Director. Additionally, he has served on the Board of Directors of the Rochester Veterans Outreach Center, and as chair of the Rochester Veterans Emergency Relief Fund. Currently, he sits on the Board of the Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial and on the Monroe County Executive’s Veterans Advisory Committee. He is the recipient of the Chapter 20 Outstanding Service Award; the New York State Medal for Merit; the Roger Robach Award; and the NY State Council Service Award.

Fred served in Vietnam from January to December 1967 with the Army’s 9th Infantry Division and 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment. In 1983, he joined VVA, becoming a Life Member in 1987; he has been a delegate to 12 VVA national conventions. He is married to Marie Davias.

Valentino Gatto (see above bio)

Jerry McDermott

Jerry served a US Army Enlistment from March 1968 to March 1971, in Vietnam from March 2, 1969 to March 1, 1970. He is a Life Member of VVA.

He has been a resident of the Rochester area since 1979 after moving from Detroit, MI for a job opportunity. Jerry works as a Sales Representative for Murphy & Nolan, Inc., a distributor of carbon, stainless steel, aluminum and alloy bar and tubing products. He has also been a member of the Rochester Regional Veterans Business Council for the past four years. Jerry has been married for 38 years and has three adult children and two grandchildren.

Jerry was first elected to the Board of Directors in April 2008, appointed to Health Affairs Committee as Chairman. He also serves as a member of the Chapter Marching Unit and Honor Guard. Since his election to the BOD, he was appointed to and confirmed as VVA Chapter 20 Deputy Representative to the VA Canandaigua Medical Center by the National VVA organization to VA’s Volunteer Service Committee Round Table. He was also elected as a delegate to NYS Council in 2010 and represents Chapter 20 at the New York State Council’s quarterly meetings.

Jerry assisted in the planning and presenting of numerous veterans benefits seminars and outreach clinics within our community that inform and educate local veterans and their families. These events include our very successful
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

CHUCK MACALUSO, CHAIR

GENERAL ELECTIONS – THURSDAY, APRIL 12
MEETING STARTS AT 6:00 PM
VOTING STARTS AT 6:30 PM

POSITIONS FOR NOMINATIONS:
Four Executive (4) – President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer
Three Board (3) – Directors

The “new” Nominating Committee will also be elected by the membership that
evening. A “to date” slate of candidates will be finalized by February 15 and published
in the March issue of the BTL.

In order to vote in the Annual Election, voters must be a member for at least 30
days.

Only paid members with a DD214 on file by February 28 of previous fiscal year
are eligible to vote. (For example - February 28, 2012 to vote April 2012).

A quorum is defined as 10% of VVA 20 membership as of 28 February of the
previous fiscal year. Voting for candidates will take place between 6:30 PM till 7:30
PM, after which no new ballots will be taken and votes will be tabulated.

According to the National VVA Constitution, “Additional persons may be nomi-
nated by any member at the Annual Meeting.” These candidates will fall under the
category of Floor Nominations.

Floor nominated candidates can only receive votes from members present at
Annual Meeting. (A “Special Note” stating such will be placed March and April BTL
issues.)

The slated candidates for this year (as of 2/12) are as follows:

OFFICER POSITIONS
President Valentino Gatto
Vice-President Chuck Macaluso
Secretary Joe Peck
Treasurer Alan Frisa

DIRECTOR POSITIONS
Dan Corona
Rosemary Rossi-Williams
Hank Wallace

NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES
Fred Elliott Ken Moore
Valentino Gatto Nick DeLeo
Jerry McDermott Chuck Macaluso

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:
Chuck Macaluso 225-8288
Dan Corona 406-6108
Pat Pudetti 753-6040

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 Mount 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.

Do you know a veteran who is homeless?

THE VA’S NATIONAL
HOMELESS VETERANS HOTLINE

The Hotline is staffed at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center in conjunction with
the National Suicide Prevention services. Studies show a huge correlation with
needs required by one or the other services provided at the time of the call.

1-877-424-3838
24/7 365 days/per year

FRONT & CENTER
The final “step on” for the 4th Annual Fit Vet Challenge is our April 12th General Membership meeting. So this is the time and place where your vote really counts, not only to elect Chapter officers and directors, but voting for a “leaner and meaner” you for the rest of 2012. That’s right, swimming suit weather is just around the corner and I know for a fact that some of you mugs are thinking about a new one-piece suit. (Are you getting the picture yet, chilling isn’t it!)

