Happy New Year!

VVA Chapter 20/AVVA Holiday Party

PG. 7
Veterans Outreach Center

PG. 12
The M-79 Grenade Launcher

Together Then...Together Now
November, as always, started out very busy. Veterans Day was extremely hectic for the chapter. At 6:30 A.M., Dr. Pete had a group of veterans who came and had a brief ceremony and silent vigil to remember all of our veterans. Around that same time, Barry Culhane had the RIT ROTC program members run from RIT to the memorial for a ceremony and then run back to RIT. This year there was television coverage in the morning at the memorial. First, John and Kay Lennox represented the Chapter at the War Memorial ceremony at 11:00 A.M. and presented a beautiful wreath in memory of all our country’s veterans. John and Kay also placed the wreath at our ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at 6:00 P.M. and, as always, Ray and the entire Marching Unit did an exceptional job. Also, Denise Prohaska of the Liberty Partnership-Life Program brought her high school students from Albion, Brockport and Medina Schools to the ceremony and they passed out flowers to all veterans as they have done for many years. The veterans love it and I am not sure what we would do if they weren’t there. Denise, thank you and all the students who have participated, for your love and thoughtfulness toward all veterans. During the day, Ron Trovato, Kathy Ryan, Fred Elliott, Pat Pudetti and I visited Groveland Correctional Facility for a luncheon and ceremony that was extremely well attended by veterans in the facility with a very nice lunch provided. Each of us got to speak but Ron, as always, stood out. He has a way of speaking and saying what needs to be said in a way that helps motivate all present.

I know that I saw several emails about the attendance and lack of media coverage at the memorial at night. For many, they wondered why so little was done by the media on such a special day for veterans. I cannot answer that, but I would hope it changes going forward. As far as the attendance being down, I did not see that big a difference, and when you consider all of the different ceremonies both locally and on a national level, I think it is important to realize that all veterans have special ways of remembering Veterans Day and their buddies. None are more right or better, but are the ways our brothers and sisters choose to remember. Success should never be judged by attendance, but by the time each of us spent honoring veterans.

I have to apologize for the November membership meeting being cancelled at the last minute. This is two months in a row where someone at IRA Jacobsen has scheduled an event in place of our meeting, which is planned well ahead of time. Dick Oleksyn has promised that he has looked into this, and the situation will not occur again. For those who came from a long distance, I apologize and ask that you come to our next meeting in January.

Jack and Bev Prinzing once again ran a great Thanksgiving Food Basket program for the homeless and needy veterans and their families in our area. Many Chapter members and community volunteers showed up to help out. Once again this year I delivered to Mr. Robert Owens in the city. He is always so thankful for what we bring him and I talked for about 15 minutes with him about how he was doing. He loves the company and always has thank you cards for all the people involved in the project. Robert, I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and may God bless you in the coming year. Thank you to all that helped, and a special thank you to Jack and Bev for all their time and leadership on the project.

Once again the Chapter’s Marine Corps contingent met at Gunny’s on North Greece Road and shared friendship and camaraderie. Gunny once again supplied the cake and the sword and the cutting of the cake, and all joined in as we sang the Marine Corps Hymn. Thanks, Ray, for pulling this together.

The 25th anniversary committee is working hard on planning the event, as well as developing fundraisers to help subsidize the event for all. I know they are planning on making the 25th anniversary a time we will never forget.

The executive committee and Barb have been working hard at updating the policies and procedures, and Rich Isaman has been working many hours with the LLC on the budget process for the budget meeting on December 8, 2005. The meeting will double as the budget and the board meeting and the results will be presented to the membership at the January meeting. Over the last three months, the LLC has transferred $17,000 to the Chapter and we have sold two of our three houses, accounting for almost another $12,000. We have paid all of our donations for the year totaling $26,900 and sent out all the checks for the scholarships totaling $4,000. The LCC continues to do well and November appears to be another good month.

This year Joanne and I helped out on John Owens’ campaign for Supreme Court. John is Joanne’s first husband and will make an excellent judge. He not only is an excellent litigator but has a wealth of personal experience to draw on to make excellent legal decisions. I also competed my third quarter at RIT in the Health Systems Administration Masters Program and feel totally exhausted. Joanne and I just returned from Atlanta where we went to vacation with
Brian and Eileen Wirpsa. We had a great time and got a chance to rest for the first time in quite a while. Thanks, Brian and Eileen for your love and hospitality.

