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Together Then... Together Now
I want to start by thanking you for your confidence in me to serve as your president. The first three weeks of this term have been spent on getting myself familiar with the operation of the chapter and the business LLC of our chapter. It sure has changed a lot from the last time I served in this position. I will keep you updated as to what our plans are if anything changes.

At our first board meeting I passed out what I call my “VISION for 2006-2007.” These are my goals and the goals I ask the board to work toward in this coming term. These are as follows:

• Focus the chapter efforts on the issues that affect us today like health care and compensation.
• Bring the chapter back to a veterans group of family and friends that enjoy the bond of being part of VVA and the camaraderie of being veterans. I really believe in these goals and will need the help of ALL MEMBERS to accomplish this.

My first order of business as president is to appoint the committee chairs for the chapter and below are the committees that I have appointed thus far. As per the national constitution, section 6 paragraph c, the following are the only appoints that are made for committee chairs for Chapter 20 for the upcoming term. All others are under consideration by myself as President of the Chapter.

As you can see I still need a couple members so if you think you would like to become more involved PLEASE let me know.

In closing, I just want you all to know that I need your input and help in doing the things that I do in the chapter. This is a chapter of the membership and we as officers and board members serve at your pleasure to make the chapter the best we can be.

Till next month,

Together Then...Together Now

Committee Chairs

Agent Orange/Health Care ....................................................Sue Oleksyn
BTL ............................................................................... Bruce McDaniel
Chaplain ................................................................. Tom Gleason
Community Service / Public Affairs...............................NEED CHAIR
Constitution.......................................................................Fred Elliott
Finance ................................................................. Rich Isaman
Historian......................................................................... Dave Isaman
Marching Unit/Honor Guard ..........................................Ray Melens
Membership, Chapter Gear ............................................Ralph Pascale
Operation Welcome Home ........................................... Sheri Corona
POW / MIA ........................................................................ Gail Bologna Melens
Scholarship.......................................................................Alice Popen
Social Events ..................................................................Dick Oleksyn
Speakers Bureau ............................................................Geno Lenyk
Veterans Affairs, Benefits .................................................Pat Pudetti
Veterans Walk .................................................................Chuck Macaluso
Volunteer Coordinator .....................................................Kathy Stone

Officers elected at April meeting: Geno Lenyk (1st Vice President), Ray Melens (Board), Dan Corona (Board), Ken Moore (President), Ralph Pascale (Board), Chuck Macaluso (Secretary). Not pictured: Larry Schulman (Treasurer)
Tribute to VVA Chapter 20 Honor Guard/Marching Unit Sue, Dick, Cory and Laura Oleksyn

For a long time, those of us who are tuned in to the operations of VVA Chapter 20 have known that the Marching Unit and Honor Guard are the primary public relations venue for the Chapter. When you witness firsthand the people standing up and cheering as they march by at parades or when you see them doing the honors at the Wall or our local Vietnam Memorial or at a funeral, it warms your heart to see the way that people respond to them. It reminds each citizen of the gift and sacrifice that each veteran has made so that we might enjoy our freedom and way of life. When these noble men or women pay tribute to a fallen veteran, they do so so that every Vietnam Veteran who was KIA or MIA or wounded and cannot be here will always be honored and remembered—never to be forgotten. They also pay respect to noble men and women from all wars and conflicts who, in many cases, have not gotten the respect and tribute they so nobly earned in life serving and defending the United States of America.

I have attended many parades, many funerals and memorial honors for veterans in my life. Never have we been in the position to receive our loved one’s honors upon his death...When Ray presented the American flag to me for my Dad, I was overwhelmed with pride, honor and gratitude for having people that we love and respect bestow these noble military honors to my Dad.

My family recently lost my father, George Badgerow, a WWII U.S. Army veteran and 62 year member of the American Legion. He went door to door to raise money to build Post 468 in Greece. He was not pleased with the way that VVA Chapter 20 was treated by his Legion, and he embraced the Ira Jacobson Post for their kindness and brotherhood when Chapter 20 moved there. He was so proud of his son-in-law, Dick, and the members of VVA Chapter 20. I didn’t know if it was OK to ask Ray Melens if the Honor Guard could do military honors for my Dad at his Memorial Celebration, but I asked and told him that whatever he said would be fine.

