Candidates’ Night

Candidates for Chapter 20 offices address members on Candidates’ Night

Annual Meeting and Elections, April 13, 2006, 6:00pm

Meet the Candidates

12th Annual VOC Golf Tournament

Together Then...Together Now
Marching Unit
Ray Melens, Commander

On Saturday February 18th, the Marching Unit/Honor Guard Dinner Dance was held. Again this year's event was a huge success due in part to the help of the committee. I would again like to thank Wally Gekoski, Dan Corona, Tom Gleason, Kathy Stone, Ralph Pascale, Bruce Van Apeldoorn and his wife, Nancy, for their great ideas and help in getting the evening to come together as great as it did. We were also fortunate enough to have a couple of special guests attend this year's event. Chapter 20's first recipient of the Don and Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award, Steve McAlpin and his wife, Kathy, were in attendance as well as the MU/HG's newest friends, Dan and Rita Hasenauer. They are the proud parents of Pfc. Jason Hasenauer, who was killed in Afghanistan in December and the Honor Guard took part in his funeral detail. Congratulations to all the Attendance Award recipients and to this year's Marching Unit Service Award recipient, Tom Puff. Let's not forget all of the great sports that were on the receiving end of this year's Gag Awards. All in all it was a great evening of dancing, dining, and just enjoying everyone's company and friendship.

Next month starts the busy time of year for the Marching Unit. Our PARADE SEASON! The annual Marching Unit meeting will be held this year on Saturday April 22nd at 7:00 P.M. at the Ira Jacobson American Legion (where the membership meetings are held). We will have pizza and wings and socializing after the meeting. All members of the Marching Unit are encouraged to attend and wives and significant others also are welcome. Only the MU member may vote though. We will again be voting on the 2006 season parades, as well as any business concerning the Marching Unit that may be brought up. If anyone has any questions, concerns or whatever about the Marching Unit, this is the time to bring it up. If you are not a member of the Marching Unit but would like to join, you also may attend this meeting.

Our first parade this year will be the Lilac Parade on Saturday May 13th with the usual start time of 10:30 A.M. At this time I believe we will be forming in the same area as every year - on Science Parkway just off of South Ave. Formation starts approx. 45 minutes, prior to parade start time. We will have the usual Memorial Day Parades as well in Irondequoit and Downtown. I will give more information on these as they become available.

I am going to need MU volunteers for the ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial on Monday May 29th at 1:00 P.M. The ceremony follows our participation in the annual Downtown Parade. I will need members to participate in the Color Guard, Rifle Squad and for the posting of the Colors. Also needed are name readers. You do not have to be a member of the Marching Unit to read names. We strongly encourage anyone wishing to, to read names. Please let me know as soon as you can if you plan to partake in this year's ceremony.

The Honor Guard will NOT meet in April. This is the annual election meeting, which starts earlier. I will advise in next month's article if we will have a May meeting or not.

Until next month............AT EASE!!!!!!!!
POW/MIA
Gail Bologna-Melens, Co-ordinator

The Defense POW/MIA Office announced February 1st that Col Harold B. Lineberger, U.S. Air Force, from Austin, Texas, was listed as missing in Cambodia on January 29, 1971, and is now accounted for. His remains were recovered from an isolated gravesite March 11, 1997, and identified December 5, 2005. His family accepted his remains on January 19, 2006. The accounting for this Air Force officer brings to 1,807 the number still listed as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

I am trying to recognize people and places that fly the POW/MIA flag. If you see a business or home that flies the flag, please send me their address so that I can send them a letter thanking them for supporting the effort. I do not need their name, only the house number and street and town.

As always, the flag give away will be done at our monthly meeting. The only qualification to it is that you must, of course, be a member of VVA or AVVA and have a place to fly it (it does nobody any good to be put in the closet). Members who have received the flags in the past year are not qualified yet to re-enter their names.

Always available are window decals and bookmarks. Also, a poster was printed with the names of our POW/MIA's. It is available for $5.00 at the meeting. Please REMEMBER our POW/MIA's in your thoughts and prayers. If we don't, who will?

Veterans Incarcerated
Ron Trovato

I recently had an interesting conversation with Dave Roth, the head of Volunteer Services at the Auburn Correctional Facility. He oversees a total of seven correctional facilities (Auburn, Five Points, Willsard, Monterey, Elmira, and Southport) and is responsible for over 400 registered volunteers at those facilities. VVA Chapter 205 at Auburn and the volunteers associated with that chapter are only a small part of the literacy programs, college courses, AA/NA meetings, and interfaith religious groups that provide volunteers at New York state prisons. I have known Dave for many years and he is the go-to guy at Auburn who has helped me out many times over the years. Tip o’ the hat to Dave and Davia Jordan at Auburn’s Volunteer Services Office who do such an outstanding job for us.

Chapter 20 recently sent donations to Chapter 205 and Chapter 489 at Attica to help defray chapter expenses. My budget has been cut more than a teenager in a Friday the 13th movie but we will still get the job done. I actually kidnapped Pat Pudetti but unfortunately there were no responses to my ransom demands...

