Chapter 20 and AVVA elections are in April

Please consider stepping up and running for one of the open positions.

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Tribute to Meg Lewczyk

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Award Nomination Forms

Together Then...Together Now
The big events in December were the holidays and I hope that everyone had a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year. I know that our holidays were extra special this year. On Christmas Day our family, especially my daughter Anna and her husband, were blessed with a baby boy at 1:36. His name is Nicholas Joseph and he weighed in at 8 pounds 13 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. He had a minor problem with jaundice, but as of today the little guy and family are doing well. We also spent some very special time with Brian and Eileen Wirpsa in Atlanta and came back somewhat refreshed to deal with two more courses toward my master’s degree.

On December 8th the board and any other interested parties met to go over the proposed chapter budget. It does appear that the chapter income may be a bit higher in the coming year, but the board has put together a very conservative budget based on our most recent history. In almost all cases all committees except office expenses remained at current levels. Office expenses were reduced. The BTL was kept the same, but options were provided by Bruce as to how to cut, if necessary, down the road. Like with every budget, not everybody was happy, but the process was completed in a reasonable timeframe and I believe everyone was satisfied in the end. I want to thank the board for their open and honest participation and especially the input received from Bruce McDaniel, who spent hours talking and working with Adnet to come up with alternatives, making sure we maintained the quality of the BTL. Bruce has also written an extensive procedure for doing the entire BTL process, which is exceptional. His involvement since our newsletters were started in the 80’s is the main reason for our continued success and our four “Newsletter of the Year” awards. Bruce thank you for everything you have done during my terms as president.

December and early January have been a very difficult time for many of our members and a local soldier’s family. On December 29, 2005, Jason D. Hasenauer was killed in Afghanistan. He was 21 and was survived by his parents, his fiancé and daughter, and 3 brothers. Leslie James, sister of Cindy Rowley, our car operation manager, died of cancer on December 27, 2005, and was survived by her husband and children, mother and sisters and brothers and family. Dave Hooker’s brother, Daniel, passed away suddenly of a heart attack on December 26, 2005 at the age of 51. He was survived by his wife and children, mother, brothers and sisters and several grandchildren. On January 1, 2006, Ray and Jack Madigan’s father, Raymond, passed away at the age of 85. He was survived by his children, 21 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren and sisters and brother and family. Today, as I was writing my article, I learned of the death in a violent car crash of Jamie Isaman, son of Rich and Kathy Isaman. Jamie was also survived by his sister and her daughter, his grandmother and family. Rich is the Chapter’s 2nd Vice President and has worked extremely hard to help us become stabilized over the last 2 years. Rich is also a very special friend who I look to for patience and guidance. My prayers go out to him and to all the families, and I ask all of you to keep all of the deceased and their families in your prayers.

I would like to remind all of you to keep in mind the openings on the executive committee and the board for this year’s elections, and I ask you to consider stepping up and taking a more active role in our chapter. The nominating committee will be trying to contact people to see if they have an interest. Please think about it seriously. We need your help.

In addition, please consider writing a nomination for the chapter awards for 2006, including the Don and Rori Murrell Award, the Roger Robach Award, the Veterans Service Award and the Community Service Award. There are many veterans and organizations or individuals in the community that deserve these awards, but if you don’t submit the nomination they can’t be considered.

Please keep our troops around the world in your prayers, as well as all our Chapter members and their families who are ill or have fallen on hard times. Thank you all for your support and help, and as always God Bless. Nelson
Meg Lewczyk
By Sue Oleksyn

Huge gratitude and appreciation go to Meg Lewczyk for all of her years of dedicated service to the VVA and AVVA Chapter 20 family. As nomination time approaches for the AVVA Associate Liaison position, Meg has chosen to step back and hopes for someone to take the reigns of this critical and pivotal position. Under her leadership, this position has been the heart of leadership, compassion and “being there” no matter what it takes to help others. Whether food baskets, going to someone’s home upon the death of a loved one to see what they need and to see it through no matter what it takes, making food for funeral refreshments, holding someone in her arms who is crushed by life’s circumstances, taking a lost veteran with no hope and no resources to the VA to start his process of getting help and benefits, supporting a 100% disabled husband to the end with multiple health issues while raising a strong, loving family, continuing to actively support and help VVA Chapter 20 as a widow, going through her own challenges, believing in me and accompanying me with her own money to conferences to find the truth for our citizens and veterans so their health issues can be addressed with honest scientific integrity - the list goes on and on.

I have never heard her say “no” to anyone. I have never heard her get mad at someone. I have never heard her tear anyone down and knock anyone in VVA. How many of us can say that? She has always seen the needs and, no matter what she was personally going through at different times in her life, she stepped up, she made a difference. She helped however she could.

