

Between The Lines

MAY 2025 Episode 126



MEMORIAL DAY

"Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it. It flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it." —Unknown

ATTENTION IMPORTANT INFORMATION



Everyone must use the front entrance to the Chili Recreation Center. The Exit Doors in the meeting rooms are now alarmed. No Exceptions!

Per Chili Recreation Dept.

For Chapter 20 members/guests with mobility issues:

There are walkers and electric scooters available at the main entrance to Chili Recreation Center

MEMBERSHIP and BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS are now at

TOWN OF CHILI COMMUNITY CENTER

3237 Chili Avenue Rochester, NY 14624

Room 218 (Banquet Room) 6:30pm – 8:45pm monthly

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

President's Message

I want to thank everyone who attended last month's meeting and supported your current officers for another two-year term. Depending on what National decides, these next two years could prove to be particularly important for the future of our Chapter.

With Spring comes the beginning of Honor Flight Missions for this year. The dates for the Spring missions returning are May 4th, June 1st and June 22nd. For those who are on those missions we look forward to welcoming you home. For those who have been and those waiting to go, I strongly encourage you to be at the airport to be part of the welcoming crowd. Our color guard will be leading the procession for Mission 88.

On May 17th, we celebrate Armed Forces Day and thank all those who are currently serving our country either on active duty or as reservists. Their willingness to serve assures the security of our country and the freedoms we all enjoy.

May 25th is Memorial Day, a day we pause and remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. We will be holding our annual Memorial Day ceremony at 1:00 PM (1300) at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park. Please attend as we remember not only those of our brothers whose names are on the bollards, but also all who died in all the wars of our nation.

Lynn is still looking for members to staff the trailer at the Lilac Festival. If you can help, please contact Lynn and let him know your availability. Not only does this provide outreach to the community, but you meet a lot of interesting people.

This August, delegates from the Chapter will be traveling to New Orleans for the National Convention. At that time, I am hoping we will finally get some direction as to what National's plans are for the future. Once we know what is going on with National, we can begin to plan for the future of our Chapter.

I hope to see you at the May 8th meeting beginning at 6:30. Till then, take care and stay safe.

Charles Klauck, President

MORE FROM THE ANNUAL DINNER





COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Brendan Mannion, Manager

Nina Fairbanks Glass, Community Ambassor

MISSION BBQ











CHAPTER 20 OUT AND ABOUT



Churchville-Chili School District

(Left to Right) Chuck Macaluso, Joe Peck, Ron Trovato, Ken Allocco, Mike Sanfilippo, Fred Elliott, Jim Lamey

HOW OLD ARE WE???

We have been going to this school before some of the students were born. When we go to a school we all introduce ourselves with our name, high school, Branch of service, and where we worked after we got out. Most of us went to Kodak.

Get ready for this - One of the students asked "What is Kodak?"

We are that old!



Remembering Our Fallen Heroes Born In May

Website - http://rochestervietnammemorial.org/





Neidermeier, Thomas David	5-1-1947
Petramalo, Thomas	5-6-1936
Quinn, Ronald Gene	5-6-1943
McCarthy Jr., Carl R.	5-6-1950
Pringle, James Edward	5-8-1949
Parker Jr., George Joseph	5-10-1941
Daniels, Rex Martin	5-10-1950
Beltran, Frank Joseph	5-11-1948
Kleinhans, Lawrence C.	5-14-1947
Ludwig, Larry George	5-15-1947
Roczen, Alexander Anthony	5-16-1947
Henderson, Robert Caufeld	5-17-1947
Schumacher, Jeffrey David	5-17-1950
Cartwright, Thomas Clark	5-18-1943
Reed, David N.	5-28-1951
Redding, Walter Lee	5-30-1949



Friends of the Memorial

To be placed on the volunteer contact list, contact Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com

Memorial Tours & Presentations

Persons interested in on-site tours or presentations at schools or organizations, contact Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com

POW/MIA CHAIRMAN JOE PECK







There are currently no new reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the National League of Families and the DOD of any Vietnam service members being recovered, returned and identified this month. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War still stands at 1,573.

