Remembering Our Fallen Heroes
Born in July

Website - http://rochestervietnammemorial.org/

Knight III, Albert S. 7-1-1944
Rouse Jr., Gordon Arthur 7-3-1947
Shubbuck, Rolland Bernard 7-4-1944
Main, Richard Harold 7-5-1944
Bruce, Jeffrey Richard 7-6-1948
Petsos, Phillip Chris 7-10-1947
Brown, David Freeman 7-10-1948
Scott, Gary Arnold 7-11-1945
Bickel, Robert John 7-11-1948
Martin, Ernest T. 7-16-1939
Baker, Larry James 7-18-1942
Shaffer, William Paul 7-18-1947
Tremblay, Patrick Joseph 7-19-1949
Van Alst Jr., Harry L. 7-20-1947
Murphy, James Howard 7-24-1935
Sickles, Robert Paul 7-24-1946
Gearing Jr., William Carl 7-24-1948
Senese, Christopher Leigh 7-24-1948
Lupien, David G. 7-26-1947
Lemcke, David Earl 7-28-1947
Yatteau, Richard Franklin 7-31-1947

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The Veterans Walk Committee of Chapter 20, VVA wants to thank you for your purchase of a personalized, engraved paver brick.

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2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________

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Include: Payment and “Proof of Service” for above recipient.

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Questions please call Chuck or Joan Macaluso as 585-225-8288
There are currently new reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the National League of Families and the DOD that another serviceman has been recovered, returned and identified. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War now is 1597.

LTCMD Larry Ronald Kilpatrick, US Naval Reserve from Stone Mountain, Georgia was a member of Attack Squadron (ATKRON 105) on board the USS Saratoga (CVA-60) in the 7th Fleet and was pilot of a Vought A7A Corsair II aircraft. On June 18, 1972, Lt. Kilpatrick in a flight of two, took off on a night armed reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. Lt. Kilpatrick’s wingman lost radio contact with outside of Ha Tinh City just after he had announced that he had sighted a target and was commencing his attack. After day break, Search and Rescue aircraft observed remnants of a parachute near Kilpatrick’s last known location. No aircraft wreckage was located and the search was eventually called off.

The remains of Lt.CMD Larry Ronald Kilpatrick were located and currently identified. He was officially accounted for on May 18, 2018. Interment services are pending and he will be laid to rest with full military benefits.

There are reports of the recoveries and identifications of individuals from the following wars.

- Cpl. Joseph Akers US Army was lost November 25, 1944 in Germany. He was accounted for on May 10, 2018.

- Cpl. Demaret M. Kirtley, US Army was lost December 6, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on May 11, 2018.

- Ensign Harold P. DeMoss, US Navy Reserves was lost June 23, 1945 in O’ahu, Hawaii. He was accounted for on May 11, 2018.

- Sgt. John W. Hall, US Army was lost December 1, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on May 16, 2018.
• Sgt. Meredith F. Keim, US Marine Corps was lost November 30, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on May 31, 2018.
• Sgt. Alphonso O. Duran, US Army Air Corps was lost February 25, 1941 in Slovenia. He was accounted for on May 31, 2018.
• Musician 1st Class Henri C. Mason and Fireman 1st Class Lewis F. Tindall, US Navy and Navy reserve were lost on December 7, 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. They were accounted for on June 4th and 6th, 2018.
• Cpl. Morris Meshulam, US Army was lost December 1, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on June 5, 2018.
• Pfc. Paul D. Gilman, US Marine Corps Reserve was lost November 20, 1943 in Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on June 5, 2018.

These families now have the peace of mind that their loved ones rest not in foreign lands or seas but here on American soil. Welcome home brothers, Job well done
Membership Update
Mike General Membership Chair

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 622 members and AVVA is at 40 members as of 05/31/18. Membership has been growing slow (only 3 new members in the last month), **We need your help in recruiting new members**. Don’t forget to renew on time. Don’t let your membership expire. We had 2 members who did not renew this last month and 2 members who passed away..