She put smiles on many children’s faces at the annual Christmas parties (which is a huge, daunting effort to pull off). At the last party, only one Director was there to help her. She never complained. She saw it through with kindness, compassion and a smile. Meg is a person who really LIVES her faith, and we all can learn from her noble example. No one is more brave than our noble veterans who have been to Hell and back and protected our freedoms. But never forget the strong, stable, loving wife/partner/widow who stays the course no matter what and supports the veteran. In my opinion, Meg Lewczyk personifies the best of the best as a person, a veteran’s wife/widow and a citizen. She makes me want to be a better person every day by her example.

She is not going away. She plans to still help others. Please take a moment to express a word of gratitude and respect to her for all that she is to Chapter 20. She IS the heart of Chapter 20.

Thanks, Meg!

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Marching Unit
Ray Melens, Commander

On Saturday, January 7th members of Chapter 20’s Honor Guard had the distinct but unfortunately sad honor of partaking in the funeral for Jason Hasenauer. Jason was a soldier with the 82nd Airborne on duty in Afghanistan when a mine exploded and caused the vehicle he was riding in to overturn several times, killing him. Jason was from Hilton where I happen to live. News of this kind spreads fast in a small, but relatively close knit community. I immediately went to the Fire House to offer condolences on behalf of Chapter 20 and to offer our services in any way deemed necessary. It was a few days later that I got a phone call and was informed that Jason’s father, Dan, had mentioned that he would like any and as many as possible Veteran Service organizations to partake in his son Jason’s funeral. On Monday, January 2nd I did something that I had always hoped I would never have to do again and that was to meet with a family that had just lost a son while in service to our country. I cannot begin to tell you how hard it was for me to get myself in my car to drive over there and then get out of the car and approach that front door. To my surprise, as I walked up to that front door, I saw it open before I got to it. I was welcomed and invited into their home. These people did not know who I was or whom I represented. They were very glad to meet me. I cannot begin to tell you what an amazing family they are. In their time of extreme sadness they were offering me coffee, cookies or just something to drink. During our talk Dan did ask if we could be there at the funeral and I let him know that it would be our HONOR to help in paying tribute to his son. He did tell me that the whole burial was being held by the 82nd Airborne and I told him that we would just have our Color Guard there and that was fine with him. These folks struck me as a sad but very proud family. Sad to have lost their son and brother, but also very proud that their son had died doing what he wanted to do and loved doing. That was serving his country and helping people.

Immediately after the funeral we were invited to the reception back at the church where services were held for Jason. Major Steve McAlpin from the Army, and on his own, was at the funeral home on Friday night to offer his condolences to the family and also came to the funeral on Saturday. While at the reception, he came to me and told me he had something to present to Jason’s family on behalf of himself and all Veterans. What he had was a souvenir he had brought home from his tour while serving in Afghanistan. It was a chunk of marble that was left from when his unit destroyed one of Osama bin Ladin’s palaces. He said that it was just completely blown to pieces. When he presented it to the family and explained the story behind it their eyes just lit up and glowed. For just a minute I think they felt some vengeance. They did comment that the piece of marble was “just so Jason”. He would be glad to know that this piece of his enemy’s palace was now going to be proudly displayed in his family’s home. Needless to say, this year 2006 has started out on a very sad note. I hope that it gets much better from here.

If you have not gotten your tickets for the Marching Unit/Honor Guard dinner dance yet and would like to get some, just call myself, Wally Gekoski, Ralph Pascale, Tom Gleason, Kathy Stone, Dan Corona or Bruce VanApeldoorn. All except Bruce are listed in the back of the BTL. Just call one of us and we will make arrangements to get the tickets to you. This year the tickets are $10 per person or $15 per couple. This year’s event is looking to be just as much fun as last year’s, if not more so. We
will be having some great door prizes and some raffles to help raise money for the unit, not to mention the great music, dancing, dinner, and of course the Marching Unit awards and GAG awards. You really don’t want to miss this year’s event. Hope to see you all there on Saturday February 18th at the Hilton Firemen’s Exempt. Start time is 6:00 P.M. and we will go until 11:00 P.M. Think that’s late enough for all of us over 50 people?

This year the St. Patrick’s Day parade is going to be on Saturday, March 11th. So as in the past couple of years, any members of the Marching Unit and any guests may join us at Gunny’s on N. Greece Rd. to celebrate. We will begin to meet at 11:30 A.M. Gunny’s has some pretty good food and of course anything you want to drink. Remember, though, that you must pay for what you drink and eat. Neither the Chapter nor the Marching Unit pays for any of this. This is a great time for members to once again get together and enjoy each other’s company and hopefully maybe celebrate an early arrival of spring this year.

