Derby Day Winner Maliek Marshall accepts his trophy from Troop Leader Grace Hargreaves.
President’s Report

Well, we made it through the election process and Welcome! to all who were elected. I’m looking forward to the next few years with some renewed energy from the Board and committees. Healthcare, under the direction of new Board Member Jerry McDermott, will try to get important information on healthcare and benefits out to ALL veterans, with special effort on letting our brother and sister Vietnam Vets understand the issues of the effects of Agent Orange and the benefits due to them and family if they should pass from one of the conditions. Membership will be doing a lot of outreaches this summer, promoting membership and handing out health information. These, along with lots of other great stuff the Chapter will be doing, will require ALL OF YOUR HELP – PLEASE.

Chapter 20 Vietnam Veterans motorcycle “Ride to the Dakota” will be June 22nd, with sign-up at 9:00am at the Dakota Grill, 913 Roosevelt Hwy, Hilton NY. The ride leaves at 11:00am and returns for great music, motorcycle vendors like Cenzi cycle, Big Dog and more, live music and many vendors. Again we need your help, so PLEASE call me at 585-392-0269 to lend a hand. Last year the chapter raised over $8,000 and this year it looks even bigger.

In closing, the Chapter has many events this summer and we would like to invite you all to attend and bring a friend or a fellow veteran.

Till next month - be safe, enjoy life and see you soon.

Ken Moore
US Army Cavalry
Vietnam 1966-67
President

Marching Unit
Ray Melens, Commander

On Saturday April 26th the annual Marching Unit meeting was held. Parades for the 2008 season were voted on (schedule located in this issue) as well as some other matters pertaining to the Marching Unit. One of the things that was agreed on by all members that were present is that this parade season is to be dedicated to Wally Gekoski. A picture of Wally is proudly displayed on the Marching Unit’s banner in every parade that we march in this season.

Another matter was the annual picnic. As of this writing the only thing for sure about the picnic is that it will be held this year on Saturday, Sept. 6th. Where it will be held is still being determined. I will report in next month’s report as to where it will be held.

The Marching Unit has had two new members join its ranks. I know all the members of the Unit join with me in welcoming Jim McDermott and Willie Williams to the Unit. The Lilac Parade was their first parade and hopefully they enjoyed marching in the parade as much as we did having them join us for their “WELCOME HOME” parade. Long over due guys, wasn’t it?

The Honor Guard will be presenting the Colors on Monday May 19th at Canal View Elementary school in Spencerport. Again due to the fact that this event has not occurred yet, I will report on any details in the next issue, as well as Memorial Day events.

On Saturday April 19th, the Chapter’s annual dinner was held. Marching Unit Attendance awards were presented to Chuck Macaluso, Tom Puff, Dick Oleksyn, Steve
This year’s [gag award] winner was none other than Joe Peck. I can honestly say that I have never seen a person get picked on and ridiculed as much as Joe and love every minute of it. He is such a good sport!

This year we still had a gag award to present. We named it the GUS MACKER AWARD, simply because that’s what the name plate on it reads. Yes, it was a trophy donated to the thrift store. It was decided by myself and my evil counterpart, Ken Moore, that this should be from now on our prestigious Gag Award to be presented yearly by the past year’s recipient. This year’s winner was none other than Joe Peck. I can honestly say that I have never seen a person get picked on and ridiculed as much as Joe and love every minute of it. He is so damn proud of that award and he’s not ashamed to tell you about the award and why he won it. Joe has really brought a lot of fun and joy to the Chapter since he joined. He is

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ANNUAL DINNER attendees honored many members with awards, some annual awards and some “special” awards. Pictured are deserving recipients.
THE CREATION OF A NEW AWARD surfaced this year. The 2008 Inaugural Gus Macker Award recipient is Joe Peck, introduced by the new President of his fan club, Ray Melens. No one was more surprised than Joe himself. His wife, LuAnn, was seen with tears in her eyes, beseeching the Chapter to not encourage the very behavior that won Joe this trophy. Joe has become a vital Chapter member, serving as an active member of the Marching Unit, Honor Guard, Board of Directors, and his notoriety as a key member of the Financial Committee is known by all. Despite the occasion, Joe regales members of this extended family with witty stories of his childhood years and his numerous, almost unbelievable day to day experiences. The coveted trophy now occupies a space on the mantel in the Peck household. It is expected the competition each year for this esteemed trophy will be fierce. Congratulations, Joe!
Proclamation presented to Chapter from Monroe County

Newly elected Officers and Directors taking oath of office

Robach family, Steve McAlpin et al

Chapter donates to Edison Tech Jr. ROTC

Chapter donates to SOFT organization

Marching Unit Attendance Awards (right)
We would like to compile an e-mail address list so that we can communicate updated information or news relating to Chapter 20. This list will be used only for Chapter-related business, and will not be published in Between the Lines. We invite you to give your e-mail address to Kathy Gleason, either by e-mail (kathy14470@msn.com) or by calling the Chapter phone number (585 482-7396) and leaving a message.

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There were no mint juleps at this derby! It was the annual Pinewood Derby for the members of Cub Scout Pack and Boy Scout Troop 148 at School 14. Chapter 20 has been sponsoring them for several years and the Pinewood Derby is the final event of the year.

Teacher Grace Hargreaves is the leader of the scouts and has done a great job over the years. On Monday, May 5th, Dick Oleksyn, Pat Pudetti and I represented the Chapter at the Derby and assisted Grace in running the event.