**Please Renew Your Membership!**

**All Life Memberships are $100.00**

If you a renewing as a “Life Member”, please remember to include a copy of your DD-214 with your application.

When you have an address change, please notify Mike General so we can keep our Roster up to date and notify National.

**Need your help in recruiting new members.**

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.

Membership includes a subscription to our award-winning newspaper The BTL, and The VVA Veteran, bringing you updates on issues and legislation affecting veterans, as well as unique articles on the people, places, and history of the Vietnam experience. Associate Membership is open to anyone; you do not need to be a Veteran.

**WE Need New Members!**  Membership Applications are available on our Website or by contacting me. ([mwgeneral@aol.com](mailto:mwgeneral@aol.com))

We are offering an “Honorary Membership” to Chapter 20 to all spouses who husbands have passed away. If you know of someone who has lost their loved one, please contact Mike General.

Mike
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20

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Payment Options: ( ) Check ( ) Money Order

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A few news worthy items have come across my inbox and I wanted to share them with you.

One speaks about our Chapter #20 efforts concerning the education of health issues, a widow of a Vietnam veteran in another part of the country, has taken it upon herself to try do just that. Sounds exactly like what our Chapter #20 efforts are during our general membership meetings and outreaches, plus the partnering with our community medical professionals like MVP. Remember, to pass along and "pay it forward" to anyone that you come in contact with that may be a veteran, regardless of time period, we all will have some benefits available through the VA.

The second news item, relates to what the VA will be doing going forward. To act as a clearing house and gatekeeper for medical implants, they will set up a registry and become more active in reaching out to people when information needs to get communicated. Such things as cardiac implants (valves, pacemakers, stints) or orthopedic ones like hips and knees. Whether it be updates, recalls or other communications, this is longer overdue in my opinion.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jerry

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VA Presumptive Disabilities Update 03 ➤ Civilian Doctor Awareness

Barbara Rodgick is an Army widow on a mission to educate civilian medical personnel, employees in the VA health care system and individual veterans and their families. She’s not a certified teacher and she doesn’t have a classroom. But that hasn’t stopped her from a crusade to inform the world that certain categories of veterans should let their civilian doctors know that they have been in the service. As such, the veterans should be checked for select illnesses that being in the military may have exposed them to.

Rodgick was married to Bill, a 100 percent disabled veteran who developed multiple myeloma some 50 years after serving in Vietnam. Initially, neither she nor her husband were aware that the disease was presumed connected to his military service. On a whim one day, she checked the website for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and says she was “overwhelmed” by what she learned. Informed that her husband was eligible for government benefits, he applied and months later was awarded retroactive cash, monthly compensation, VA health care, adaptive equipment, access to a nursing home, meetings with a VA social worker and commissary and PX privileges. Unfortunately, Bill passed away 15 months later, but it opened Rodgick’s eyes to the fact that today many veterans (and in some cases, their survivors) have yet to learn about presumed connected disabilities. What’s more, civilian doctors also know little about them.
As a result of her experience, she decided to launch a one-woman crusade to inform all concerned about the named military disabilities. With a single-minded focus, she began circulating a petition titled “Stand Up For Bill (and Other Vietnam Veterans and Their Families.” The petition urges individuals to call upon the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to direct the VA to offer continuing professional education (CPE) to health care workers. She says by doing so, more Vietnam veterans with presumed connected disabilities (as well as their families) can be identified and referred to the VA for treatment.

And although the VA and the veterans’ organizations have outreach programs that seek to identify and educate veterans about the diseases, Rodgick would like Shulkin to develop a more aggressive program that describes and identifies the 15 presumed disabilities that are known at this time. On a related note, there is a category of additional diseases that some professionals feel should be added to the list. The VA is currently reviewing those for possible inclusion. [Source: Pahrump Valley Times | Chuck Baker | April 18, 2018 ++]

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VA Registries Update 07 → Medical Implant Devices Launched

The Department of Veterans Affairs plans to launch a national registry for medical implant devices, enabling the agency to monitor device safety, track quality metrics and ensure optimal care for its patients. The VA, which is one of the largest purchasers of surgical implants, is hosting an all-day summit on 4 JUN in Washington to kick-start the initiative in collaboration with the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Defense and the Food and Drug Administration.