We heard again from Jeff Langnese from Chapter 563, San Quentin State Prison, California. They have a very informative chapter newsletter and the “Operation Mom” packages sent to our troops in Iraq were quite a success. I also received a printout of chapter donations over the years 1990-2006 totaling $38,000. They have donated to Muscular Dystrophy, chapter scholarships, Vietnam Veterans Women’s Memorial, Cancer Society, Red Cross and Abused Women’s Services. That is no small achievement coming from an incarcerated chapter. Jeff also had the best advice for anyone who is incarcerated, “Get a head start on your life before returning home and your future will be more secure.” That is indeed the foundation for making it regardless of who or where you are.

Pat Pudetti, Dick D’Imperio and I attended Chapter 205’s general membership meeting at Auburn on March 3rd. At the meeting were about 45 chapter members and nominations for officers and board of directors was held by Paul Bunting. Bobby Ahalt ran the meeting and a lot got done in the next 2 ½ hours. Dick D’Imperio and I, along with several other outside guests, were allowed to address the membership which was saluted (literally).

Chapter #205 members with Veterans Service Award, March 3, 2006, Auburn Correctional Facility.
by Dick D’Imperio and figuratively by me. Dick put together a beautiful and well-deserved Veterans Service Award plaque for Chapter 205, which was presented at the meeting to Chapter President Bobby Ahal. For twenty years now Chapter 205 has donated many personal items, knitted hats and scarves and made financial donations to schools and agencies in the Auburn and Rochester areas. If you added everything up conservatively, I figure about $2,000 a year has been donated by Chapter 205. Multiply that by 20 and you get an idea of how much of an impact a group of vets from inside a maximum facility can have when they work together as a group. I am so proud of what they do… And thanks to Dickie Dee for the cut-rate deal on the plaque. Take your time cashing the third party out of state unemployment check I paid you for it with…

by Chuck Macaluso, Chair

Annual Membership Meeting April 13th. – Annual Elections.

The Annual Meeting & Elections will be held April 13, 2006 at 6:00 P.M. at the Ira Jacobson Post Home. Positions for nominations are four Executive, three Board, and two State Council.

Candidates Presented at the Membership Meeting on March 9, 2006:

Officers:
President: Kenny Moore
1st Vice-President: Geno Lenyk
Treasurer: Larry Schulman
Secretary: Chuck Macaluso

Directors:
Ray Melens
Dan Corona
Ralph Pascale

State Council:
Fred Elliott
Nick DeLeo
Nelson Peck
Tom Gleason

The “new” Nominating Committee will also be elected by the membership that evening. It’s not too late - Any interested full member, with a copy of his/her DD214 on file with the Chapter, can submit his or her name to the Nominating Committee.

Nominations can be taken from the floor on the night of the Annual Meeting.

Only those regular members with a copy of their DD214 or similar document on file as of February 28, 2006 are eligible to vote. In order to conduct the Annual Meeting, 10% of the paid regular membership with DD214 on file, must attend for a quorum.

Any member interested in running for any of the above mentioned positions, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee members: Chuck Macaluso, 225-8288; Tom Puff 235-3556; Meg Lewczyk, 381-3036; Nelson Peck, 723-6267; Skip Snell, 747-8760; or the Chapter 20 office, 482-7396.

(Only those who were members on February 28, 2006 will be eligible to vote in the election on April 13, 2006. This is to ensure that a DD214 or similar document is verified.)

Editor’s Note: After the membership meeting on March 9, Ron Trovato expressed his interest in running for the Board of Directors.

Don’t miss these upcoming meetings!
Please come and support your Chapter!
All meetings held at the Ira Jacobson Post unless otherwise noted.

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April 13, 2006 at 6:00 pm

Membership Meetings
2nd Thursday of the month
beginning at 7:30 p.m.

April 13th  6:00 PM
May 11th
June 8th
July 13th
No August meeting
September 14th
October 12th
November 9th
No December meeting
The Annual Meeting and Elections for VVA Chapter 20 will be held on April 13, 2006. Positions to be elected are: President, 1st Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary; three Board of Directors positions; and two State Council representatives. (See the Nominating Committee report in this issue of Between the Lines for more information.) In addition, AVVA will conduct its election for Associate Liaison for Chapter 20.

Following are statements submitted by the candidates.

Ken Moore
Candidate for President

My name is Ken Moore and I served in Vietnam 66-67 with D troop 17 Cavalry. I am a life member of VVA Chapter 20 and a member for some 20 years. I have in the past been a Board member, Secretary, Vice President and President of Chapter 20.

I feel first that I need to clear the air about the last time I was elected to the position of President of Chapter 20. At that time, after a few months in office I was forced to resign due to health reasons resulting from my service in Vietnam. It was one of the hardest things I have ever done. Today those issues would not prevent me from serving you if you choose to elect me to the position of your President.

Other areas of my work with veterans are past Veterans Service Officer for the County of Monroe (position eliminated due to budget cuts). My volunteer service as Service Officer at present at the Vet Center on Mt. Hope Avenue, National Service Officer for The Heather French Foundation Miss America 2000 for the past two years full time traveling the country holding health fairs, past National President of Veterans Aimed Toward Awareness and many others.