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When they raised their hands to salute as we departed the Church with my Dad’s flag clutched to my heart, we were overwhelmed with love and pride and so thankful that people whom we love and respect would do this for my Dad. Never take for granted the selfless dedication to Chapter 20 and each veteran and their family that comes from these outstanding veterans. I will never forget that moment in time and somehow, I know that my Dad was watching and very very proud of the military honor that he received that day. God bless these outstanding Vietnam veterans!!! Go out and support them every chance that you get, and join them so that all veterans will never be taken for granted or forgotten. Thank you once again, our VVA family.

About the Cover
Bruce McDaniel, Editor

If you’ve ever been to a political button show, you’ve probably seen buttons depicting the American flag. Some simply show the flag; some add patriotic statements such as “God Bless America”; some make political statements or use symbols or graphics superimposed on the flag.

In honor of Flag Day, our cover this month shows a few of the buttons of this type that I’ve collected.
Marching Unit
Ray Melens, Commander

On Saturday, April 22, the Marching Unit held their annual meeting. The 2006 parade schedule was voted on and appears elsewhere in this issue of the BTL and on the Chapter's web page. Some other matters pertaining to the Marching Unit were discussed and voted on if necessary. The annual Marching Unit picnic was discussed and it was decided to hold it this year on Saturday, August 26 at Ira Jacobson American Legion Post. A committee was also formed to help plan and organize this year’s picnic.

There was also an award presented at the meeting to a member that was not able to attend the Dinner/Dance that was held back in February. The award was presented to a newer member to the Unit. This past season was his first with the Unit and of course he was a little shy and bashful and afraid to make any mistakes and make the Unit look bad. So naturally he was very hesitant about taking a position in the Color Guard. Until he was more familiar with the duties and the members of the Unit, he said. So it was only appropriate that this year, Joe Peck received one of the Unit’s GAG AWARDS! He might be a fairly new member to the Unit, but he is truly dedicated, as the picture of him practicing with his personalized award (Color Guard gear) clearly shows. Congratulations Joe!!

As of this writing, the Unit is scheduled to participate in the annual Lilac Parade in May as well as the Irondequoit Memorial Day parade and the Downtown Rochester Memorial Day parade. Our annual ceremony will be conducted at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park after the downtown parade. I will report in detail on the ceremony in next month’s report.

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VVA Chapter 20 2006 Parade Schedule

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*Pending Invitation

NOTE: Listed are start times. Please be at formation approximately 45 minutes prior to the start time listed.
If you are not a member of the Marching Unit and are a member in good standing of Chapter 20 and you would like to join the Unit, just give me a call (392-2079) and we’ll get you started. Or if you prefer just attend a parade and show your support of Vietnam Veterans by cheering them on.

Preparations are under way for this year’s annual trip to Washington, D.C. for POW/MIA Recognition Day. This year will mark our 10th consecutive year of making this trip to help draw awareness to the POW/MIA issue. When we started making this trip in 1997 there were over 2,300 still unaccounted for. At this time the count is down to just over 1,800. I’m not saying that we are solely responsible for getting the numbers down, but making this trip and making visitors to the WALL realize what this day is all about and to go back to their home town and help do something about it, has helped. When we conduct our brief ceremony at the WALL every year, it is totally amazing that hardly anyone standing there and watching knows what the day is and what it is about. They sure do after they see and hear from Chapter 20, though.

At the June Honor Guard meeting, the names of those chosen to go to Washington, D.C. this year for the POW/MIA Recognition Day ceremonies will be given. The meeting will be at 7:00 P.M. upstairs at IRA before the regular membership meeting.

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

Veterans Incarcerated Committee
Ron Trovato

Good to hear from Craig McLaren, President of VVA Chapter 190 in Atmore, Alabama. His newsletter, The Eagle Speaks, continues to provide information to incarcerated chapters throughout the country and to at least nine VVA chapters/veterans self-help groups in N.Y. State. Keep them coming, guys.