In spite of several “technical” problems, Dick and I managed to get the track in shape for the races, thanks to a little bit of luck and ingenuity. Pat worked the starting gate for the races. After several “heats,” a final race was held to determine the first, second, and third place finishers. Mohamad Abdukadir claimed the third place spot, Deshauntly Lee came in a close second, and the winner by a “nose” was Maliek Marshall.

All the scouts had a good time evidenced by the good natured kidding and cheering. Even the parents in attendance seemed to get into the spirit of things. After the races were completed, the trophies passed out and the “official photographs” taken, everyone shared in pizza and cake. It was a great “day at the races.”

2nd Place Winner, Deshauntly Lee, (above left) and 3rd Place Winner, Mohamad Abdukadir, (above right) receive their prizes from Troop Leader, Grace Hargreaves.
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Chapter Outreach

The Skin and Steel event was at the Dome arena on April 6th. Chapter 20 had a booth set up with information on health issues and information on Chapter 20 including membership applications. The attendants were Ken Moore, Joe Peck, Pat Marianetti, Pete Galle, Pat Pudetti and Ralph Pascale.

Day of Caring

Chapter 20 isn’t the only group helping to spruce up Ira Jacobson Post. This group of volunteers from Bausch and Lomb, together with members of the Post and Chapter 20, were part of United Way’s Annual Day of Caring. Thanks, everyone!

Extra Names

John J. Kruzewl
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, May 7, 2008

The names of four U.S. service members were etched into the glossy black walls of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial this week alongside more than 58,000 of their fallen comrades.

Finishing the addition today was the name of Raymond C. Mason, a Marine lance corporal who died a year ago as a result of ailing health stemming from a bullet wound that paralyzed him in February 1968 during the Tet Offensive.

The names of Richard M. Goosens, a Marine lance corporal, and Dennis O. Hargrove and Darrell J. Naylor, both Army specialists fourth class, were inscribed here yesterday. The Defense Department determined that their deaths, which occurred years after the end of U.S. operations in Vietnam, resulted from wounds suffered in a combat zone there.

It’s also a tangible expression of the gratitude of the American people for those who served and died there.

The wall’s 58,260 etched names bear testament to the ultimate sacrifice paid by those U.S. troops, said R. James Nicholson, former secretary of Veterans Affairs.

“It’s also a tangible expression of the gratitude of the American people for those who served and died there,” he said in an interview today. “The hope is that more and more Americans will learn and grow to appreciate the sacrifice and the price that was paid to perpetuate our freedom.”

Excerpted from original article.
such a good sport!

Needless to say, I was caught off guard too when it came to the Service Awards that evening as well. I was totally surprised when my name was called for one of this year’s Veterans Service Awards. Little did I know that the real surprise was yet to come. As Dick was reading the intro about the Robach Award recipient, it took me awhile to realize that it was about me. I was and still am taken aback that the Robach family and the VVA 20 family found me worthy to receive this very prestigious award. I can honestly say that I am truly humbled and feel I am in good company with the past recipients. That night I really didn’t know what to say and I still don’t. I would like everyone to know though that I am truly grateful to be thought of so highly. Now I know what it feels like to receive an Oscar! I have to tell you all though, that the best part of receiving the Robach Award is that I got to hug Terry and Ann Robach. OK, so I got to shake Joe Robach’s hand too. They are truly an amazing family and have shown with actions as well as words how they feel about veterans. It’s great to have them on our side and for me to be able to call them my friends.

The Honor Guard will meet again before the June membership meeting. Please remember that this month the meeting is going to be held on Wednesday, June 11th, instead of Thursday, because the Spencerport Firemen’s parade is on Thursday the 12th and so many of the members are at the parade. We will meet upstairs as usual at Ira. Any and all members of the Honor Guard are invited to attend as well as any that are considering joining the Honor Guard. We start the meeting at 7PM.

Until next month…………AT EASE!!!!!
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VVA Chapter 20 Board Meetings
See page 7 for meeting attendance.
- June 2
- July 7
- August 4
- September 8*
- October 6
- November 3
- December 3*

Scheduled Membership Meetings
2nd Thursday of the Month, beginning at 7:30 pm. All meetings are held at the Ira Jacobson American Legion Post, 90 St. John’s Park, unless otherwise noted.
- June 11*
- July 9*
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

Special Events
- Ride to the Dakota, Sun, June 22 - Chapter’s Biggest Fundraiser - Volunteers Needed!
- Summer Picnic, August - Date TBA
- Christmas Party, December 6

* Dates changed due to conflict with holidays or other events.

Women Veterans’ Recognition Day
Thurs, June 12, 2008
Assembly Chamber,
3rd Floor, State Capitol - Albany, New York • Sponsored by the New York State Assembly Subcommittee on Women Veterans

11:30 AM - In the Capitol, special seating for women veterans will be available in the rear of the Assembly Chamber and the 4th Floor Visitors’ Gallery. Women veterans will be honored during the ceremony. Two Legislative Resolutions will be adopted: June 12, 2008 will be declared “Women Veterans’ Recognition Day” in New York State; the 60th Anniversary of the Women’s Armed Service Integration Act will be commemorated.

1:00PM-2PM - Women veterans will meet in the Well of the Legislative Office Building for lunch.

If you are able to attend, kindly RSVP by Friday, June 6th, 2008 to: Assemblywoman Donna A. Lupardo; Phone, 607-723-9047; Mail, Via mail: 44 Hawley St., 17th Floor, Binghamton, New York 13901; e-mail, poffg@assembly.state.ny.us

Ride to the Dakota
June 22

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