If elected to the position of President I would like to focus on the following issues:
- Return the Chapter to a veterans group that focuses on veterans' issues that affect us today and not a group that is more like a business. Issues like veterans' health that too many Vietnam Veterans out there don't know the responsibility of the VA of treatment and compensation. I would like to push for free PSAs on TV and radio as to these issues. Too many times we meet veterans that do not have that information.
- I would like to see us get back to a leadership that works at the pleasure of the membership and not one that does not.
- I would like to see us be more proactive in supporting the VA volunteer service in Canandaigua that supports the needs of veterans in the hospital, Day Treatment Center and the Vet Center. As the VA does its best under the guidelines they have, they do not provide the quality of life things like gifts at Christmas and birthdays, day trips, supplies for Day Treatment, etc.
- I would like to look at the finance status of the chapter and see if it makes sense continuing on the way we are going that takes away from the members of Chapter 20. Things like the Annual Dinner, snacks at meetings, cutting the budgets of the committees that are trying to be a service to veterans on issues that affect so many of us today.
- We need to reinstate the Government Affairs Committee so that we can stay on top of the issues affecting us on the federal and local level and see that we have a voice in making sure that the issues that affect veterans are given priority.

In closing, I would like to see us as a chapter of veterans, with their families and loved ones out there working to improve the quality of life for all veterans and in the process have some fun doing it and enjoying fellow veterans' camaraderie.

Geno Lenyk
Candidate for 1st Vice President

My name is Geno Lenyk. I am running for the position of 1st VP of VVA-Chapter 20

I served in the Marine Corps from 1966-1970. I was “in-coun-
try” from May ’67-Aug ’69. My last year in the Corps was at Quantico, Va. as an instructor at the Computer Sciences School.

Like many of us, I spent the 70’s in various states of readjustment/denial/getting by/getting on with life. The Wall dedication and Welcome Home parade in D.C. did wonders in that process – albeit a little late in the game. I became aware of the local chapter of VVA as a result, but was still hesitant to join. I got involved a bit when the moving wall came to kick off the fund-raising for the local memorial, but still didn’t join. I kind of danced around the fringes of the Chapter during those years and started to get to know people and finally realized I needed to make a commitment.

Once I joined I became a Life-Member, got into the Marching Unit/Honor Guard, spent time on the Board of Directors and served as Chair of the Speakers Committee for a few very satisfying years. I’ve recently taken a bit of a sabbatical, but now feel it’s time to re-connect and re-commit. So, I am making my bid for the 1st VP post that is opening up.

My pledge to the membership is that I will do the best job I can for the Chapter and all my fellow vets. I don’t have any vice-presidential experience, but I like to think I can do a better job than Spiro T. Agnew! I won’t say no to a Pardon if offered, though. Thanks!

Geno Lenyk (aka the Client-Guy) Coordinator, Client Support TSS, NTID at RIT

Chuck Macaluso
Candidate for Secretary

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

Graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology obtaining an A.A.S. Degree in Electronics. Retired from Eastman Kodak after thirty-seven years as a Process Control/Computer Systems Technician. I am a certified instructor for the Department of Environmental Conservation and teach Hunter Safety for students wishing to obtain a hunting license. I am currently a Life Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Marine Corps League, American Legion, a member of The Khe Sanh Veterans. I also serve as Treasurer on Ira Jacobson Post Home Board.

I have been an active member of Chapter 20 for twenty-two years, member of the Marching Unit for the same. For fifteen seasons assisted the Commander of the Unit when needed. Served on the Board of Directors for seventeen years. Worked on the Nominating Committee for twenty years, last seventeen as Chairman and current Chairman of the Veterans Walk at Highland Park.

Past Service - Served as Chairman of the Mailing Committee for eight years, a member of the House Committee for six years and 10K Race Committee for four years, Social Committee Chairman for two years and member of Strategic Planning Committee.

The experience of serving on the Board and working on Chapter goals and activities is very rewarding. I believe the major goal must be a drive to get the membership more involved in Chapter activities and committees of which there are several with no members. We must also increase our visibility in the Community. If we as veterans want to be recognized as being an asset to the Community, we must have people willing to get involved and actively take part on committees and community events. I believe the “business” part of our membership meetings should be limited to enable more social time for old and new members to get to know each other. Introductions lead to friendships and the more comfortable members feel around each other the greater likelihood for involvement -- the Marching Unit is proof positive that this approach works. I am also a firm believer of recognition for “active” members, large memberships mean nothing without these “doers”.

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Lawrence Schulman
Candidate for Treasurer

I am running for the office of Treasurer for Vietnam Veterans, Chapter 20, and was appointed to the position six months ago. I am also Quartermaster of the David J. Kauffman Post #41, Jewish War Veterans of the USA.

DATE OF BIRTH:
September 7, 1939

Ray Melens
Candidate for Board of Directors

I have decided that it is time for me to come out of a so-called Board of Directors retirement. I have decided to once again seek a position on the Board of Directors for Chapter 20.

Before getting too far into this, let me give you a little history on myself with the Chapter.