At the March Honor Guard meeting I will be taking the names of those that wish to volunteer for the Washington, D.C. trip in September for National POW/MIA Recognition Day. I will announce the attendees’ names at the May or June Honor Guard meeting. So if you wish to partake in the ceremonies in D.C. this year, please plan on attending the March meeting to put your name in. The Honor Guard will be meeting before the membership meetings at 7:00 P.M. upstairs at Ira. Any member interested in joining just come to a meeting or get in touch with me and I’ll get you started.

As we quickly approach election time in Chapter 20, I strongly urge all members to consider running for one of the opening positions. Remember that this is your Chapter and it needs you and your input to be a success and the Chapter that it has been, and that is one that is recognized nationally as well as locally. So consider dedicating some time and running for office.

Until next month .............. AT EASE!!!!!!!
Incarcerated Veterans  
By Ron Trovato

My thanks are in order to Pat Pudetti who attended Chapter 205's Annual Christmas Donation Drive at the Auburn Correctional Facility. This is the culmination of all the hard work done all year long by Chapter 205 and I can tell you it is well worth their efforts. There were six other outside guests who attended and Chapter 205 president Robert Ahalt addressed all those present and also gave Pat Pudetti the opportunity to speak.

Chapter 205 gave a $250 donation to Monique Wright Williams of the Booker T. Washington Community Center and $100 to Mrs. Price of the Casey Park Elementary School in Auburn. Chapter 205 donated a large number of hats and scarves to us for distribution to schools here in Rochester and, I have to tell you, the workmanship is really first rate. Pat said the event was a pleasure to attend and he brought back a hat/scarf set, shawl and lap blanket as a gift for my wife. Thanks, guys! I know it's an uphill battle for you but believe me when I say it is worth the struggle.

I got to drop off the hats and scarves to School No. 33 on Webster Avenue and School No. 9 on N. Clinton Avenue here in Rochester, and staffs in both schools were just thrilled to receive the donations from Auburn. Teachers at both schools talked to me about the need for hats, gloves and scarves for the kids and what a boost it was to receive them at Christmas time. I wish the guys at Auburn could have been with me. In one way it shows how desperate some of the kids are, but in another more important way it shows the schools they have friends in the most unlikely of places.

I understand the Veterans Day service at the Auburn Chapter that was chaired by Chapter 205 president Robert Ahalt was well attended. About 30 veterans there participated in the service, and coffee and sweets were served.

A thank you is in order to the Rev. Paul Partridge who sent in a donation of $100 for Chapter 205's general membership meetings. Also, a tip of the hat from VVA's NYS Interchange to Chapter 205's newsletter saying it is well packed with health and legislative information for veterans incarcerated.

I have been in contact with Al Blanche, president of Chapter 489 at the Attica Correctional Facility. There was no Chapter meeting there in December. B-Block, which houses many of the Chapter members, was again not let out for the last Chapter meeting in November causing a low turnout there. We note, however, that Chapter 489 has recently made donations to the Marine Toys for Tots as well as to a veteran from the Buffalo area who returned home and was facing eviction. Chapter 193 from LeRoy has also been contacted in hopes they can provide a volunteer who can attend Chapter 489's meetings.

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Office of the Vice Principal

December 14, 2005

Dear Mr. Ahalt, Mr. Decker, and Participants in the hat and scarf project,

What a wonderful surprise we at # 9 experienced this morning! Two gentlemen delivered a bag full of hand made hats and scarves for our students. The timeliness of the gift was exceptional….our students walked to school this morning in 8 degree weather and it won’t be much warmer when they are dismissed today and so many of the children come to school without hats, scarves, mittens, gloves and boots. Your gifts will be appreciated by the children as well as their families especially at this time of year when parents are doing their best to meet the demands of the holiday season. Thank you so much for your work and the time invested in the project. We will share the warm gifts with the neediest of our children. I must also comment on the beautiful handiwork. On behalf of our students, teachers, and family community I thank you for your generosity.

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I feel ____________________________ should be considered for the Don and Rori Murrel Humanitarian Award because of his/her involvement in:

Nominations are due by March 15, 2006 so that the Awards Committee can make final decisions in time for the Annual Dinner.

Nomination forms are to be dropped off at the Chapter office or mailed to 1199 East Main Street, Rochester, New York 14609, to arrive no later than March 15, 2006.

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The Community Service Award is given to the group or organization that has demonstrated a strong sense of community service and favorably recognizes and relates to Vietnam Veterans issues.