We are now past the holiest time of the year, a time for us all to reflect back on God’s blessings. I want to thank everyone for their help and support last year. It was a year of change, but one that saw everyone pitch in to make things work. I also want to thank all our workers in the LLC and their board for working so hard and bringing the business to a new level. Let us all pray for all our members and our troops everywhere that this new year will be a happy and joyous one and that we will soon see peace on earth and good will toward all. As always God Bless. Nelson

2006 VVA Chapter 20
Membership Meetings

2nd Thursday of the month
beginning at 7:30 p.m.
(unless otherwise noted) located at
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January 12th
February 9th
March 9th
April 13th 6:00 PM
May 11th
June 8th
July 13th
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September 14th
October 12th
November 9th
No December meeting

Marching Unit/Honor Guard
Dinner Dance
February 18, 2006

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Marching Unit
Ray Melens, Commander

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! I hope everyone had a great Holiday Season. Hopefully 2006 will be a much better year for many of us and just as good as 2005 for many others. I’m sure nobody put on any extra pounds either during this festive time of year. Just kidding! Marching Unit members hopefully will still be able to fit into their uniforms again by May.

As usual this past Veterans Day service at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was very chilling, but at the same time very heartwarming. Our service paid tribute to our 280 Brother veterans enshrined there and we were fortunate again to have the many students that come every year from the Holley, Medina and Brockport school districts to attend the ceremony and after the ceremony pass out carnations to all of the veterans. It is good to know that some schools are still teaching our children about what it is and what it means to be a veteran, and more importantly to be a proud American.

Which brings me to my next thought. Again this is only my thoughts and feelings on this subject. I noticed this year that there was no news media in attendance for our ceremony. That does not bother me because we don’t need them there to conduct our ceremonies and pay tribute and respect to our fallen Brothers. But what really bothered me was the fact that there was basically NO news media coverage of the many veteran ceremonies and services that take place throughout our local area. I did see on one TV Channel there was a story about a WWII veteran that finally got his Purple Heart medal awarded to him. Nothing on the service conducted annually at the War Memorial downtown or on any of the many Legion Posts that I know conduct their own services. The following morning I thought that there would at least be something in the paper about some of the previous day’s services. Not one word!! I don’t know about anyone else but I felt that this year it was like Veterans Day never existed in the eyes of the news media. Must be that Veterans were not on their priority list this year. In case you haven’t detected it yet, I was very displeased and upset with our local news people this past Veterans Day. There is a lot more I could say on this subject but I need to get back down off my soapbox and get back to focusing on current issues.

When our service was finished at the Memorial, we held, for the very first time, a tailgate party. Ralph Pascale made and brought a pot of chili, bread, butter, utensils etc. Some other members also brought coffee and corn bread. Everything was just great. Next year we now know that we just need to bring more food. The best part of this and the reason behind it was the camaraderie enjoyed by all after a touching ceremony. It gives us all some time to socialize and enjoy each other’s company instead of just getting in our cars and driving off into the night. This is a word that means a lot to members of the Marching Unit and Honor Guard, CAMARADERIE! And this tailgate party just proved it again. Thanks to Ralph and the others that pitched in to make this work. NICE JOB, GANG!!

The Marching Unit/Honor Guard Dinner Dance is now scheduled for Saturday, February 18th at the Hilton Firemen’s Exempt Hall again. This year we decided to hold it as close as possible to Valentine’s Day. We will have a DJ, raffles, 50/50, some door prizes, a catered buffet dinner and, of course, the
Marching Unit Awards. YES, Gag Awards again also. I suggest that you mark your calendar now and prepare for a fun evening. Tickets will be available at the January membership meeting. This year they will cost $10/person and $15/couple. More details will be available in next month’s report in the BTL. You must have a ticket to attend. This is the only way we can get an accurate head count for the caterer. If you can not attend the January membership meeting and want to attend the Dinner/Dance just email me or call me and I will make arrangements to get with you and sell you the desired amount of tickets you want. This event is open to ALL members of Chapter 20 and anyone else that wishes to attend. I look forward to seeing you all there on February 18th.

The Honor Guard will resume meeting again at 7:00 PM before the January membership meeting. We will again meet upstairs. The Honor Guard and the Marching Unit as well are always looking for a 'FEW GOOD MEN & WOMEN' to join our ranks. If interested, just attend a meeting and get with me and we’ll see about getting you started.

Until next month............... AT EASE!!!!!!!!!