I am a Marine Corps veteran who served with the 3rd Marine Division, 3rd Med. Bn. in the Quang Tri Province of Vietnam in 1968-1969.

I joined VVA Chapter 20 in January of 1992. Ever since joining I have been an active member in one way or another. I joined the Marching Unit my first year in the Chapter. Then in October of 1993, then President Ken Moore appointed me to chair the Community Services position. One of the very first projects that I came up with was the clothing handout for the homeless. Today we call it “Sharing the Warmth”. Another major project I started was the “Videos from Vets”. We would collect videos from members and businesses in the county and at Christmas time distribute them to VA hospitals, children's centers, etc.

I was first elected to the Board of Directors in 1994 and then again in 1997. In 2000 I was elected to a term as Vice President and was reelected to that position again in 2002. It was during my 2nd term as VP that I was put into an awkward position. I assumed the leadership of Chapter 20 as its President while we sought out another person to take over as President of Chapter 20. Due to my work schedule and a busy family life, I knew that I just would not have the time to dedicate to the position that it truly needed. Because of this I became the Chapter’s first 2nd Vice President until my term was up a few months later.
It was in the summer of 1996 that I was approached by then Marching Unit Commander, Lee Claxton, to take over the reins as the Marching Unit’s Commander. After some considerable thought and training from Lee, I officially became Commander of the Marching Unit in February, 1997. During my time as Commander, I have seen many great changes take place within the Marching Unit. Not to mention the immense amount of pride that I hold because of the great work that the members do in carrying out their many duties as members of the Marching Unit. Shortly after taking command of the Unit, I formed our Chapter’s Honor Guard. To this day, I strongly feel, that is probably one of the best things I have done as Commander. The numerous events and ceremonies that they are asked to attend and participate in every year are just a great tribute alone for what they stand for. Not to mention the ceremonies that are conducted every year in Washington, D.C. for POW/MIA Recognition Day with the Chapter’s POW/MIA Coordinator. They bring a great deal of pride to Chapter 20.

The reason I have decided to run again is quite simple. I feel that the Chapter needs to undergo some changes and some of them quickly. I don’t say that I have the answers, but I strongly feel that if you don’t think something is right, then try to fix it! I have seen some changes take place in the Chapter during the last few years that I agree with and some that I don’t agree with. I strongly feel that the membership needs to be more informed with what’s going on in the Chapter. At all levels. When was the last time a Board member came to you and asked for your opinion or thoughts on something that the board members were considering? When you did get to answer, do you feel like it fell on deaf ears?

Consider voting for me to a Board of Directors position and I will try to make sure that the membership is kept informed. Remember to come out and vote in April and let your voice be heard with your vote. Thank you!

Dan Corona
Candidate for Board of Directors

Elected to Board 2003

Having sat on the board for these three years has been a sometimes exciting and sometimes sad experience. The budget process, financial issues and the wants and needs of the chapter and other responsibilities have been challenging. The life-blood of this chapter is the people. We have so many people doing great things for the chapter and veterans. We need to continue giving to the veteran community the help and guidance they deserve and often unaware that it is there for them.

I am asking for your vote to give me another term on the Board of Directors to continue the effort.

Ralph Pascale
Candidate for Board of Directors

Born in 1946 in Irondequoit and moved to the city when I was two. Grew up in the Portland-Clifford Avenue neighborhood, attended P.S. #36, then Benjamin Franklin High School. I received a full scholarship to R.I.T. from the Gleason Works, excellent opportunity, but I didn’t like it. Long story, but I ended up in the Post Office, which I have never regretted. Thirty-nine years and counting, I just might make this a career! I enjoy being outdoors and the physical nature of the job. Married in 1970, divorced thirty-two years later. I have one child, a daughter, Shannon, who lives with me. She attends MCC full time and works part time at Jenny Craig. I lived twenty-five years in Webster, N.Y., and now live in Penfield.

I was drafted in 1968. After basic (Ft. Dix) and AIT, and a couple of schools (Ft. Sill), I spent the rest of my time in the service at Ft.
Bragg, N.C. I was the TAERS clerk (The Army Equipment Records System) in the motor pool, and I was on the Special Weapons team. I was honorably discharged in 1970, Sgt. E-5.

I am passionate about golf and cycling. I play in two leagues during the week and play most weekends and usually take two golf vacations a year. Proud member of the VVA 20 golf team that has won the Mike Nash Memorial Golf Tournament the last two National Conventions. As far as cycling, I find it physically purifying and almost therapeutic. I am addicted. I try to cycle 100 miles a week, weather permitting. I am also a workout fanatic.

I am a volunteer at the Canandaigua VA on Monday and Tuesday nights. I take personal pride in the fact that hopefully I am making a difference in some veterans’ quality of life. I have been a volunteer for the past five years. I, along with Jack Prinzing, represent VVA 20 at the VA Voluntary Services committee meetings.

I am honored to be a member of the Marching Unit and Honor Guard. I am most satisfied that in these capacities I can help bring honor, respect, and a long overdue warm welcome home for my brothers, (the in-country) Vietnam Veterans.

