Memorial Day Observance

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.,
Chapter 20

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Issue 90

173d Airborne Brigade

Together Then...Together Now

Irondequoit Memorial Day Parade

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President’s Message
Ken Moore

It’s been a busy month doing my job as your president. As I promised at election time, one of the things I wanted to accomplish was to do outreaches to inform veterans as to health and compensation issues. First, I have put in place a committee of members to set up our first and, hopefully, many other outreaches. I have written and received a letter back from the Greece Town Mall to allow us to do the first of hopefully many other events. At these events we will have information on membership in VVA, health information on issues that affect us today like diabetes II, PTSD, prostate cancer and others. Much of this information will be presented in part by The Rochester Outpatient Clinic. Another part of getting this information out is the media. For years I have often wondered why veterans don’t have a spot on TV like those who do travel, computers, lawn and garden. Well, now we will. I have written to all the local TV stations proposing to do this. Last week R News agreed to give me a two minute spot monthly to run throughout each month. So I have to come up with subjects to talk about for these segments. The first will be on compensation. If anyone has any suggestions please let me know. I think these projects will do a lot to inform veterans of the benefits they are entitled to.

A few people in the chapter have been ill lately and not contacted. I truly apologize on behalf of VVA 20. To help us in correcting this I would ask that Tom Gleason, our chaplain, be notified (638-7805 or by email) as to sickness or death and he will see that the members are notified if that would be the wishes of the family.

At this month’s Board meeting we accepted the resignation of board member Skip Snell due to work scheduling. We, the officers and board members, would like to thank Skip for his past service to the chapter and I know he will be around when his schedule will permit. In his place the board approved the nomination of Ron “Ronbo” Trovato to replace Skip. Ron is a founding member of Chapter 20 and has been a long time chair of the Incarcerated Veterans Committee, and long time friend to many of us.

The chapter receives lots of information as to veterans’ issues and other important information which may be of interest to members, so I ask all of those who wish to receive this please send your e-mail address to me at 17cav@rochester.rr.com.

In closing, thanks for your support and brotherhood.

Ken Moore

Together then together now

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

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

July 13th
No August meeting
September 14th
October 12th
November 9th
No December meeting

Congratulations to David Stamp and Bruce VanApeldoorn for winning the Marine Corps Plaque drawing.

PLEASE SEND YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS to Ken Moore:
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The fundraising team is doing an outstanding job to raise funds to cut the costs for our 25th celebration. The team would like to thank at this time the following sponsors:

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We are now on our next venture, our Program Ad Book. In this issue of the BTL you will find a form. If you would like to make a celebration statement or have well wishes, please fill it out and mail it to the Chapter office.

Get ready, everyone, save the date, ‘cause we are going to party hardy! A lot of work has gone into the planning of September 30th and it is all for Chapter 20. See old friends and make new ones….can’t get any better than that.

**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.

**Membership Meeting Attendance**

**May 11, 2006**

Ken Moore, Gail Bologna – Melens, Ray Melens, Joan Macaluso, Chuck Macaluso, Wally Gekoski, Dan Corona, Dave Anisansel, Skip O’Brien, Joe Harkness, Fred Elliott, Marie Davias, Pete Galle, Pat Pudetti, Nancy Switzer, Rich Isaman, Meg Lewczyk, Greg Vleck, Steve Mros, Ron Mullins, Linda DeMitry, Bob DeMitry, Nancy VanApeldoorn, Bruce VanApeldoorn, Gordie Williams, Dick Oleksyn, Tom Gleason, Kathy Stone, Tom Puff, Ron Trovato, Sheri Corona, Bill Memenger, Kathleen Ryan, Riley Ryan

We Thank You for Attending Board of Directors
Marching Unit
Ray Melens, Commander

I know this report is going to be for the July issue of the BTL, but I just want to go back to Memorial Day weekend 2006 for a little bit here and give you an accounting of the weekend’s events. I feel that it was just too important of a weekend to let be dismissed already.