According to the VA, the database will be the nation’s largest health system medical-implant tracking program, providing a critical platform for the assessment of device performance in a real-world setting through the identification and study of outcomes. “A medical device registry will allow VA to notify patients about safety recalls, identify devices when patients show up for medical emergencies with complications, and track and compare outcomes of implants,” states the agency’s announcement. “The most common medical devices in the veteran population may include cardiac implants (valves, pacemakers and stents), orthopedic implants (hip and knee) and neurosurgical implants.”

A 2014 audit by the Government Accountability Office found that the VA wasted more than $3 billion over 10 years on medical implant purchases and lacked the ability to track the implants after they were placed into patients, potentially putting veterans’ health at risk. For its part, the FDA is tasked with ensuring the safety and efficacy of new medical devices. However, there is a lack of a robust system for assessing the safety and effectiveness of devices after they enter the market. The hope is that the VA device registry will help provide short- and long-term surveillance, as well as comparative safety and effectiveness assessments, by leveraging data on large numbers of patients—including clinical outcomes over time. [Source: Health Data Management | Greg Slabodkin | June 4, 2018 ++]

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Veterans Exposed to Toxins

By Ned D. Foote

June 19, 2018

Former Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Bob McDonald told Members of the House Committee on Veterans Affairs that no legislation on Agent Orange or Toxic exposures is needed. This statement by the DVA Secretary is in line with testimony, delivered before Congress on three occasions in
which the VA claims no research legislation is needed as other Agencies of the Federal Government are doing all of the research studies needed.

John Rowan, National President of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) responded, “With all due respect to the Secretary, he could not be more wrong. Furthermore, we have yet to receive a list of these research studies referenced in VA testimony which purportedly pertain to veterans and their progeny.”

The events highlight the shameless wall of ignorance erected by the VA bureaucrats. Case in point is the VA’s policy regarding the Blue Water Navy veterans of Vietnam. The policy states that a ‘bright line’ can be drawn across the mouth of a flowing river, with those on the inland side of that imaginary line being ‘exposed,’ and those two feet away, on the harbor side of the line, ‘not exposed.’ Those ‘exposed’ are eligible for presumptive service connection for certain conditions, and therefore medical care and compensation, while those who served two feet away are not. We are leaving our Navy veterans out in the cold, and sadly, many of them have died and their widows have been abandoned.

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) released a report on Gulf War illness, which I find troubling. “Psychiatrists/psychologists comprised half of a panel charged with evaluating medical conditions, most probably caused by exposure to toxic chemicals. It comes as no surprise that this recent report ignores the many toxins to which Gulf War veterans were exposed and reverts to the canard that unless ‘causality’ can be proved by a specific toxin, there can be no forward movement. One would hope the VA and DOD would be looking for an ‘association’ of exposure to one or more toxic substances and the presence of adverse medical conditions, rather than placing an emphasis on the ‘mind-body continuums.’

“Yes, technically the VA is able to do what is needed without legislation,” said a senior VA official. However, the VA has made its case repeatedly that, in the absence of legislation, there will be no justice accorded veterans with Toxic Wounds, nor for their innocent children and grandchildren. America’s veterans of every generation need early passage of S. 901 and H.R. 1769, the Toxic Exposures Research Act, and vigorous oversight after enactment to ensure that VA actually does what is mandated in law; we need immediate passage of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2015, H.R. 969 and S.681; and we need to push for the extension and expansion of the Agent Orange Act of 1991, to include veterans of recent and future wars, so that a system is in place to systematically review battlefield exposures, and they won’t need to refight the battles we have.

Vietnam Veterans of America is the nation’s only congressionally chartered veterans’ service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA’s founding principle is “Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another.”