I have been a member of VVA 20 for six years. For the past 3½ years I have been a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Membership Committee. I strive to be fair, honest and most of all, responsible. I am proud of my time served and if re-elected I anxiously look forward to the future. Thank you.

Hi. I’m Ron Trovato and after the March Chapter meeting I decided to run for one of the Board of Directors positions.

I joined the Army in 1968 and served two tours in Vietnam with MACV Advisory Team 51 in the Mekong Delta. I graduated from Buffalo State College in 1978 and for the past twenty years I’ve worked for Monroe County as a probation officer.

As an original member of Chapter 20, I have tried always to be an active VVA member. In 1979 I became active with signing up veterans for the Agent Orange lawsuit and did volunteer work at the VOC. Over the years I have been a regular contributor to the Forward Observer and to Between the Lines. I became active with the Veterans Incarcerated Committee in 1988 and have been a registered volunteer at several state correctional facilities. I have served two prior terms on the Board of Directors and have represented the Chapter through the Speakers Bureau and at state and national conventions. I have also helped organize the Probation Officers Assn. annual clothing drive to benefit the Thrift Store and am a member of the American Legion and DAV.

My intention is to work closely with Chapter officers and Board members. I would like to see the Chapter direct its resources to veterans and veterans programs. I would be willing to explore new ways to staunch the loss of Chapter revenue and seek a way to settle the lawsuit that is presently pending against the chapter.

On a personal note, I think many members have been pushed away from the Chapter these past few years and there has been a real disconnect between the chapter leadership and the general membership. It is a positive reflection on veterans as a group that many are coming back and becoming reinvolved. There is a place for everybody in this Chapter and I would like my place to be representing you on the Board of Directors and chairing the Veterans Incarcerated Committee.
Kathy Stone
Candidate for AVVA Liaison

I’ve stood along parade routes for many years and proudly applauded the Marching Unit. I’ve observed the camaraderie that ensued, the handshakes, the hugs – the pride. I was relatively untouched by issues of the Vietnam War in my youth, but I had wishes as a young girl to marry a soldier and be a military wife.

When I was given the gift of membership in AVVA two years ago, I attended a meeting, and then a picnic. It was with sincerity I spoke to a few members and said I wasn’t one to join an organization without becoming involved. What was there I could help with?

Meg has filled the position of AVVA Liaison with compassion and commitment. As she approached me to consider filling this position, I spent some time reflecting on how I might use my skills and talents to support Chapter 20 in this role.

I was appointed Volunteer Coordinator last year for the Chapter and sit on (and have sat on) various committees for the Chapter, currently the committee organizing the 25th Silver Celebration. I’ve also been proud to work with Bruce McDaniel on the chapter’s award winning newsletter.

I have an administrative background — over 20 years in various roles from secretary to office manager to administrator of acute psychiatric services and currently as a Clinical Services Coordinator in a long term care setting. I’m a published writer, past editor of numerous newsletters, past president and board members of several organizations and a part-time college student. I have tangible skills that can help.

More importantly, however, are those intangible aspects of a person. I raised two daughters as a single parent. I am the proud soon-to-be wife of your Chaplain, sister of a Vietnam era veteran and daughter of a World War II veteran. I can’t watch the flag go by without a tightening in my chest, I can’t sing the Star Spangled Banner or recite the Pledge of Allegiance without feeling awed at the sacrifices made to give me the freedom to do so.

I believe I can have a positive impact on the organization and provide the support so desperately needed for the membership as we look toward the future and those goals and the ideas already in planning stages.

Let me help…

Candidate for State Council
Fred Elliott
Nick DeLeo
Nelson Peck
Tom Gleason

Meet the Candidates!
Air Cushioned Vehicles

In operation ACVs were supported by a cushion of high-volume, low-pressure, compressed air generated by a centrifugal lift fan. The fan building up air pressure in the cushion lifted the vehicle. When on the air cushion the ACV was almost frictionless, allowing easy propulsion up to a speed of seventy-five knots. The same engine that powered the lift fan also drove a nine-foot, three-blade propeller that enabled the ACVs to speed over the Delta terrain. To maintain enough air under the ACV for it to clear obstacles, flexible rubber canvas skirts were hung from their edges to within a fraction of an inch off the ground. They could clear solid obstacles up to 3’ high and rice paddy dikes, with sloping sides, up to 6 feet high. The ACV could force its way through grasses and small trees, as well as navigate ditches and canals.