The weekend started for the Marching Unit on Sunday, by participating in the Irondequoit Memorial Day parade. I’m sure everyone will remember that this turned out to be a very hot weekend. The Unit persevered though, with only one fatality from the heat. Fortunately this person knew when he had had enough, fell out and finished the parade while riding in the van. He was just fine at the conclusion of the parade.

While we all truly enjoy marching in Irondequoit and really appreciate the warm reception we receive every time we march there, there is just one thing I can’t seem to understand and that is, how do the politicians always get put ahead of this country’s veterans? Especially in a Memorial Day parade. This to me is just plain disrespectful to our veterans. This is just my opinion.

Then on Monday morning we found ourselves in the Downtown Memorial Day parade. Every year before this parade starts the JROTC Units and their Commanders are reminded that this is a MEMORIAL DAY parade. That means that it is a solemn parade. We are marching to honor our war dead and those veterans that we lost during the past year. In turn this means that there is to be NO chanting, singing, yelling or anything else disrespectful during this parade. Only cadence calls of left, right, left. Every year without fail these JROTC units disrespect the Veterans and their fallen Brothers and Sisters with their Chucking and Jiving and whoop- ing and hollering along the parade route! The most disturbing thing about this is that their leaders are retired military people! This must stop and I will be informing the parade committee again this year about these happenings. Other than that and the heat, we had a pretty good parade.

After the parade we were off to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park for our annual service to honor and pay respect to our 280 fallen brothers that are enshrined there as well as all veterans. Upon arriving and trying to get the P.A. system up and running, we discovered that there was no electric at the overlook. After getting a hold of Tom Pollock from the County Parks, they had someone out there right away to help us. We had to use a lot of extension cords (that they provided) and were able to get the ceremony under way only a few minutes late.

This year the Color...
Guard formation was changed a little bit and it worked great and I also think it looked great. This year we were fortunate to have 12 year old Jordan Gately share her singing talent with us by singing the National Anthem. What a great voice this Greece Athena middle school student has. We were also fortunate to have our friends from the Keystone Pipers join us again this year. This year they had 19 members there and I just can’t begin to tell you how much they add to our solemn and somber walk through the Memorial when the ashes of flags are spread.

This year Major Steve McAlpin USA Ret. and Gail Melens placed the wreath. The name readers were Brian Macaluso, Sue Oleksyn, Tom & Kathy Gleason, Sue Puff, Fred Elliott, Steve McAlpin, Gail Melens, Nancy Van Apeldoorn, Nicole Thompson, Linda Demitry, Michael Hannon and Ken Moore.

As you can see, without the help and cooperation of all these people, this ceremony could not happen. So to all members of the Marching Unit, (Color Guard & Rifle Squad), the name readers, Jordan Gately, Keystone Pipers and anyone else that I may have forgotten to mention, “Thank You” for a job well done.

Our day was not over yet! From there we were off to Ira Jacobson for our Picnic and one more ceremony. Our Color Guard and Rifle Squad took part in Ira’s Memorial Day ceremony. Basically it was a brief ceremony, we provided the Color Guard and Colors and the rifle squad rendered the 21-Gun salute.

At the conclusion of the ceremony it was time to get out of the uniforms and into some cooler and comfortable clothes to enjoy the picnic. The picnic I thought went just great. Great food, great friends and most of all great fun. Very hot and tiring but all in all a great day. There are pictures from the weekend elsewhere in this issue.

The month of June found the Marching Unit in three more parades. June 3rd was Mendon, June 15th was Spencerport, and June 23rd was the Holley parade. The month of July though is the Unit’s busiest month. We are again off to a great parade season. As of this writing our participation numbers are up. Which is always good. Let’s just keep them going that way.

The Honor Guard will not meet before the July membership meeting. Preparation for the trip to Washington, DC is well under way. This will be the 10th consecutive year that we have made this trip. If anyone is interested in accompanying us and witnessing what we do, please just let me know right away and I will let you know all the details, such as the room cost, etc. We leave on September 14th and return on September 17th. I am currently working on trying to get some of our elected officials to join us for this year’s ceremony at the WALL. No answers back yet.

Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday, August 26th. This is the date for the Marching Unit’s end of season picnic. We will be having it again this year at Ira Jacobson. This is always a good time. Plenty of food, drink, and fun. Rain or shine, plan on being there. This picnic is open to all members of the Unit and their families. I will be asking for a head count next month so we know how much to get. So think about it, mark your calendars and plan on attending.

Until next month...........

AT EASE!!!!!
I was cleaning my desk and files today when I came across a front page of the D&C dated July 12, 1995. The headlines said ‘A Time to Heal’, U.S. recognizes Vietnam. There was an interview with the wife of one of our local POW/MIA’s, Capt. Elton L. Perrine, missing since May 22, 1967.

“I say I have a little bit of hope that I will find out what happened to my husband. It is hard to lose hope completely,” Joyce Perrine said.

He is one of 55 soldiers in Pentagon records released yesterday (July 12, 1995) who is listed as “Discrepancy Cases.” That means it is unclear what happened to Perrine the night he disappeared. The last his squadron leader saw of Perrine’s F-4C fighter, according to the Pentagon, was a “bright orange explosion.” This classification gives his case priority because of a higher probability that the Vietnamese have information about his fate.

Joyce Perrine said the Air Force pronounced her husband dead in 1979 and she has heard little since.

Now, back to the present day. So much for high priority – all is still the same. It seems that with all the POW/MIA’s they are all high priority – but with no priority at all. At this time there are still 1,805 American servicemen still unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.


It is the season for flag flying. Please make sure your flags are in good condition and not frayed and torn. You always have a chance of replacing them at our monthly meeting when we have the flag give away of a 3x5 American flag and a 2x3 POW/MIA flag. You have to do is put your name in the bowl for drawing. You must be a Chapter member, have a place to fly the flag, and please only one win per family. Previous recipients are eligible to enter again after 18 months.

Also, if you see a house or business that is flying both the American and POW/MIA flag please send me the address (just the house number and town) and I will send them a letter thanking them for their support.

This year in conjunction with the 10th anniversary of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park we will be having our CANDLELIGHT VIGIL to commemorate National POW/MIA Awareness Day in September. The vigil will be on Saturday, September 9th, at 7:30 PM at the Memorial in Highland Park. Please save the date.

If we don’t REMEMBER who will?

Greetings from your Chaplain. Yep, it’s me again. This is my first Chaplain’s Corner in quite a while. I hope everyone is having a good summer. I do realize that we all get busy with family and vacations and just life in general, but we should not forget those in our VVA family that are suffering from illness or injury. We need to let them know that they are important to us.

This is difficult for one person to do alone. It requires communication to keep up with those in need of a friendly voice or a visit to let them know we care. I am asking for the aid of all members to keep me informed when our people are ill at home or in the hospital, or when a loved one has passed.

Please use my contact numbers listed below and/or my email address to inform me and let me know if and how I can help. I may be asking for a few volunteers to help me with visits or calls when I can’t go myself. If you are more comfortable contacting another board member, please do so and they will relay the information to me.

Remember our people in uniform in your prayers. Together then, together now.

Peace,
Tom Gleason
Home: 585-638-7805
Cell: 585-978-1995
Email: namd0c@hotmail.com
What if I don’t own a black tie?

Hey 25th Anniversary Committee,

I have heard rumors that this anniversary party on September 30th is Black Tie Optional, and what’s this thing going to cost me? I don’t even own a black tie. Can I still come to this thing?
— Wondering Warrior

Dear Warrior,

The 25th committee looked at the significance of the event and wanted to make this a special celebration. If you are familiar with anniversaries, there are two very special ones in most people’s lives - the 25th is Silver and the 50th is Gold. We have made it to 25 years! Most of us doubt there will be a 50th celebration, so this will probably be the last “major” celebration the chapter will have. We wanted the evening to be a dress up/show off event, for ourselves as well as the community, to celebrate what we have accomplished. We’re looking forward to old and current members, as well as old friends of Chapter 20, taking an evening to pat each other on the back for a job well done. In reviewing dress codes definitions “black tie optional” was the clearest in definition to a dress up affair. Tuxedos are not required, but may be worn if you wish. Don’t worry about a black tie, please wear your best and come and enjoy. No one will be turned away. As always we will be a mixture that has made this chapter’s history unique.