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

- CWO Charles G. Benthien, US Army was captured Apr. 9, 1942 at the surrender of Bataan, Philippines. He died Jan. 9, 1945 on board the Japanese transport ship Enoura Maru in Takao, Taiwan. He was accounted for Feb. 25, 2025.
- 2nd Lt. William B. Bucey, US Army was captured Apr. 9, 1942 at the surrender of Bataan, Philippines. He died Oct. 31, 1944 at the Cabanatuan Prison Camp #1 in Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He was accounted for Mar. 3, 2025.
- Pfc. George Armand Curley Jr., US Army was captured Nov. 30, 1950 at Kunu-Ri, North Korea. He died Feb or March of 1951 at Camp #5 at Pyoktong, North Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 3, 2025.
- Staff Sgt. Russell O. Chitwood, US Army Air Corps was lost Jan. 3, 1943 near LaBaule, France in the Bay of Biscay. He was accounted for on Mar. 4, 2025.
- Cpl. Lester William Bauer, US Army He was lost July 27, 1950 at Jinju, South Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 4, 2025.
- Seaman 2nd Class Jerome Martin Mullaney US Navy was lost June 8, 1944 on board the USS Glennon off the coast of France during the D-Day invasion. He was accounted for on Mar. 10, 2025.
- Pfc Lee I. Clendenning, US Army Air Corps was lost Dec. 7, 1941 at Hickam Airfield, Oahu, Hawaii. He was accounted for on Mar. 11, 2025.
- Cpl. Joshua Corruth, US Army was lost Oct. 8, 1950 at Kwang-Ju, South Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 13, 2025.
- Capt. Charles Graham Gibson, US Army was lost Dec. 11, 1950 at Hagaru-ri, North Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 17, 2025.

- Sgt. George Carey Manring, US Army was lost Dec. 6, 1950 at Hagaru-ri, North Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 17, 2025.
- Pvt. Blanchard E. Pruitt, US Army was captured Apr. 9, 1942 at the surrender of Bataan, Philippines. He died Jan. 1, 1943 at the Cabanatuan Prison Camp #1 in Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He was accounted for Mar. 17, 2025.
- Sgt. John A. Pagliuso, US Army Air Corps was lost Oct. 5, 1942 near Papua, New Guinea. He was accounted for on Mar. 17, 2025.
- Capt. Ralph L. Rowland, US Army was captured Apr. 9, 1942 at the surrender of Bataan, Philippines. He died Jan. 9, 1945 on board the Japanese transport ship Enoura Maru in Takao, Taiwan. He was accounted for Mar. 18, 2025.
- 1st Lt. William Harold Hott, US Army was lost Dec. 1, 1950 near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 18, 2025.
- 2nd Lt. Charles Arnao, US Army was captured Apr. 9, 1942 at the surrender of Bataan, Philippines. He died Jan. 9, 1945 on board the Japanese transport ship Enoura Maru in Takao, Taiwan. He was accounted for Mar. 18, 2025.
- Cpl. James M. Walker, US Army was captured Apr. 9, 1942 at the surrender of Bataan, Philippines. He died Jan. 1, 1943 at the Cabanatuan Prison Camp #1 in Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He was accounted for Mar. 19, 2025.
- Cpl. Delmer Ray Grissom, US Army was captured Nov. 8, 1950 at Parwon Myon, North Korea. He died Apr. 30 1951 at Camp #5 at Pyoktong, North Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 20, 2025.
- Pfc. Roland Lee Bowser., US Army was captured Nov. 2, 1950 at Usan, North Korea. He died June 5, 1951 at Camp #5 at Pyoktong, North Korea. He was accounted for on Mar. 21, 2025.
- Sgt. Clarence E. Gibbs, US Army Air Corps was lost Dec. 29, 1944 at Bingen, Germany. He was accounted for on Mar. 24, 2025
- Cpl. John Wesley Ruark, US Marine Corps was captured Apr. 9, 1942 at the surrender of Bataan, Philippines. He died Nov. 19, 1942 at the Cabanatuan Prison Camp #1 in Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He was accounted for Mar. 25, 2025.
- Bruce H. Penny, US Army was captured Apr. 9, 1942 at the surrender of Bataan, Philippines. He died Nov. 22, 1942 at the Cabanatuan Prison Camp #1 in Nueva Ecija, Philippines. He was accounted for Mar. 25, 2025.
- Pfc. John Henry Newstrom, US Marine Corps Reserve was lost Sept. 28, 1944 at Peleliu, Palau Island. He was accounted for on Mar. 28, 2025.