Three 39’ long, 16’ high, upgraded, Air Cushioned Vehicles came to the 9th Infantry Division at about the time the US Navy determined that the operational effectiveness of their three earlier model Patrol Air Cushioned Vehicles (PACV) needed to be reevaluated. The 9th Infantry Division designated their unique unit the Air Cushioned Vehicle Unit (Provisional) and placed it under the command of Major David G. Moore. Major Moore was charge with developing how to operate these vehicles in combat. Major Moore retained command of the ACV Unit for an unprecedented 12 month period (officers were required to serve only 6-months in combat). The Army ACVs differed from the three US Navy PACVs in that they were an improved design better suited to support infantry operations. The ACVs were designed with flat decks to carry 12 troops, more powerful engines, and twin machinegun turrets in a wider cabin. Both the US Navy’s PACVs and the Army’s ACVs had been civilian craft manufactured by the British Hovercraft Company in England and refitted for military use in the USA by Bell Aerosystems. Although the Army test concluded that the ACVs were successful in their combat roles, their initial purchase price of $1,000,000 and subsequent high maintenance costs did not warrant further expansion of the fleet. When the 9th Infantry Division headquarters, and 1st and 2nd Brigades withdrew from Vietnam in August 1969, the ACV Unit (Provisional) remained with 3rd Brigade and was re-designated as the 39th Cavalry Platoon (unauthorized name signifying 3rd Brigade – 9th Infantry Division). Tragedy struck the 39th Cavalry Platoon on August 3, 1970, when ACV #903 was destroyed in combat, killing the unit commander – Major Barry Francis Graham – and the crew. Command of the 39th Cavalry Platoon then went to Lieutenant George E. Rogers who commanded the single ship for two months until September 1970 when the platoon was disbanded.

Get your raffle tickets for two 8 x 12 walnut and bronze plaques of the flag raising at Iwo Jima, commemorating the 230th anniversary of the Marine Corps. Tickets will be sold at the Membership meetings and other Chapter functions for $1.00. Winners of the plaques will be drawn at the Memorial Day picnic. Additional tickets may be purchased by contacting Meg Lewczyk (381-3036). All proceeds will go to the VVA 25th Anniversary fund.

Good Luck!
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Region 2 Report
New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware
By Fred Elliott, Region 2 Director

Veterans Day, 2005

Along with the President of Chapter 20, Nelson Peck, the Chapter’s Veterans Incarcerated Chair, Ron Trovato, and their Secretary, Pat Pudetti, I went to the Groveland Correctional Facility in Sonyea, New York. Groveland is a medium security facility set in the rolling hills of the southern tier of western New York. This was my first visit to this facility, but not, I hope, my last. The members of Incarcerated Chapter 603 were having their annual Veterans Day banquet and had invited several people to attend as guests and speakers. In all, there were nine guests and about 40 inmates. I enjoyed meeting the chapter members and even renewed an old acquaintance from Chapter 205.

That evening Marie and I attended Chapter 20’s annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial. The weather even cooperated by not raining, snowing, or being overly windy. As usual the Chapter Color Guard did an outstanding job and the ceremony went very well.

December 2 & 3, 2005

The National Board of Directors attended a two day training session in Silver Spring. On Friday we covered Parliamentary Procedure; Ethical, Financial, and Legal Responsibilities of a Board; Overview of Direct Mail Fundraising; the VVA Audit; and VVA Finances. Saturday we devoted the morning session to Team Building with outside consultant Molly Whalen from Leadership Outfitters (www.leadershipoutfitters.com). Everyone participated and I think it helped to bring the BOD together as a team. The rest of Saturday was devoted to the Board working with the officers on planning and setting priorities.

January 18, 2006

Arrived in Silver Sprint in the late afternoon and attended a VVAF meeting which turned into a joint VVAF/VVA meeting. The meeting lasted over two hours and we discussed the relationship between the two organizations and how they might interact.

January 19, 2006

VVAF meeting: VVAF began its meeting at 9:00 A.M…

- Elected officers – President – Randy Barnes, Vice President – Pat Gualtieri, Secretary – Fred Elliott, Treasurer – John Miterko, and Director – Jim Grissom
- I was appointed Director of Veteran Housing
- Jim was appointed Director of Information Technology
- We then discussed the business of the VVAF and the housing operation in Connecticut as well as the Veterans Against Drugs program
- Linda Mansfield of Mansfield & Associates, Inc. provided some insight on how to write a mission statement. We reviewed the results of a 2000 donor survey conducted on behalf of VVAF and whether or not we should again conduct such a survey (no final decision was made). We discussed the ten basic responsibilities of a board of directors and that it is the job of the board president to lead. Ted Lutins (a fund raising facilitator) updated us on his efforts on behalf of VVAF. Keith King (VVA Public Affairs chair) spoke to us about working with VVAF for marketing efforts on behalf of VVAF. Dave Simmons (VVA Veterans Against Drugs chair) spoke to us about the program’s goals for the coming year and shared the program’s literature with us. The Board discussed and decided on some changes to the grant process for the VVA Service Officer Program.

VVA Finance Committee began at 5:00 P.M. sharp.
- We reviewed the VVA Financial Manual
- We amended the VVA Travel Policy for presentation to the VVA Board for final approval
- We discussed a Board motion to have a full Board meeting in even-numbered years and make a recommendation to be presented to the Board for a vote (it was approved).
- We discussed the budget process.
- The members of the Budget Oversight Committee were selected: Alan Cook, Larry Frazee, and Fred Elliott.
- We revised the VVA Logo Policy and presented our revision to the Board for a vote (it was approved).
- At the request of the Connecticut State President we reviewed a request from two chapters for telemarketing. We denied the requests and made recommendations to the Board for their review and vote (the recommendations were approved).
- We discussed the term ANAC (at no additional cost or at no cost) and how this term should be interpreted and used within the organization. A recommendation will be forthcoming to the Board at the April meeting.
- Chapter 938 requested permission to use the VVA logo on a chapter project and was approved.