We received a letter from Jeff Langnese of the Vietnam Veterans Group, San Quentin thanking us for the BTL we send in to his people at Chapter 563. He noted that although receiving mail is sporadic there, there remain programs still in place at the prison that veterans can utilize. Their recent food sale was a success and their monthly meetings continue on a regular basis. One of the things I like about their chapter newsletter is the way they list all the correspondence and personal contacts they generate during that period. Shows how busy and productive that group really is.

Chapter 205 at the Auburn Correctional Facility keeps plugging...
away and I want to thank Bobby Ahalt and William Seifert for keeping me up to date on chapter activities. At the last chapter meeting, there were five outside guests in attendance and you can't keep that many people coming in on a regular basis unless you have something real special going on. And that something special is service to others and loyalty to each other.

Here are the results of Chapter 205’s election held on April 7th:

**President:** Robert Ahalt  
**1st V.P.:** William Seifert  
**2nd V.P.:** Joseph Castro  
**Treasurer:** Gerald Weir  
**Secretary:** William Layer  

**Board of Directors:** Wesley Dunn  
Chris Roupp  
Lawrence Wilson  
Dennis Conway  
Paul “Tex” Reis  
Dave Sweet  

**Elections Committee:**  
Charles Schmidt  
Jake Wallace  
Mark Tyndall  

Congratulations to Chapter 205 and we look forward to working with you all.

**Agent Orange/Health Affairs**  
Sue Oleksyn, Coordinator

Recently, I have experienced firsthand the journey that many of our Agent Orange-stricken Vietnam veterans have taken in being diagnosed with cancer and receiving chemotherapy. I consider myself tough, but this is extremely tough. I learned of a Vietnam veteran exposed to Agent Orange who had three different types of cancer and was undergoing chemotherapy the same time as I was. Three types of cancer!!! When these noble people go through the VA system for benefits, many times they are repeatedly rejected or dismissed—or a large block of time elapses before any answer is forthcoming.

Our newly elected President, Ken Moore, has given and continues to give of himself faithfully for years in advocating for and assisting all veterans in their quest for health care. He also has worked tirelessly with Miss America, Heather French, on many health issues—one important one being Hepatitis C diagnosis and treatment. A new day is coming where we are going to strongly renew our commitment and efforts to get all veterans who are ill with service-connected health issues the benefits and services they so desperately need as they suffer from “friendly fire” from vaccines and Agent Orange and now, with the recent veterans, from depleted uranium radiation effects, as well as chemical and biological weapons damage. Call Pat Pudetti and the Monroe County Veterans’ Service Agency (753-6040 or serviciofficer @ yahoo.com) for help with your health issues.

I apologize for the delay in my work/advocacy that six months of chemo has caused. I’m trying to find my way back to health, but my work has continued all through this period of time. Never doubt the commitment of Chapter 20 to each veteran with service-connected health issues. An outreach to all veterans will insure that a link is established between them and the help that they so deserve by having served and defended the United States of America and suffered serious health issues as a result. The benefits and services necessary to live and thrive for our veterans must be the first order in America, or this isn’t America anymore. God bless our troops, their families, our noble veterans and God bless America. Peace.

**AVVA**  
Kathy Stone, Liaison

AVVA works to ensure that Vietnam veterans get the honor, respect and benefits they deserve. AVVA is the extended family that makes up the Vietnam experience—the parents, spouses, children, friends and communities of veterans.

These words are paraphrased from AVVA’s website (www.avva.org) and should be the focus of all activities we undertake. As the new liaison for AVVA I have pledged to guide and direct our membership toward these goals. I will do this, with the help and support of all AVVA members.

While becoming more familiar with chapter structure and the inner workings of the Board of Directors and committees, I want to learn how our group fits in at the State, Regional and National levels. This will be a learning process for me and I welcome input from each and every one of you to help me better understand this organization.

Be ready, though, to be invited to help me in this process. An organization is only as good as its membership and I know there are a number of you willing to help, but uncertain how to proceed.