Regards,
Jerry
Veterans Incarcerated Committee Report  by Ron Trovato

On May 18th I was asked to speak at the announcement for the Warriors of Freedom Memorial at Highland Park. Val Gatto has asked that I share what I said with our membership so here goes. It was a beautiful afternoon with the Lilac Festival in full swing and the turnout for the announcement was very good with Rita and Dan Hasenauer in attendance and all of us thinking of their son Jason who gave his all to his country in Afghanistan in 2005. Nick Stefanovic of the Veterans Service Agency opened the ceremony and the Hasenauers, Joe Robach and Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo also spoke about the proposed memorial. Cheryl gave me a very kind introduction when she was done speaking.

“Thank you all for coming and it is such a privilege to be asked to speak today. I’m pinch hitting for Chapter President Valentino Gatto who couldn’t be here and I am a member of Chapter 20’s Board of Directors. It is indeed an honor to be able to tell you that Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20 is donating $30,000 to help fund this Warriors of Freedom Memorial. I have been on the Board of Directors for quite a while and I will tell you that at times we can be a rather contentious bunch. Sometimes we can’t even agree on what day of the week it is but the motion to make this donation was unanimously passed in about a minute and a half and I think that says a lot about both us and you. That we are in a position to make this donation also says a lot because we have not always been financially able to do this type of donation and I am very grateful that we can.

I find it ironic that one of VVA’s founding principles is that ‘Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another’. Times were different when we came home from Vietnam but I don’t want you to think I am standing before you as a victim. None of us Vietnam veterans here are victims. Rather I think that never again will one generation of veterans abandon another because of what VVA has done, that will never happen again, and I am very proud of that. And over there at the Vietnam Memorial are 280 heroes and I believe they had certain things in common. Exceptional bravery and sacrifice, devotion to duty and to each other, and love of country. When you share your water and ammo with the guy next to you there is a bond between you that will never be broken. That is why it is fitting that this new Memorial will be found by taking a path from our Memorial forever linking the two generations of veterans because the Warriors of Freedom are made out of the same stuff. Nick, you and Laura (Stradley) and all you other Warriors of Freedom that are here today represent the same things Vietnam vets have in common. Your generation has shown uncommon and exceptional bravery serving multiple deployments in a war without end. Many of you have made the ultimate sacrifice which is why we are here today and your love of country carries on our greatest tradition. Today we are symbolically passing the baton so to speak. In each relay race there is a moment where one runner hands the baton off to the next and for a split second both runners hands are on the baton and I think that is exactly what is happening here. You Warriors of Freedom make me feel grateful and proud and I know you are going to continue to do so. Thank you.”

Other Committee Doings:  I was a speaker at Churchville-Chili High School for two days along with several other chapter members on April 25th and 26th. The teachers always treat us so well there and the kids taking American History are just great. Kenny Allocco does a fine job setting things up and
the school principal came out to listen the second day. It can be a long, tiring visit but worth every
minute. Thanks are in order to Tom Reichert for his recent mother lode jackpot home run yarn
donation and I shipped a big box off to Attica. Ken Moore and I are scheduled to go to the Attica
Correctional Facility to see the vets there on June 10th and I am looking forward to that. Vietnam vet
Keith Armstrong passed away 5/12 and he will be missed. He was a Purple Heart recipient and served
in Company E, 3rd Battalion, 9th Infantry Division. He said “My service to my country made me the
man I am today.” I think a lot of us feel that way and no truer words could be spoken. I attended the
Armed Forces Luncheon on 5/19 and it was great to get together with so many military folks. Bing
Reeves really put the Color Guard through their paces and they really looked sharp. And the food was
very good, very unmilitary! Just the cake took up about half an acre in the back of the Diplomat. I
got a great photo taken of myself with Ray and Gail Melens which might be my Christmas card this
year. Memorial Day was great too as I marched with the Chapter in the downtown parade. Hank took
one look at Fred Elliott, Charlie Phillips and myself and had us doing pushups before we even formed
up. Then he told us to watch for problems from the civilians marching behind us which turned out to
be two girl scouts. One thing about my good friend Hank is that he never gives up on us despite one
continuous let down and failure after another. And I kept in step almost the whole route this time!
Have a great summer one and all. God Bless you Dan and Rita.
New members and guest