January 20, 2006
Board Meeting

We were introduced to David Houppert, the Director of the Veterans Benefits Department for VVA (he is a Persian Gulf veteran). Artist Ray Simon was introduced. He has been making por-
traits of all OIF/OEF KIAs and sending them to the families – www.raysimonart.com.

I introduced the alternate Region 2 Director, Patrick Welch, to the Board.

The election challenges to Francisco Ivarra and Mike Hampson have been resolved; their elections stand.

All reports (election, financial, etc.) from the chapters will now go through the office of the Director of Membership Affairs.

The lawsuit against VVA by Jerry Kyser has been dismissed by the courts. Charges have been filed by VVA against Mr. Kyser. Minnesota State Council impropriely provided Jerry Kyser with funds to file his personal lawsuit against VVA. The SC has been advised to demand the funds be returned.

Lucretia McClenny, Director of the Minority Affairs Center for the VA addressed the BOD -- she is a retired (30 years) Army Colonel (nurse) -- her dad was a Korea and Vietnam vet -- she was given an application to join VVA.

Members of DPMO who went to the Ukraine with the VI spoke to the BOD.

VP Jack Devine -- working on a VVA policy manual -- represented VVA at the New York City Veterans Day parade.

Secretary Barry Hagge – Carol Engle is the interim Information Technology (IT) Director -- we are redesigning the VVA web site with a goal to reduce expenses and improve the availability of information -- appointed an Administrative Team (Barry Hagge, Gruce Whitaker, Fred Elliott) – represented VVA at presentation of mission flag to GMAC Mortgage in Pennsylvania -- we should research and recognize companies actively supporting veterans and/or active duty troops.

Father Phil – the third printing of the Ritual Book in 2006-2007 will include a section of prayers in Spanish provided by BOD member Francisco Ivarra.

National Gulf War Resource Center (NGWRC) -- director Steve Robinson is leaving – he is taking a position with benefits for his family and allow him to continue working with veterans -- Charles Sheehan-Miles (a director of NGWRC) told us they are rewriting their by-laws, restructuring the organization, and reaching out to OIF/OEF veterans.

Membership Committee

The Committee will continue to review the “Membership & Services” on the VVA web site and update the services being provided to the membership.

New VVA Chapters since last report: 963 – Columbia, Missouri; 967 – Altoona, Pennsylvania; 968 – Roswell, New Mexico. New chapter petitions being processed: West End, North Carolina; Moorhead, Minnesota; Idaho Falls, Idaho.

January 21, 2006
Board Meeting

AVVA report by Mary Miller:

• Making a $500 donation to VVAF
• AVVA New York is now incorporated
• Bob Thomson is the interim executive director
• Project Friendship – nationally – United Spinal Association; in Tucson – HIV/AIDS project
• Linda Haberkorn (AVVA Region 2 Director) made a presentation to Marsha Four from the Pennsylvania AVVA of $2,000 in cash and gifts for the Mary Walker House (named for a Medal of Honor recipient) where 18-21 women veterans are housed

A motion was made and passed from the Agent Orange committee to have representation at an Agent Orange conference in Hanoi in March of 2006.

A motion was made and passed from the Veterans Initiative to make a trip to the Ukraine in February of 2006.

A motion was made and passed to add Patrick Welch and Pat Gualtieri to the Public Affairs Committee.

A motion was made and passed to add Gordy Lane to the PTSD/SA Committee.

Dave McMichael and Alan Cook reviewed the budget process.

Rick Weidman discussed the Veterans Disability Benefits Commission.

Tom Corey reported on the upcoming Leadership Conference. A golf tournament is being planned for July 11th.

Connie Steers was appointed (by motion) Vice Chair of the Minority Affairs Committee.

VVAF Meeting

We reviewed the revised service officer grant process with Jerry Klein and Dave Houppert. Everyone agreed to the revised process.

Dave and Jerry will send letters to the State Council Presidents requesting grant proposals by March 30th.

The Benefits Committee will evaluate all proposals and prioritize them for VVAF.

The Veterans Benefits Committee is developing criteria for on-site visits to the various service officer programs.

January 27-28, 2006

Marie and I attended the NYSC meeting in Owego, New York.

• The Reverend Ross Licata was appointed State Council Chaplain.

• Additional funding sources are needed for the state service officer program.

• March 14th will be “hill day” in
Albany at the state legislature.
• Only approved meeting minutes will be posted to the NYSC web site.
• The NYSC by-laws are being reviewed for possible updating.
• NY represents 44.5% of Region 2 and 9% of National
• Any NY VVA members who are teachers are requested to contact Ned Foote, Patrick Welch, or Pat Gualtieri.
• President Foote presented the NYSC Distinguished Service Award to Chapter 103 President Gordy Lane, Chapter 77 President Patrick Welch, and myself.