Incarcerated Veterans
By Ron Trovato

Veterans Day is always special with Chapter 603 at the Groveland Correctional Facility. Fred Elliot, Pat Pudetti, Nelson Peck and I attended the Veterans Day Service there, which included a full course meal. Chapter President Brad Kaopuiki served as master of ceremonies and my congratulations for a job well done. There were about 50 veterans present. Other outside guests included Pete Roesser of Pointman Ministries, Rev. Jenks and Susan Verbeke from the Albany Dept. of Corrections Veterans Affairs Office. I counted nine special guests in attendance, which speaks volumes as to the place that Chapter 603 and the Veterans Residential Treatment Program at Groveland Lane ranks in New York State. For the first time we got to meet Brad Kaopuiki and many others like Delano Grant who was recognized for his contributions to the VRTP there. It was very nice to see Ernie Bullock and James “OC” O’Connor, past Chapter 205 Presidents, once again and catch up on old times. They really laid out the red carpet for us there and we were all given the opportunity to address the membership about what Veterans Day really means to us, and to thank everyone present for their service to their country. An award was given to Jim Strollo, who has been an effective and accessible contact for us at Groveland. Chapter 20 was also given an award thanking us for our support of the veterans there and it was indeed a pleasure to spend part of Veterans Day with the guys at Groveland.

Chapter 205’s last general membership meeting at the Auburn Correctional Facility raised $257.00 in donations from chapter members towards their annual Christmas drive. Other recent donations were received from the Rev. Dr. Paul Partridge and past chapter President James O’Connor, now at Groveland. We note also that the Rev. Paul Freemesser has been associated with Chapter 205 for twenty years now and we thank him for his always inspirational prayers at chapter meetings.

The Probation Officers Association is sponsoring another clothing drive to benefit the thrift store. According to POA President Andre Smith, donations will be collected during the period 11/28 through 12/12. Every year POA organizes this event for us and donations always increase. We do appreciate their designating VVA Chapter 20 as the recipient of their donations.

POW-MIA
Gail Bologna-Melens, Coordinator

We start the New Year, 2006, with 1,814 service personnel still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War alone.

Captain Eugene D. Hamilton, USAF, of Alabama was listed as MIA on January 31, 1966. He was repatriated on March 4, 2005 and identified on October 10, 2005.

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Open to all members of Chapter 20 and anyone else who wishes to attend

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Tickets available at the January 2006 membership meeting or contact Ray Melens
Dear Mr. Peck,

This holiday season, as you celebrate with family and friends, please think about reaching out to men and women who have served our military - veterans who have put their lives on hold for all of us. Surely, we are all thankful for the lives we have - lives that would not be the same without each veteran’s personal gift of freedom. This holiday season, the Veterans Outreach Center not only asks for your support, we need your support for this nation’s newest veterans coming home every day.

“The Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) is the perfect bridge for any veteran in need,” 29-year-old David passionately states. “However, the most ‘beautiful’ aspects of humanity reveal themselves in some of the worst circumstances, especially war. You lay your life down for another human being, regardless of race or religion. But when soldiers are sent home, many of us are broken - spiritually, physically and mentally. Many of us fall through the cracks of an overburdened Veterans Administration. To a veteran, the VOC is a bridge over those painful chasms of life.”

An Army veteran with two tours of duty in Iraq, David knows the pain - and the “beauty” he speaks of - associated with war. He is a father to a five-year-old son who has not seen daddy for almost two years because of David’s selfless service to his country. The hardship of war not only affects the veteran; it can ravage a family. Now, more than ever, the VOC is essential to veterans who need us. David’s chosen life is as an infantryman - now, his personal passion is to help other veterans build bridges to successful civilian lives with help from the Veterans Outreach Center.

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On behalf of all veterans, I wish you the happiest of holidays. I am personally thankful for all the Rochester community continues to do for veterans.

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The M79 was a single shot, shoulder fired, break-barrel loading weapon which fired a spherical 40mm diameter grenade. The M-406 40mm HE grenades fired from the M79 traveled at a muzzle velocity of 75 meters per second, and contained enough explosive within a steel casing that upon impact with the target would produce over 300 fragments at 1,524 meters per second within a lethal radius of up to 5 meters (?). Stabilised in flight by the spin imparted on it by the rifled barrel the grenade rotated at 3,700rpm, this in turn after 15 meters(?) of flight armed the grenade.

For close range fighting the Army came up with two types of M79 rounds. The first was a flechette round which housed approx 45 small darts in a plastic casing, these rounds were issued on an experimental basis. Later this round was replaced by the M-576 buckshot round. This round contained twenty-seven 00 buckshot which on firing was carried down the barrel in a 40mm plastic sabot, which slowed down in flight so the pellets could travel in their forward direction un-aided. The M79 could also fire smoke grenades, CS gas, and flares.

The M79 had a large flip up sight situated half way down the barrel, with a basic leaf foresight fixed at the end of the barrel. The rear sight was calibrated up to 375 meters in 25 meter intervals. In the hands of a good experienced Grenadier the M79 was highly accurate up to 200 meters. Later in the war the M79 was superseded by the M203 40mm launcher which was fixed beneath the foregrip of the M16 rifle.

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