UNTIL ALL OUR MISSING SERVICE MEN AND WOMAN HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTED FOR, WE WILL <u>NEVER</u> GIVE UP HOPE THAT THEY WILL NO LONGER LIE IN FOREIGN LANDS OR WATERS AND WILL FINALLY BE RETURNED TO THEIR FAMILIES AND A GRATEFUL NATION.

"WELCOME HOME BROTHERS AND REST IN PEACE"











MEMBERSHIP REPORT

by Charles Klauck, Chairman, Membership Affairs

Chapter 20 membership is currently at 613 members and AVVA membership is at 35 members as of 04/29/2025.

There are many eligible veterans or past members out there waiting to be asked to join or rejoin. Membership is the backbone of any organization. The pool of eligible veterans out there is shrinking but we can still bring in new members to the Chapter. Please extend an invitation to anyone you know who is eligible and not currently a member.

Chapter 20 membership is open to U.S. Veterans who served on active duty (other than for training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between November 1, 1955, and May 07, 1975, or any duty location between August 05, 1964, and May 07, 1975. Please note the new dates for in-country veterans.

Membership includes a subscription to our award-winning newsletter, Between the Lines, 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.

Membership in the Associate of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) is open to anyone; you do not need to be a veteran. Membership in the AVVA has been static for some time. If you know of someone who might be interested, invite them to join.

We need new members! Membership applications are available on our website, in this newsletter, or by contacting me, Charles Klauck (chask809@outlook.com). Completed applications should be sent to Charles Klauck, 809 Tinker Tavern Rd, Webster, NY 14580. To facilitate the processing of the application, please include a copy of your DD-214 and a check for \$50.00 payable to VVA Chapter 20.

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc



Application for Membership

Welcome to all Veterans who served during the Vietnam Era

Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between *November 1*, 1955, and *May 7*, 1975, or in any duty location between *August 5*, 1964, and *May 7*, 1975.

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CHAPTER NUMBER (Optional): Chapter	20, Rochester	
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VVA has only one category of memb	pership – LIFE MEMB	ER, \$50: 💽
ATTENTION: YOU MUST SUBMIT A APPLICATION AND PAYN		
PAYMENT METHOD:		
Check (Made payable to VVA Chapter 20)	Money Order	Credit Card
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Please return this application, copy of y	our DD-214 and pay	ment to:
Mr. Charles H. Klauck 809 Tinker Tavern Road Webster, NY 14580-8944		

IT'S FESTIVAL TIME!

and Chapter 20 needs your help!

Our VVA resource trailer will be in its usual location for the upcoming Lilac Festival, and Lynn Gursslin is coordinating staffing for this.

Please sign up for a 2-hour slot to staff the trailer during its open hours 10am - 4pm May 9th to May 18th

Parking is available at the trailer (2 spots)

Email Lynn at lynngursslin@gmail.com and let him know if you will cover

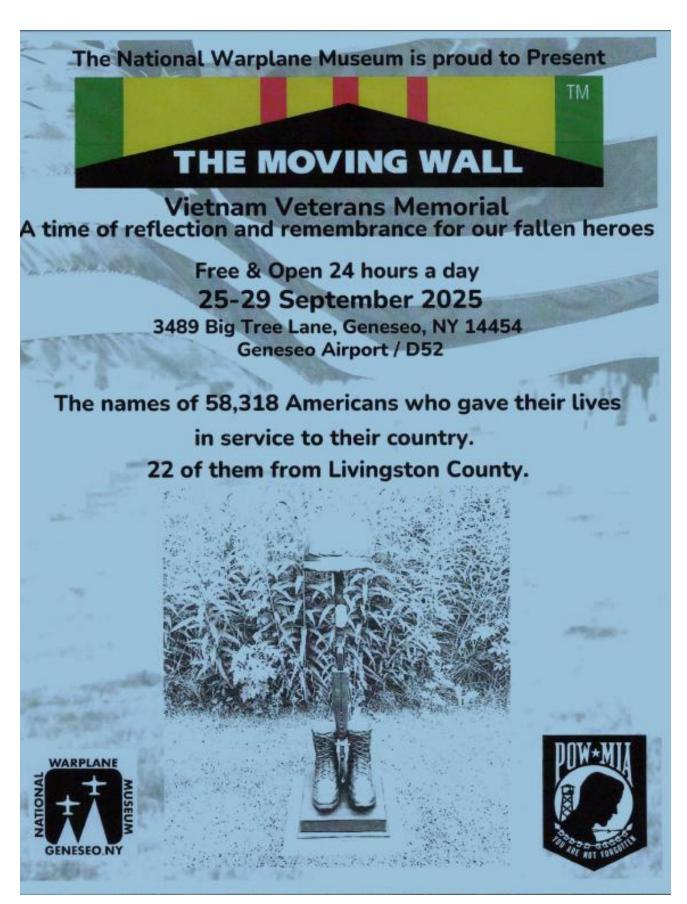
> 10am - Noon Noon - 2pm 2pm - 4pm

Memorial Day

1pm at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
175 Highland Ave Rochester NY

