New York State Council Report

25th Anniversary of the Wall
Well, it’s been a busy couple months for me. First the motorcycle run “Ride to the Dakota” 7th Annual and this year the proceeds went to Chapter 20. It takes an enormous amount of work to pull it off and as always never enough help. I want to thank Dave Danzig, Chapter member and brother Vietnam Vet who owns the Dakota, for his help and support in making this event a great success. The day before and the day of the event Chapter 20’s same old volunteers came through to help me with the event. To them, thanks to all on behalf of Dave and myself. In the end, the Chapter made a profit of nearly $9,000 that will help with the efforts of the Chapter and maybe next year’s run will benefit the chapter.

To add to this month’s craziness, we had to complete the audit for the Chapter and thrift store and thanks to those who helped me with that process. As it turns out we looked good on the audit and even got a couple bucks back in return.

The Vietnam Veterans moving wall that will be in Gates September 7-9 is moving along great. Thanks to some dedicated people and some local support from Home Depot, the Iron Workers Union and Wegmans, it looks like the event will be one to remember. Ray (gung ho) Melens is in charge of the ceremonial part of the event and will need all the support he can get from our brother and sister veterans and those who care. It’s a big undertaking so PLEASE LEND A HAND. On September 4th a motorcycle escort will bring the wall from Leroy to the Gates Memorial Park at 1:00 p.m. Please welcome the wall at about 1:30 as it enters with a couple hundred motorcycles in escort.

I want to ask all of you to keep a prayer in your hearts for a couple members that are ill at this time. It’s important that we support each other in good times and in hard times.

And when you need a good laugh in your hard day you may wish to see Joe Peck’s CSI pictures from when his lovely wife fell down the steps and Joe made her stay till he could chalk the body out on the floor. Joe, you’re too funny!

Well, as I write this note I’m getting ready to go to Nassau Bahamas for a little R&R before our National Convention. I will be sure to have reports on the convention from myself and the other delegates. Wish me luck, because I have to room with Ron (Ronbo) Trovato and also have to strongarm vets to vote for Fred. Just kidding about Fred. It’s not easy staying with Ronbo, because he stays up all night talking on the phone with the likes of Al Gore about global warming, Hillary about Bill and George W. on his comedy routine. Well, wish me luck. Till next month!

Together then...Together now.

Ken Moore, President

Joe Peck played CSI when his lovely wife took a tumble down the steps. She kindly lay there while he made a chalk outline to commemorate the occasion!

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VVA Chapter 20
Board Meeting Schedule

August 6, 2007
September 10, 2007
October 1, 2007
November 5, 2007
December 3, 2007

Membership Meeting Attendance
July 12, 2007

Joan & Chuck Macaluso, Skip O’Brien, Joe Harkness, Lee Koffman, Mike Sanfilippo, Nick DeLeo, Larry Schulman, Peter Galle, Ted Winkerson—NYSC Western Director, Joe Swystun, Phil Nasca, Mike Kelly, Richard Forsey, Cecil Young, Gary Redlinski, Ron Trovato
Marching Unit
Ray Melens, Commander

Yes, I know it's hard to believe, but another parade season is quickly coming to an end. We only have two parades left for the month of August. They are Hamlin on August 3rd and Phelps on Saturday, August 4th. As of this writing, our parades this year have been well attended by the Marching Unit members. Don’t feel sad yet though guys, we still have our annual Marching Unit picnic to look forward to.

The annual Marching Unit picnic is going to be held on Saturday, August 25th. This year it is going to be back at Gail & Ray’s on Curtis Rd. in Hilton. Notice I didn’t make that particular mistake again as I did several years ago. The picnic is for all active Marching Unit members and their families. We will start at 2:00 p.m. again and plan to eat around 4:00 p.m. We will be having hots and hamburgs and it’s going to be catered by Sullivan’s. There will be no charge to the members as we thought. With what is left in our budget and our parade winnings, the Chapter BOD voted to have the picnic paid for from our budget balance. This is the one way that the Chapter gets to say “Thank You” to the Marching Unit members for representing the Chapter throughout the community during the year. I think we’re going to be able to celebrate having a great parade season again this year. So, if you are planning to attend and have not told me so yet, please do so right away. I need the head count for the caterer. Now don’t forget that Joe Peck is going to be leading us in song around the

VVA Chapter 20 2007 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.
bonfire later that evening as well. Now that alone is worth attending the picnic for. Hope to see you all on the 25th!

The Honor Guard took part in a funeral service on Saturday June 16th at White Haven Memorial Park for Lt. Reynolds. He was an Iwo Jima veteran and I can sincerely say that all of us that attended were deeply honored to be able to render this man his final military honors. Big Jim from the Keystone Pipes & Drum was there to play Amazing Grace and at the very end, the Marine Corps Hymn. The pipers truly do add a lot to our ceremonies and services and this one was no exception. All did a great job that day in paying tribute to a true American hero.