Highlights of the June Membership Meeting
106 People Attended

Guest Dave Ludwigsen, Army ‘69 - ‘70

New Member Jim Boehly, Army ‘67 - ‘68

New Member Arturo Hernandez, Army ’68 - ’71

New Member Mark Britton, AirForce ’71 - ’75

New Member Ray Skinner, Army ’69 - ’71

New Member Joe Giorgi, Army ’63 - ’69
Returning member Jon Phelps, Army

Flag Drawing winner, Richard Lewandowski

50/50 winner, Dan Corona

Val presenting a $1,000 Check donation to Laura Stradley, Director of the VOC
Memorial Day Events

“We often rely on symbols, like a buddy poppy, to remind us what it means to be an American. We are a nation that honors our veterans and bestows upon them the dignity and support they have earned through their service. This decision by the USPS was a step in the wrong direction, but I am grateful for the many community members who came out to support local veterans’ groups, as we paused to reflect on the immeasurable sacrifices made in defense of freedom.” County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo

Val speaking at the Vietnam Memorial site at Highland Park on Memorial Day.

Val accepting a check from Kathy Gleason in memory of Tom Gleason at the Memorial Day Chapter 20 Picnic.
Memorial Day Parade at Highland Park

Pictures by Glenn Peck
Spencerport Memorial Day Parade
Pictures by ROBERT MELVILLE
Hamlin Memorial Day Parade

Pictures by ROBERT MELVILLE
Honor Flight-Mission 60
Pictures by Glenn Peck

![Image of three children holding signs and flags]

Here they come!!
State of the County Address - 2018

Pictures by Glenn Peck
Chapter members Fred Elliott, Bill Auble and Bruce Van Apeldoorn traveled to Green Lakes State Park to play golf. If you have a NY Lifetime Liberty Pass (disable Veterans qualify) the golf is FREE. You will have to pay for a cart if you need one. Last Fall Fred and Bruce were joined by Jerry McDermott and played golf at the NYS Golf Course near Niagara Falls. If you have an interest in joining the group for golf just ask one of them. – Bruce Van Apeldoorn
Bricks from the Hanoi Hilton

Below is a photo and brief information about a brick from the demolished, infamous Hanoi Hilton. The photo with the article appears in the current issue of the VVA Magazine (page 50). The brick, one of three, was presented to the Vietnam Veterans Wall on Vietnam Veterans Day March 29th. I recognized the USAF Squadron presenting a brick as VVA Chapter 20 member Mick Cole’s old outfit. To be certain I checked with him and he provided a photo of himself with the brick. His duty, at the Wall that day was to walk among that sacred ground and allow persons to see/touch/reflect that brick.

It had to be an incredible honor for Mick to participate at that level. If you would like to contact Mick about a story his email is: mickcole@frontiernet.net. This article will be a surprise to Mick, he is not aware I have forwarded this article and pictures to the BTL.

Best. Bob Craig
Barre will dedicate new flagpole, monument for veterans on June 30

Staff Reports Posted 23 May 2018 at 8:24 am

BARRE — The Town of Barre will dedicate a new flagpole and monument for veterans at 9:30 a.m. on June 30 at the Barre Town Hall.

The family of the late Fred Daniels is donating the flagpole and plaque. The stone for the monument is being donated by Keeler Construction.

Mr. Daniels was 75 when he passed away on Oct. 22, 2014. He was a member of the Honor Guard in Orleans County for many years, and a member of the American Legion in Albion and the VFW. He also served on the Orleans County Joint Veterans Council.

Adrienne Daniels, wife of Fred Daniels, is Barre’s town historian. She welcomes the community and the Honor Guard to attend the dedication program. Don Allport, an Orleans County legislator, is Fred’s nephew. He will speak at the dedication.

A parade will follow the service. The Orleans Veterans Van Service will have vehicles available to transport veterans who want to be in the parade.