Seriously, good habits will carry you forward in whatever you do, no matter when you develop them. If you have developed the habit of portion control, you can now pass up the second helping of extra calorie foods. You are certainly on the right track to finish not only the 4th Fit Vet Challenge strong, but keeping the weight off going forward, too. If you started to walk more, taking the stairs, or parking your car further from the front entrance of the store, keep it going... and increase your activity now that the weather is warming up and you’re able to be outside more often. If you can develop the determination to resist any temptation for more of the same, things that we know down deep inside are not in our best interest, keep up that effort and willpower. Sure it is never easy, but what things in life are ever easy?

This is not that hard! Keep taking those small steps or actions that will continue to build more of the same results in positive visible ways. Little things equal big results! So I am looking forward to seeing all the service rivalries coming forward for the last big push up to the scales, and win the bragging rights for the next year.

Stats are for those vets weighing in at the March meeting only:

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Jerry McDermott

Monroe County Veterans Discount Card Program

This program is an initiative between Monroe County, the Veterans Outreach Center and local merchants to recognize and thank our County’s more than 60,000 veterans, reservists and individuals serving on active duty.

Under the Monroe County Veterans Discount Card Program, honorably discharged veterans will be issued an identification card by the County that identifies them as a veteran. Participating County merchants have agreed to honor this card by providing these individuals with discounts on purchases or services, or some other special offer. Individuals in the reserves or currently on active duty will be able to present their military identification cards to participating merchants and will receive these same discounts.

Any honorably discharged military veteran residing in Monroe County may get their Monroe County Veterans Discount Card by bringing his or her Military Discharge Papers-DD214 (original or certified copy), to either the County Clerk’s office, located at 39 West Main Street, Room 101, Rochester, New York 14614 or the Veterans Services Agency, located at 125 Westfall Road, Rochester, New York 14620. A photo will be taken and an official Monroe County Veterans ID Card will be mailed within two weeks by the Office of the County Clerk.

There are currently 86 businesses offering various incentives/rewards, from fitness centers to contractors and restaurants. A listing can be found on the website. For more information, check http://www.monroecounty.gov/veterans-mcvdcp.
Successful Outreach

Chapter 20 hosted a successful veterans benefits outreach in collaboration with Eastman Kodak Retirees Association.

Many thanks to the Chapter 20 members who volunteered their time.

Special thanks to our community partners who brought materials and donated their time for this worthy event.

Attendee John Nenni presents Ken Moore, President of Chapter 20 with a donation.

The April Membership Meeting will start at...

6:00 PM
Voting will start at 6:30 PM
Italian American Sports Club
1250 Buffalo Rd, Rochester

496 Long Pond Road
North of Latta Road
585–225-1560

Check out our Homemade Desserts!

Your Hosts,
Bill & John Tegas
Traveling Trailer Program at Firemen’s Carnivals, town hall and community meetings, civic and business organizations and community health services such as the local chapter of the American Cancer Society to promote veterans health awareness and earned service benefits to veterans and their families. He assists fellow Chapter #20 members with Monroe County Veterans Court Mentor Program, where he helped with that program’s start-up. As well, he assists veterans in the Wayne County Court system as a mentor.

In his own words, “At the time of my election to the BOD in April 2008, I felt that I could make a difference and wanted an opportunity to do so. I wanted to assist my fellow veterans both within our Chapter 20 family and those not part of any service organization. Little did I realize how big an opportunity this could be. There is so much work to do and I feel that I have only touched the tip of the iceberg. I would like to continue with my efforts to educate, advocate, and inform as many veterans as possible to make them aware of what they have earned by their honorable service to our country.”

Ken Moore

I think the last few years we have seen the Chapter become stronger in many areas - membership is up, attendance at events are up. I can’t ever remember having 60 to 75 members at a membership meeting. In the last few years we have fostered a great relationship with the Board of the Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial to the point where we now have a board spot on their board for the sitting President of Chapter 20. We have also put $150,000 into the endowment fund to assure the Memorial remains the same as it was on its day of dedication in 1996. We have supported the Video Conference Center at the library so that people at home can talk to their loved ones who are serving their country in harm’s way. There are too many projects the Chapter has done to mention in this article and I thank all who supported these projects. I am again asking for your support as I continue to be involved at the local and state level to keep veterans issue in the forefront of everyone’s minds..