As almost everyone knows by now, the Dignity Memorial Vietnam Wall will be here on September 7th through the 9th. I am still seeking Honor Guard members to partake in the opening and closing ceremonies. If you have not volunteered yet, please do so right away. We will also be providing security for the Wall while it is here. That means 24 hours a day for the time it is here. Anyone interested in helping out with these duties as well is asked to let me know as soon as possible so we can get
Volunteers Needed!

A traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., is coming to Gates Memorial Park, 150 Spencerport Rd. September 7-9, 2007, and we NEED YOUR HELP preparing for its arrival!

To volunteer, please call Alvah Halloran & Son Funeral Home (585) 247-7590

REPORT ON THE JUNE 2007 NEW YORK STATE COUNCIL MEETING

Fred Elliott, Chapter 20 Delegate to NYSC

- The Interchange will become an electronic newspaper.
- There are 46 delegates to the National Convention to date.
- Only 20 out of 37 chapters have submitted their financial reports to date.
- Chapter 296 in the Watertown area will be closed after the convention.
- The Buffalo VARO is planning to move its “800” line to an office in Cleveland, Ohio.
- It is critically important to establish eligibility before submitting a benefits claim.
- The convention planning committee is considering how to allow “caregivers” to accompany their veteran onto the convention floor – a typically “delegate only” area in past conventions.
- The VVA website now has a video of the 1982 parade in D.C.
- If you would like to read names from The Wall in D.C. this November, go to the Memorial Fund website to volunteer.

POW/MIA

Gail Bologna-Melens, Chairperson

Once again, the busiest month for POW-MIA is approaching.

I will not be going to the Wall for National POW-MIA Recognition Day in September. Instead, we will hold a ceremony here at the Moving Wall when it comes to the Gates Memorial Park on September 7, 8, and 9.

On September 8th there will be a candlelight vigil at 8:00 pm. We will read the names of all of our POW-MIAs. I will need volunteers to read names. Contact me at home at 392-2079.

As of this writing, there are 1,783 U.S. personnel listed by the Department of Defense as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

Lt. Col. Alton C. Rockett, Jr., USAF, missing in North Vietnam on June 2, 1967, was returned. No other information was available at this time.

Major Donald E. Westbrook, USAF, from Texas, missing March 13, 1968, was repatriated September 3, 1998, and identified February 14, 2007.


I have available POW-MIA window decals. Please support the awareness effort and put one on your vehicle.

Also, POW-MIA flags made of nylon can be purchased reasonably at Fred’s Flags in Fairport. Fred is a veteran as was his father who founded the store.

Please keep our missing and unaccounted for in your thoughts and prayers. If we don’t REMEMBER them – who will?

The Honor Guard will not meet again in September. With the Wall here in September it’s just not going to be feasible. We will try to start meeting again in October.

Until next month……..AT EASE!!!!!!
VVA Chapter 20 Bus Trip
25th Anniversary of “The Wall”

November 9-early AM November 12, 2007
Washington, D.C.

Save the dates for a National VVA happening! Call those with whom you served and have them meet you in D.C! All Chapter 20 members (as of April 2, 2007), their families/friends will have first chance at seats/rooms. After August 1, 2007, remaining available seats will be open to others. More details to come.

Transportation
• Bus paid for by VVA Chapter 20
• 56 seats available
• Rest room on board
• No smoking on board (stops will be made for food, etc.)
• Soda/water provided on board

Hotel
• Holiday Inn Capitol (within walking distance to The Wall and Metro)
• 25 room s reserved for us
• Baggage/handling included
• 4 restaurants in hotel
• Reservations through VVA Chapter 20/Dick Oleksyn only for this block of rooms
• TENTATIVE $250/room (2 nights/taxes/baggage/handing—one price/room—1-4/room)
• 1/room $ 250
• 2/room $ 125 each
• 3/room $ 83.33 each
• 4/room $ 62.50 each
• (Included is an evening guided bus tour of Washington, monuments, memorials, etc., including guide’s gratuity)

Meals
• At your pleasure and expense

TOTAL ROOM RESERVATION AND PAYMENT PAYABLE TO VVA CHAPTER 20 MUST BE IN TO VVA CHAPTER 20, P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612, BY AUGUST 1, 2007. All names going must be listed for each room and given to Dick Oleksyn with reservation.

If any seats/rooms remain available, August 2-September 30, 2007, all others will be free to reserve seats. Vietnam veterans will have first choice.

As soon as possible, give Dick Oleksyn, 585 663-5255 or roleksyn@yahoo.com, your names for the reservation list—first come, first served. Let’s all make this a wonderful happening. Together then, together now.
Adaptive Clothing For Military Wounded

American military personnel are serving our country in a variety of dangerous situations and locations. A number of them return seriously wounded or injured. Modern medical technology is having great success saving the lives of these heroes. However, medicine doesn’t address some of their basic needs, such as clothing that will accommodate medical devices and situations – braces, fixators, casts, prosthetics and burns. Many of the wounded troops are left with a hospital gown as their only clothing option.