The words of our organization’s website are clear. “AVVA is the place for this extended family to join together for action, healing, reconciliation, mutual support and fellowship.”
Near the center of the clearing, the point man was down, shot through the chest and bleeding badly. Cradling his head, another trooper was searching for a pulse. Some VC had taken off after firing the bursts which had dropped the point man. At the side of the clearing was the reason it had all happened. A Vietnamese man had stood precariously on a large rock, the rope around his neck fastened to an overhanging tree branch, until finally he had lost his balance. His eyes were burned out and his face was bloody. The VC had been surprised at their grisly work by the American patrol, and had run after putting out some rounds to buy them a few seconds for escape. An American was behind the hanged man, prepared to lower the body, as a young boy climbed the tree to cut the rope. A Vietnamese woman stood helplessly facing her dead husband.

Near the fallen point man and his helper, two other members of the patrol stood poised to react to further threat, as the RTO spoke urgently into his radio, summoning aid. To the rear, another trooper stood at the edge of the clearing, not believing what he saw in front of him. He was so new in-country his rifle wasn’t even wrapped with camouflage tape yet. “If those VC had come back right then, I’d be a dead man now. I just didn’t know what to do,” he said.

Dutch DeWolf, a former member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade (more popularly known as “The Herd”), was the new guy, and he has recreated this scene – A Moment Frozen in Time – in a diorama which he donated to the Veterans Outreach Center. Working with fiberglass, Dutch built the figures and painted them by hand. His attention to detail in the clothing and gear carried by the patrol is sharp and precise. To house the scene, he built a display case. He painted a background on the rear wall and arranged the figures in front. The sides and front of the case are glass, and the wooden top is covered by another pane. The work took Dutch over six months to complete.

The result is truly a work of art, capturing both the starkness and the humanity of a frozen moment in time...

Dutch, you have a talent to be proud of. No one who sees your work can fail to appreciate it. We’re proud that you have shared it with us.
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save these dates....

13th Annual VOC Flag Day Campaign . . .
Wednesday, June 14, 2006 (June 10 & 11, too!)
Volunteers from businesses, organizations and schools are needed to celebrate Flag Day &
collect contributions for Veterans Outreach Center. Please volunteer a few hours of your
time at a location convenient for you!

12th Annual VOC Golf Tournament . . .
Monday, June 26, 2006 at Penfield Country Club
Sponsors, golfers and raffle prizes are needed. Registration and lunch begin at 11:30 a.m.,
followed by a shotgun start at 1:00 p.m.

Proceeds from these events support vital programs and services offered by the Veterans Outreach Center to our veterans and our returning servicemen and -women.
The scars of war are deep, life-altering and slow to heal. The Veterans Outreach Center proactively reaches out to veterans in need who continue to suffer in
silence—battling personal wars that can be won, with our help. The VOC’s collaborative approach to treatment cares for the whole person; veterans receive the
breadth of services needed to regain their mental, physical and economic health; reconnect with themselves, their families and their communities;
and resume productive lives. For more information on these events, please call Marina at 585/546-1081 or e-mail her at voc@frontiernet.net!
As part of their curriculum at RIT, a group of 10 seniors formed Dog Tag Design. To fulfill the scholastic requirements, this “New Media Team Project” class worked with members of the committee for the 25th Silver Celebration and designed the invitation, ad book/program and the commemorative book for this prestigious milestone in the Chapter’s history.

First this crew, under the direction of Twyla Cummings, created a new image for the 25th Silver Celebration, scheduled for September 30, 2006. The collective brainpower of these students was a tremendous asset to the committee and the outcome is impressive.

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The committee would like to extend their deepest appreciation to the following seniors for their innovative and creative talents: Angel Espejo; Alexis Ames; Travis Silverman; Tim Yen; Jake Gambino; Lauren Hodulich; Josh Scharlinski; Andrea Setta; Matthew Stellato; Justin Swezey. We are deeply indebted and truly appreciative of the time they devoted to our chapter and we wish them all the best as they continue in their chosen career fields. Also a special thanks to Twyla Cummings for allowing these exceptionally talented students to collaborate on this project. Their work helped us realize an incredible cost savings – thank you!