As for the final cost, it has not been set because the committee continues to work to keep the cost down. We have actively raised funds within the community to provide money to keep the cost reasonable for all, and will offer to assist any member that can’t attend due to cost. We are working on the details to make the request for assistance, for either clothing for the event or for the cost of dinner, easy and discreet.

Save the date of September 30th to join us. If we make it to the 50th, we are planning on a dress code of hospital gowns and a menu of soft foods.

— 25th Anniversary Committee

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The deadline for submissions intended for a particular month’s issue is the 5th of the preceding month. If the 5th falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline is the first business day following the 5th.
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.
Memorial Day Observance
at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park

Photos submitted by Ken Moore, Dave Hecker and Ray Melens
Memorial Day Parade

Then...

Downtown Memorial Day Parade, mid 1980’s.

...and Now

Downtown Memorial Day Parade, 2006.

Photos submitted by Ken Moore, Dave Hooker and Ray Melens

Chapter 20 Memorial Day Family Picnic
173 Airborne Brigade

SHOULDER SLEEVE INSIGNIA

Shoulder Sleeve Insignia. Description: On a blue silhouetted right cylinder 3 inches (7.62 cm) in height and 2 inches (5.08 cm) in width overall within a 1/8 inch (.32 cm) white border a vertical white wing in flight, the ulna (lower end) extended and hooked around a red bayonet. Attached above the insignia is a blue tab inscribed “AIRBORNE” in white.

Symbolism: The bayonet is used to refer to the brigade being borne by the wing alludes to the brigade’s airborne status. Red, white and blue are the national colors.

Background: The shoulder sleeve insignia was originally approved on 13 May 1963. It was amended to correct the dimensions on 29 July 1963. The insignia was amended to include the tab and update the description on 26 April 2000.

Distinctive Unit Insignia. Description: A silver color metal and enamel device 1 1/4 inches (3.18 cm) in height overall consisting of a semi-circle divided into three sections each with concave base, the outer two sections silver and the center section of red, a vertical silver unsheathed sword point to base, the hilt resting on the red section of the semi-circle the lower edge of the guard coinciding with the concave base and the ends conjoined with the silver sections the blade between two lightning flashes points to base the points converging toward the point of the blade the flashes parallel to and enclosed by two narrow inclined silver lines starting at the diameter periphery of the semi-circle and meeting beneath the point of the sword, the area so inclosed of blue all above a stylized motto scroll, the ends simulating wings and terminating at the base of the semi-circle, bearing the inscription “SKY SOLDIERS” in blue letters; the areas between the narrow silver lines and motto scroll recessed and of silver.

Symbolism: The simulated parachute and stylized wings refer to the airborne mission of the Brigade. The unsheathed sword, point to base (implying from sky to ground) and the hilt against the red section of the parachute canopy, alludes to the combat assault jump made by the Brigade in February 1967, the first such jump made by any unit in Vietnam indicated by the “V” formed by the two lightning flashes on the V-shaped silver edged blue area. The single sword also alludes to other Brigade “firsts” such as first American ground unit in Vietnam, first in War Zones C and D and first in the Iron Triangle. The lightning flashes are also symbolic of the Brigade’s striking power and surprise and rapidity of movement. The numerical designation of the Brigade can be readily simulated by various combinations of the design elements, i.e., the sword indicating one (1), the sum of the wings, the two lightning flashes and the three sections of the parachute canopy being Seven (7) and the latter by itself also being used for three (3).

Background: The distinctive unit insignia was approved on 10 August 1967.

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