Nick DeLeo

I am seeking another term as a delegate to VVA New York State Council. As a Charter Member of Chapter 20, I’ve been active for 31 years and have held several leadership positions. Currently I serve as Treasurer of the New York State Council that employs one full time and two part- time employees and have been in this position since September 2005. I’ve been a delegate to every VVA National Convention since 1999, New York State Council delegate since 2000 and a Life Member. The following is a list of veteran service organization positions held by me:

- Veterans Outreach Center – Board of Directors, 1999-Present, Compliance Officer 2010- Present
- Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial – Secretary, 1990-2000
- Veterans Emergency Relief Foundation – Secretary, 2002-2008
- Monroe County Veterans Court Peer Mentor – May 2009 – February 2010
- VA Volunteer Services DAV Van Driver Rochester Outpatient Clinic – October 2009 – February 2010
  Awards: Chapter 20 Service Award 1996, Monroe County Veteran of the Year, 1998 (Member of GRVVM), Roger Robach Award 2002, New York State Council Distinguished Service Award, 2006.

I truly enjoy serving my fellow brother and sister veterans and will continue to be an advocate to ensure the men and women who served their country receive the VA benefits and health care they deserve. I have volunteered at most of the activities sponsored by Chapter 20 since its inception and will continue to assist with these efforts because all members must reach out to their fellow veterans who need help.

Chuck Macaluso (see above bio)
Vietnam Veterans of America

Car Donations 8:30am-5:00pm
Truck Pick-up 9am-4:30pm
(weather permitting)

DAVID J. KAUFFMAN POST #41
JEWISH WAR VETERANS
THE OLDEST ACTIVE VETERANS ORGANIZATION
SUPPORTS THE VIETNAM VETS
LARRY SCHULMAN, QUARTERMASTER, 271-6967

Greece Memorial Post 206
The Newest Post in Monroe County
A casual Meeting the 3rd Thursday of the month 6:30 - 7:45 pm
at The Legacy at Park Crescent — Mt. Read Blvd.
For details, please call 227-4383 or 225-4228.

Help Base Greater Rochester
(www.hbrochester.org) is an online resource for veterans, service members, and their families in Monroe, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The mission of Help Base Greater Rochester is to enhance services by coordinating, mobilizing and educating the community-at-large about the issues facing veterans, service members, and their families and advocating for the necessary services to ensure that these community members can regain and maintain their physical, emotional, and economic well-being.

Bereavement Focus Group

Second Wednesday of Every Month
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Army Strong Community Center
2035 Goodman St. North, Suite 103
Rochester, NY 14609

RSVP and for more info contact:
Marianne Sernoffsky at 585-339-3308
marianne.w.sernoffsky.ctr@us.army.mil
or
Christina Griffith at 585-338-7400, x2225
christina.m.griffith@us.army.mil

Special Notice
Effective with the April 2012 issue, Between the Lines will go to every other month publication. We will no longer be selling ad space to allow room for increased news. Contact Kathy Gleason (kathy14470@msn.com) for a schedule of deadlines and publication dates.

Mary Anne Vitticore
Women Veterans Program Manager
VA Health Care
Upstate New York
Team Up With Us
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maryanne.vitticore@va.gov
www.visn2.va.gov
Join us on Friday, April 27.

Invitations are in the mail.

Don't forget to send in your RSVP!

Call 482-7396 for more information.

See you at the...
Chapter 20 Member Receives Volunteer Award

Volunteer Jim McDermott was the recipient of this year’s “Outstanding Volunteer in Veterans Services” award, presented by Lifespan CEO Ann Marie Cook.

Stay in Touch

We would like to compile an e-mail address list so that we can communicate updated information or news relating to Chapter 20. This list will be used only for Chapter-related business, and will not be published in Between the Lines.

We invite you to give your e-mail address to Kathy Gleason, either by e-mail (kathy14470@msn.com) or by calling the Chapter and leaving a message.

RochesterHealth.com
Rochester’s gateway to local healthcare information.
A nonprofit community resource featuring content provided by local physicians, dentists, hospitals and allied-health professionals.

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2 MON • Board of Directors, 7:00pm
6 FRI • Official end of World War I
7 – 13 • Passover
8 SUN • Easter Sunday
9 MON • Appomattox Day - Celebrates the ending of the Civil War in 1865, when Lee surrendered to Grant at Fort Appomattox.
11 WED • Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire, 1991
12 THU • Annual Elections/Membership Meeting, Meeting starts at 6:00 PM, voting starts at 6:30 PM (Italian American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road)
13 FRI • Battle of Pork Chop Hill began, 1953
15 SUN • Income Tax Day - US income tax forms are due.
27 FRI • Chapter 20's Annual Dinner and Installation of Officers – Don’t forget to RSVP!

MEETINGS

BOD
April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2,
August 6, September 10, October 1,
November 5, December 3

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