SewMuchComfort (www.sewmuchcomfort.org/index.asp) is a collaborative of seamstresses from around the country modifying clothing to accommodate these needs. All clothing is provided free of charge to the soldiers. Marianne Wink-Sturgeon lives in Fairport, N.Y. and requests donations for her part in this project.

Donations of new men’s boxer shorts (sizes L, XL or XXL only, please) are requested. Donations can also be made to Marianne in the form of gift cards to Target, Kmart, Penney’s, etc. or cash (Paypal to mari6art@aol.com). Any and all donations are welcome.

Please bring your donations to the next membership meeting or call Kathy Gleason at 978-1331.

Marianne Wink-Sturgeon
17 Monroe Street
Fairport, NY 14450
mari6art@aol.com
(Use this email address for Paypal donations)

Support OUR TROOPS

We’re collecting items to box and send to our troops. Please bring whatever you can from the list below to the next General Membership meeting. We will announce a date shortly thereafter and ask help to prepare packages for shipment.

Likewise, if you know of someone stationed in the Middle East, give us their contact information and address so we can include them on our list. You can bring the information that evening, or email it to kathy14470@msn.com. Thanks for your help!

Items include:
- Soap (bars only)
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrushes
- Shaving Cream
- Razors
- Deodorant
- Movie DVDs
- Cheez-it Crackers
- Cream Savers (or hard candy) (no chocolate as it melts!)
- Beef Jerky (a popular favorite!)
- Single stick flavor packets for bottled water (e.g. Crystal Light On the Go)
- Chewing Gum
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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 PO Box 12580, Rochester, New York 14612, please include your payment and “Proof of Service” for above recipient.

PLEASE NOTE: Order may take up to 6 months to be fully processed.
Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20
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Return this application, along with a copy of your DD214, to:
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Name: ___________________________________  Date of Birth: ____________________  Sex: M / F
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Army Chaplains During the Vietnam War

The first Army chaplain in Vietnam arrived on 26 Feb. 1962, with some 3,000 U.S. troops in country. The numbers of serving chaplains roughly kept pace with the troop levels; peaking at over 300 chaplains in the field in 1967.

While ministry to the troops was their overriding concern, they also aided the Vietnamese people in many ways, including mobilizing clothing, food and money for schools, orphanages, medical facilities and the like.

Thanks to the helicopter, chaplains could visit the far-flung reaches of their parishes; with portable field kits, they could set up and conduct services wherever needed.

Sharing Hardships and Danger

Throughout the war, many chaplains shared the dangers and discomforts with the troops, while providing spiritual and emotional support and aiding the sick, wounded and dying.

Rabbi Meir Engel, who died of a heart attack in 1964, was the first U.S. Army chaplain to die in the Vietnam War. In 1966, William J. Barragy was the first chaplain to fall in combat. In all, thirteen U.S. Army chaplains (MOS 5310) died in Vietnam.

Two U.S. Army chaplains, Charlie Watters and Angelo Liteky, were awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, America’s highest award for valor.

Chaplains also received 26 Silver Star Medals, 66 Legions of Merit, 719 Bronze Stars, 82 Purple Hearts, 318 Air Medals and 586 Army Commendation Medals during the Vietnam War.

Army Chaplains Today

Today’s social emphasis on “pluralism”, “multiculturalism” and the “war on terror” places demands on military chaplains – as on the Army itself – seldom faced in the past. As the Army has changed, the chaplaincy has too.

When the American media, Congress and public turned against the war, chaplains became skilled in conscientious objection counseling and, later, in drug abuse counseling.

In 1974 the Reverend Alice Henderson became the first woman commissioned in the Chaplain Corps. In 1979, Georgette Beltran was commissioned and joined her husband Francisco as the first married active duty chaplain couple.

While Orthodox clergy had served in the U.S. Army as chaplains since 1943 while classed as “Christian Chaplains”, the Army recognized the Eastern Orthodox Church as a distinctive faith group in 1979.

The Army opened the door for Muslim and Buddhist chaplains in 1987. More than 560 chaplains served in Southwest Asia during Operation Desert Storm. Abdul-Rasheed Muhammad was appointed as the first Muslim chaplain in December 1993.
Wednesday
August 22, 2007
at Greystone Golf Club

Your entry fee of $100 includes 18 holes of golf with cart, lunch, dinner, prizes and LOTS OF FUN.

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10:30am - Presentation of Colors (US Marines of “A” Co. Anti-Terrorism Bn. 4th Marine Division
11:00am - Shotgun start,- Four-person scramble
4:30pm - Cash bar
5:15pm - Dinner and Awards

(Time subject to change depending upon number of players)

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