The dedication on June 30 is part of the town’s 200th anniversary celebration.
Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous.

I used to be indecisive, but now I'm not so sure.

To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.

Going to church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

You're never too old to learn something stupid.

I love the sense of camaraderie when an entire line of cars team up to prevent a jerk from cutting in at the front. Stay strong, brothers and sisters!

Shirts get dirty. Underwear gets dirty. Pants? Pants never get dirty, and you can wear them forever.

Even under ideal conditions people have trouble locating their car keys in a pocket, finding their cell phone, and Pinning the Tail on the Donkey - but I'd bet everyone can find and push the snooze button from 3 feet away, in about 1.7 seconds, eyes closed, first time, every time.

Betcha Didn't Know This:
The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for Blood plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times. Oh go ahead I'll wait...

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks. (So, watch your Ass)

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.
Board Meetings | Membership Meetings
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JULY 3, 2018 | JULY 12, 2018
AUGUST 7, 2018 | AUGUST 9, 2018
SEPTEMBER 4, 2018 | SEPTEMBER 13, 2018

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.
Your business card could be here. Contact Chapter Treasurer, Alan Frisa (afrisa@rochester.rr.com), for details.
In Memory Donations

When the simple act of placing flowers on a casket or placing stones on a headstone does not seem to be enough to honor the memory of a special someone who has passed away, one may choose to make a donation in his or her honor to commemorate the values and beliefs of the deceased. Chapter 20 VVA is committed to recognizing the sacrifices made by all military personnel in every branch of the armed forces. The memory of the deceased veteran is honored in the continuous work and service carried out by the dedicated Chapter members and associates. The monetary donations sent by individuals help make it possible to continue serving veterans and their families. The combined efforts of donors, lawmakers, members, and associates have far-reaching effects on the quality of all our lives.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20 offers several ways of commemorating a special person. One of those ways is the Memorial Walk at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Walk is a pathway of bricks inscribed with the names of individuals who have served their country with valor. Their names will forever remain a reminder of the dedication and tenacity demonstrated by the thousands of men and women who have served in the U. S. Armed Forces.

If you wish to make a monetary donation directly to Chapter 20 in support of all the functions and services they provide to veterans and their families, send your check or money order payable to Chapter 20, VVA:

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E-Benefits Portal Site
https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal

Enrollment/Eligibility
http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility
Health Resource Center 1-877-222-8387 (VETS)

OEF / OIF
http://www.oefoif.va.gov

Women Veterans Benefits Line
http://www.va.gov/womenvet
1-855-829-6636

Dental Care

Copays
http://www1.va.gov/CBO/brochures.asp
Health Resource Center 1-877-222-8387

Suicide Prevention Hotline
1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

Prosthetics
http://www.prosthetics.va.gov

My HealtheVet
http://www.myhealth.va.gov

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465 Westfall Rd  
463-2600)

Veterans Outreach Center  
459 South Avenue  
546-1081

VA Vet Center  
232-5040

Veterans Administration  
800-827-1000

Monroe County Veterans Service Agency  
753-6040

e-mail: serviceofficer@yahoo.com

VA Veterans Benefits Hotline  
800-827-1000

Women Veterans Call Center  
888-829-6636

VA Medical Center in Batavia  
297-1000

VA Hospital in Buffalo  
716-834-9200

VA Medical Center in Canandaigua  
394-2000

VA Medical Center in Bath  
607-664-4000

Vietnam Veterans of America National  
00-882-1316

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund  
202-393-0090

National League of Families

POW/MIA Updates  
202-223-6846

Richards House at VOC  
506-9060

The Resource Center at VOC  
546-4250

Stars & Stripes – The Flag Store  
546-3524

National Caregivers Support Line  
855-260-3274

Homeless Hotline  
877-424-3838

Crisis Hotline  
800-273-8255

**WEB SITES / EMAIL ADDRESSES**

Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park  
www.rochestervietnammemorial.org/The_Memorial

VVA New York State Council  
www.nyvietnamvets.org

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