Honoring those who gave their lives while protecting the lives of others throughout the world.

Please join us in a ceremony honoring our local heroes from the Vietnam and War on Terror.



VIETNAM & WAR ON TERROR MEMORIAL CLEAN UP

WHEN: SATURDAY MAY 3RD

FROM: 08:00-12:00

LOCATION: 175 HIGHLAND AVE, ROCHESTER, NY 14620

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL: CHUCKMAC66@YAHOO.COM AMYFOLWELL@YAHOO.COM



The Chaplain's Corner

Brothers and Sisters of VVA Chapter 20:

I want to remind everyone how important communication is among our membership. It is common for a member or their loved ones to have health issues as we age, and Chapter 20 members have always been supportive during these times.

It is important for all of us to stay in touch, call for a "Buddy Check," to pop over for a visit, or go out to eat. Our mental health is as important as our physical health! If you hear anything, please call me at 585-227-3426, or email me at tpuff@frontiernet.net. Thank you! God Bless and Stay Well !!!!!!!

In Memoriam

We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of those members who have passed from our ranks in the past year.

Terry B. Blanchard	05/24/24
Wayne F. Miller	05/29/24
John M. Kiereck	06/01/24
Laurence P. Gaudino	06/02/24
Robert M. Kasprzyk	07/08/24
Eugene Lenyk	08/20/24
Edward W. Rebis	09/06/24
Edward R. Bauer	09/16/24
Bernard A. Connolly	11/01/24
Larry K. Kindler	11/05/24
Gary L. Wood	11/23/24
Robert J. Dominik	11/30/24
Gerald M. Daniels	01/20/25
Gregory T. Graham	03/18/25
Jack V. Overton	03/26/25
Dennis G. Houser	04/01/25

Vietnam Veterans Legacy Foundation, Inc.

Deliberations about the future of Chapter 20 of the Vietnam Veterans of America led the Finance Committee to explore the concept of leaving a legacy. In 2023, the Vietnam Veterans Legacy Foundation, Inc. was established. In its first year of giving, the Foundation donated to three recipients in the Monroe/Ontario/Wayne county area. Embracing the belief that "the more we have, the more we can give," the Foundation is appreciative of any and all contributions from the community to continue giving assistance to veterans, their spouses and families in times of need.

The Foundation invites the community to support our mission through individual and corporate donations of any amount.

Contributions may be made online by going to our website: https://www.vvlfoundation.org/

and clicking on the "Donate Now" Paypal Button, or by sending Mail-in Contributions to:

Vietnam Veterans Legacy Foundation P.O. Box 93036 Rochester, NY 14692

24/7, confidential crisis support for **Veterans and their loved ones**



If you're a Veteran in crisis or concerned about one, reach caring, trained responders 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

When you call the Veterans Crisis Line, here is what you can expect:

- A qualified responder will answer your call, ready to listen and help.
- The responder will ask a few questions, such as whether you or the Veteran you're concerned about may be in immediate danger or at risk for suicide.
- The conversation is free and confidential, and you decide how much information to share.
- Support doesn't end with your conversation. Our responders can connect you with the resources you need.

You don't have to be enrolled in VA benefits or health care to connect.

You're not alone— the **Veterans Crisis Line** is here for you.





Scan the QR code to download **Veterans Crisis Line** resources.



You have questions. VA has answers. Call VA today. 1-800-MyVA411

(1-800-698-2411)

The number to call when you don't know who to call.

You only need to remember **one number** for information on **VA care, benefits, and services** or to speak to a **live agent** for assistance!



1-800-MyVA411 serves all members of the Veteran and service member community seeking information or assistance

.Explore VA.gov to learn about your benefits

VA is here for you.