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Veterans Information and Referral at the VVA Thrift Store
By Steve Mortimer

Many vets and their families bring in items to the store on a regular basis, and it is surprising how many are not aware of some of the benefits that are available to them. There are also many veterans and family members from all walks of life who regularly shop at the store who similarly are not always aware of what the DVA may be able to provide for them. A recent article in the national news media indicated that there is a lot of confusion and misinformation about VA benefits and eligibility. Unfortunately, as the article pointed out, a lot of this comes from the DVA itself, as well as from a variety of community-based veterans support organizations.

In October, the VVA Chapter 20 leadership asked if I could set up a table at the VVA Thrift Store to provide information to veterans on benefits and services available through the Department of Veterans Affairs. The store has a relaxed atmosphere where shoppers like to browse and spend time going up and down the aisles in search of a special item or bargain. Often enough, vets and family members would talk with staff at the store about VA issues that concerned them.

As a recent VA retiree with many years of experience in this area, I was asked if I would set up a table near the main entrance to the store so veterans and family members who came through could pick up the latest benefits information. I was also available to discuss specific issues pertaining to benefits and services. My first job was to gather as much current information as I could, including eligibility packets, benefits booklets and information on specialized services such as long-term care, mental health, etc. I determined that I would be available one morning per week to see what the need was for this type of service.

In the two months that I have been involved in this project, I have been surprised to see how many vets and dependents have stopped to pick up the latest VA information and pose questions regarding eligibility for specific VA health-related services.

I plan on continuing this service every Wednesday from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. The Thrift Store has proven to be an ideal location for this type of activity because it is centrally located and draws from a large base of consumers and donors. It also allows the VVA to further expand its role as advocates for veterans in need.
Operation Giant Slingshot: A History (Part 1)

In October of 1968, the picture of Naval Forces in Vietnam changed and the gains made by the three task forces (TF-115, 116 and 117) during the previous two years were consolidated. This new force was dubbed Operation SEALORDS (Southeast Asia Lake, Ocean, River, Delta Strategy) and was designated Task Force 194.

Prior to the formation of the Sealords Force each task force had been operating in its own territory, carrying out its assigned mission. Sealords was created to form a joint force to move offensively in a coordinated manner against the Viet Cong.

A quick look at a map of the Republic of Vietnam illustrates the problem at hand. The Mekong Delta is the breadbasket of Vietnam, however, it is virtually surrounded on all sides by potential enemy infiltration routes. The South China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand border the delta region on two sides. The Cambodian / Vietnamese border, making its way north from the Gulf of Thailand, runs along a third side and dips eastward along most of the fourth side. The delta is like a ripe plum on the vine, hanging by its small stem waiting to be plucked. It was from this portion of the Cambodian-Vietnamese border running dangerously close to Saigon that most of the heavy infiltration prior to 1968 Tet offensive originated.

From the beginning the cooperation, assistance, coordination and support between GIANT SLINGSHOT forces and the U.S. Army, ARVN, Special Forces and numerous other non-organic units operating in the area was excellent and ever increasing. The increased water mobility given to the ground units lured them into previously unguarded rivers. With land oriented and water oriented people working together, the operation became more and more abundant and efficient. The land troops enjoyed the mobility allowing them to sail into an area rapidly, disembark and sweep an area quickly before the enemy could hide caches or booby traps. The Viet Cong, long known to be transporting their arms and ammo down canals, streams and rivers in pony express point-to-point fashion, were caught short by the combined efforts in GIANT SLINGSHOT. They were suddenly unable to move freely about the rivers and were therefore unable to get their caches moved away from the river and in some cases unable to even cover caches lying in the open.

AVVA Election Notice
Sue Oleksyn, AVVA Chapter 20 Nominating Committee Chair

The Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) will hold the annual election for the Associate Liaison for VVA Chapter 20 on Thursday, April 13th, 2006 at the VVA Chapter 20 membership meeting. Nominations will be accepted for this position in writing to Sue Oleksyn, 5255 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, New York 14612 or e-mail: soleksyn@yahoo.com ON OR BEFORE MARCH 15TH, 2006.

To qualify for this position, an AVVA member must be at least 18 years of age, a member of AVVA for at least one year prior to election, and must be actively involved in VVA Chapter 20. Voting members of VVA Chapter 20 who also belong to AVVA cannot be nominated or vote in the AVVA election.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THIS ELECTION IS NOW STATED TO ALL AVVA MEMBERS. We ask that all attend the April meeting in order to conduct this election.

(Meg Lewczyk requests any nominations. She feels it is time for her to step down.)
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