Chapter 20 Helps at Restaurant Night
Dick Oleksyn

Volunteers from Chapter 20 went to the NYS Batavia Veterans’ Home to assist the residents at their “Restaurant Night.” Ten of us had a delightful time helping the veterans by serving food, visiting with them and assisting them in any way we could. A great time was had by everyone.

Our next big project is a picnic on June 24 from 10:00-3:00. All volunteers are welcome to call Dick Oleksyn, 663-5255, if you can help. Let’s get a gang together from the Chapter to help our brothers and sisters enjoy a picnic outdoors.

The Veterans Walk Committee of Chapter 20, VVA want to thank you for your purchase of a personalized, engraved paver brick. Each paver brick (4” x 8”) can have from one to three lines of engraved information. The cost will be $50.00 per brick. Make checks or money order payable to: VVA Chapter 20, Veterans Walk.

The engraved line(s) can include any of the following information:
- Full name
- Branch of service, rank
- Dates of service (1967-1969, etc.)
- Conflict (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, etc.)

Please print the information you would like engraved on the brick below. (Maximum of 14 letters/numbers, including spaces per line).

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When you return the completed form to the Veterans Walk Committee at P.O. Box 92402, Rochester, New York 14692, please include your payment and “Proof of Service” for above recipient.

PLEASE NOTE: Order may take up to 6 months to be fully processed.
This 49-star flag was the flag of our nation for only one year, representing the period between the admission of Alaska and Hawaii to the Union.

President Eisenhower signed the Alaska statehood bill on July 7, 1958. He signed the bill making Hawaii the fiftieth state on March 18, 1959. Alaska’s entry into the Union became official on January 3, 1959, and Hawaii’s date of admission was August 21, 1959.

When a new state is admitted, the new flag comes into use on the following Independence Day. The 49-star flag became the official flag of the United States on July 4, 1959, and remained so until the 50-star flag came into use on July 4, 1960.

Those of us who are old enough to be Vietnam veterans have lived under three flags, the 48-star flag (1912-1959), the 49-star flag (1959-1960), and the 50-star flag in use today.

For more information on the 49-star flag, visit http://www.qmfound.com/us_flag_49th_and_50th_star.htm.

The “Italian Stallion”
Have you been wondering what is the story behind the photo of a helicopter which appeared in the May issue of Between the Lines? The man behind the story is Chapter 20’s own Dick D’Imperio. Ask him to tell you about the rides he had when he was down in Florida this winter.

Save the Date September 30, 2006
SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Description: On a yellow triangular Norman shield with rounded corners 5 1/4 inches in height overall, a black diagonal stripe extending over the shield from upper left to lower right and in the upper right a black horse’s head cut off diagonally at the neck all within a 1/8 inch green border.

Symbolism: Yellow, the traditional cavalry color, and the horse’s head refer to the division’s original cavalry structure. Black, symbolic of iron, alludes to the transition to tanks and armor. The black diagonal stripe represents a sword baldric and is a mark of military honor; it also implies movement “up the field” and thus symbolizes aggressive elan and attack. The one diagonal bend, as well as the one horse’s head, also alludes to the division’s numerical designation.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved January 3, 1921 with several variations in colors of the bend and horse’s head to reflect the subordinate elements of the division. The current design was authorized for wear by all subordinate elements of the division on December 11, 1934 and previous authorization for the variations was cancelled.

DISTINCTIVE UNIT INSIGNIA

Description: A metal and enameled device, 1 inch in height overall, consisting of a gold colored Norman shield with a black horse’s head couped in sinister chief, and a black bend charged with two five-pointed stars. The Division Commander and the Division Staff wore the distinctive insignia design from 1922 to 1934 as a shoulder sleeve insignia.

Symbolism: The device is a miniature reproduction of the 1st Cavalry Division’s shoulder sleeve insignia with the addition of two five-pointed stars. The Division Commander and the Division Staff wore the distinctive insignia was approved August 25, 1965.

Chapter 20 Information by E-Mail

Chapter 20 members who wish to receive information of interest to veterans through e-mail are requested to send their e-mail address to Ken Moore.
Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20
Membership Application

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