February 3, 2006
Marie and I went to the Batavia, N.Y. VA to deliver some personal items that had been collected by NY AVVA members for the new Women's Residential Program. Michelle McClellan gave us a tour of Building 5 and the Men's PTSD Program area. In fact, that morning they graduated a class from the program. We also met Dr. Terri Julian, the PTSD Clinic Program Manager. Both Michelle and Dr. Julian were very appreciative of our visit and bringing the personal items. They told us that the Women's Program is set to start within the next two weeks and showed us the house where the women in the program will reside. And they gave us a listing of those items still needed for the program. Marie and I plan to get some of those items from local sources and return with them to the Batavia VA.

Editor’s note: a wish list of items needed by the Women Veterans Residential Program appears in this issue of Between the Lines.

To read the full Region 2 Director’s report, visit the Region 2 Director’s web site: www.region2vva.com.

Women Veterans Residential Program Wishlist
Items for the Women Veterans Residential Program can be brought to the VVA Chapter 20 Thrift Store. We will arrange to deliver them to Dr. Terri Julian at the Batavia VA.

Living room:
Television (36” or larger)
VCR/DVD player

Kitchen:
Electric can opener
Manual can opener
Food storage containers (12; 1 acquired)
Mugs (8)
Paper towel holder
Tall kitchen trash can w/lid
Serving dishes (not plates)
Pot holders
Spice rack and spices
Tablecloths
Kitchen towels

Bedrooms:
Personal alarm clocks (6)
Wastebaskets (4)
Twin sheet sets in different colors (10)

Laundry Room/Bathrooms:
Washer
Dryer
Laundry baskets
Towel sets
Rug sets
Weight scales (6)
Shower curtains (8)
Shower liners (4)
Garbage cans (3)

General:
TV/VCR/DVD for education
Vacuum cleaner supplies
Handheld vacuums (battery) (2)
Ironing boards (2)
Iron (steam)
Bulletin board

Therapy Tools:
Digital camcorder
Presentation standing easels (2)
Blank video tapes (20)
White t-shirts in various sizes (25)
EMDR supplies (Tappers light bar)

Office:
Copier
Scanner
Fax machine

Consumables (Ongoing):
Pre-paid phone cards
Washable laundry bags
Coffee (regular & decaf)
Coffee filters (1000 acquired)
Coffee packets (12-cup size) (84 acquired)
Dish towels
Paper towels
Pot scrubbbers
Sponges
Laundry detergent
Dryer detergent
Towel sets
Rug sets
Garbage cans (3)

Comfort Kit Accessories:
Diaries
Stationery
Neck pillows
House slippers (84/yr)
Baskets to hold items
Small books of inspirational quotes
Aromatherapy fragrances
Afghans
Quilts (8 acquired)

Self Care Items:
Finger nail polish remover
Finger nail polish
Makeup
Nail files (2 x 36 count acquired)
Pedicure kits
Manicure kits (107 acquired)
Hand & body lotions
Cosmetic bags (102 acquired)
Body washes (6 acquired)
Mesh body wash bundles or loofahs (8 acquired)
Small hair brushes (1 acquired)
Hair picks
Shampoo & conditioner (2 acquired)
Shaving cream
Disposable razors (6 acquired)
Toothpaste (1 acquired)
Toothbrushes (84/yr) (2 packs of 5 acquired)
Deodorant (84/yr) (6 acquired)

Creating Memories/Scrapbooking:
Scrapbooks
Paper—different sizes and colors
Invisible tape
Stickers
Stamps
Glue, glue sticks
Bags for each veteran
Disposable cameras
Scissors (incl. safety scissors)
Ink

Items to Use during Free Time:
Knitting needles (safety)
Markers
Drawing paper
Bicycles
Paints of all colors
Paint brushes
Construction paper
Easels
Lawn games (croquet, etc.)
Beadng supplies
Sewing kits
Craft kits
Books, novels, paperbacks (56 acquired)
Softball mitts/balls
Television with DVD/VCR 25” or larger
Exercise videos
Exercise mats
Fitness ball
Small free weights
Card tables
Radio/stereo system
Big pillows for sitting on the floor (6)
Personal CD players for clients to use
Tape recorders (8)
Small microphones for tape recorders (2)
Relaxation music (2)

Other helpful items:
Phone cards
Stamps
Picture frames (3)
Air purifiers (4)
Dehumidifiers (2)
Humidifiers (2)
Artificial plants
Vases
Holiday supplies/seasonal decorations
Clipboards (8)
Dry marker boards (3)
Dry maker board with cover
Pens and pencils (2 packs acquired)
Packages of fluted 5” posts for crafts (3 packages acquired)

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For more information on these events, please call Marina at 585/546-1081 or e-mail her at voc@frontiernet.net!
We’re building lists of available members to participate in occasional events:

- Attend a funeral for a fellow Veteran
- Work on a committee to create phone/email tree for improved communication
- Help with occasional Chapter Gear inventory and/or sales
- Staff an information table at various events
- Participate at school, scouting or other presentations

This is an opportunity to help without a routine commitment. Can you find some time to help in any of these endeavors?

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Kathy Stone, at 638-7805 or kathy14470@msn.com, or call the WA Chapter 20 Office at 482-7396.
VVA Chapter 20 Celebration

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