1-800-MyVA411 (1-800-698-2411) is always the right number for information and assistance.

Or call directly:

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, Chat, or Text 838255

Homeless Veteran Resources: 1-877-424-3838 or Chat

White House VA Hotline: 1-855-948-2311

The Historical Archives of Chapter 20 Newsletters

By Joe Peck

After several years of searching and digitizing all of the newsletters published by Chapter 20, the historical archives of the Forward Observer and the Between the Lines is now available for viewing on the Chapter 20 website. This is our history from 1981 to our present day.

In addition to this, hard copies of all these publications with the permission of the donors will be donated to the Vietnam Veterans history section of the Rundle Library in downtown Rochester for future generations to view and get an insight of the history of Chapter 20.

Board Meetings	Membership Meetings
MAY 6, 2025	MAY 8, 2025
JUN 3, 2025	JUN 12, 2025
JUL 1, 2025	JUL 10, 2025
AUG 5, 2025	AUG 14, 2025
SEP 2, 2025	SEP 11, 2025
OCT 7, 2025	OCT 9, 2025
NOV 4, 2025	NOV 13, 2025
DEC 2, 2025	DEC 11, 2025

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO THE CHILI COMMUNITY CENTER 3237 Chili Avenue, Rochester, NY 14624

The Building is basically located behind the Target store, but you have to preced to the next left hand turn past the Fire House. Turn onto Old Scottsville-Chili Road, and then another left turn at the digital sign. Proceed straight back to the Community Center.

From the EAST: Heading West on 490, take Exit 5-RT 386 Chili Center (this is the second exit past the Buffalo Rd. exit). Turn left on Chili-Coldwater Rd. and proceed to Chili Ave. Turn right on Chili Ave. Take the first left after the fire house. This is Old Scottsville Chili Rd. (RT 386). There is a Kwik Fill station on the corner. Take the next left at the digital sign and proceed to the Center, straight back. It is approximately 2 miles from the 490 exit to the Community Center.

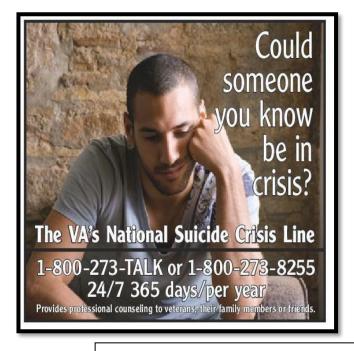
From the West: Heading East on 490, take Exit 5-RT 386 Chili Center. Turn right on Chili-Coldwater Rd. and proceed to Chili Ave. Turn right on Chili Ave. Take the first left after the fire house. This is Old Scottsville Chili Rd. (RT 386). There is a Kwik Fill station on the corner. Take the next left at the digital sign and proceed to the Center, straight back. It is approximately 2 miles from the 490 exit to the Community Center.

From the South: Take Ballantyne, Archer and Paul Roads to Chili Ave. and turn left.

From the North: Heading South on Howard Road to Chili Ave. Turn right on Chili Ave. and proceed to Chili Center.









Your business card could be here. Contact Chapter Treasurer, William Schrader, wjs77mbox@gmail.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. PLEASE NOTE: Veterans Walk Engraved Brick Orders Will No Longer Be Accepted After Memorial Day 2025.

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:

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20 P.O. Box 12580 Rochester, NY 14612

PLEASE NOTE: Due to space limitations, Veterans Walk Engraved Brick Orders Will No Longer Be Accepted After Memorial Day 2025

Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic



Rochester Calkins VA Clinic 260 Calkins Road Rochester, NY 14623 585 463- 2600

Hours of Operation for Rochester VA Clinic: Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Extended hours by appointment

Parking is free and the Clinics are handicapped accessible.

Rochester Calkins VA Clinic offers:

Primary Care
Pharmacy
Podiatry
Respiratory/Sleep
Psychiatry
Eye Care
Radiology
Cardiology

Dental
Laboratory
Prosthetic
Home Based Primary Care
Audiology/Speech Pathology
Dermatology
Women's Health
Gastroenterology

VA Health Care Benefits Contacts and References

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

Dental Care

http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/resources/publications/IB10-442_dental_benefits_for_veterans_2_14.pdf

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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Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park

www.rochestervietnammemorial.org/The_Memorial

VVA New York State Council

www.nyvietnamvets.org

Honor Flight

www.HonorFlightRochester.org