Greetings from Vietnam!

4 Women on the Wall
6 Lesson in Sharing

Please note date change for July meeting to WEDNESDAY, JULY 9th

Together Then... Together Now
Report of the June 2008 NY State Council Meeting
Submitted by Fred Elliott

Although State President Foote personally invited all Chapter Presidents to attend this meeting, only 6 of 39 were there.
• It’s not too early to start planning for the National Convention in 2009 to be held in Louisville, Kentucky from July 29 to August 1st.
• President Foote was recently in Seattle, Washington as part of a national panel for military amputees – he said the panel appears to be a good working group interested in the needs of amputees
• President Foote and VP Coates were to attend a Purple Heart ceremony at West Point on June 26th
• The recent email sent by NYSC to all NYSC VVA members is to have people sign up for an e-newsletter that will be in addition to The Interchange
• State elections were held and all current NYSC Officers and Directors were reelected
• Information that Chapters want posted to the NYSC web site (www.nyvietnamvets.org) should be sent to VP Grant Coates at gcoates@nyvietnamvets.org
• Chapter articles and photos for the NYSC newspaper, The Interchange, should be sent to Secretary Francisco Muniz at FMVVA@aol.com
• Anyone stationed at Camp Lejuene between 1957 and 1987 may have been exposed to trichloroethylene contaminated water and should either call 1-877-261-9782 or visit web site www.usmc.mil/clsurvey
• Chapter 77 is presenting framed commemorative prints to 39 Western New York OEF/OIF families
• AVVA-NY donated $50 to NYSC in memory of NYSC Chief Service Officer Dee Garcia’s recently deceased father
• Chapter 77 will be celebrating its 25th anniversary on November 15th of this year
• Changes to the NYSC By-Laws will be voted on at the September meeting
• Chapter 978 President Bob Lewis will conduct a session on grant writing at the September meeting
• The walk-a-thon fundraiser has been cancelled
• 2009 NYSC meeting dates – January 31, April 18, June 20, September 12

Marching Unit
Ray Melens, Commander

The 2008 parade season is off to a good start. Attendance numbers are average so far and we have participated in only one judged parade as of this writing and that was the Mendon parade.
The annual Marching Unit picnic will be held again this year at 151 Curtis Rd. in Hilton. This is, of course, Ray & Gail’s house. Volunteers will be needed to help put up the tents and to help with the general set up and tear down. It has not been decided yet as to what we will have for food, but no matter what, we all always seem to have a great time and enjoy each other’s company. So mark your calendars now for Saturday, Sept. 6th and plan to attend the annual Marching Unit picnic. All Marching Unit members and their immediate families are invited to attend. I will need all to R.S.V.P. by August 19th and I ask you to do it by email. This is one way that the chapter has to thank the MU members for all they do to bring recognition and pride to Chapter 20.

This year’s Memorial Day parades in Irondequoit and in Downtown Rochester went off just great again this year. As always, the Marching Unit was warmly received in both parades. The annual Memorial Day service at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial went great as well. Even though we were short some members for the ceremony we were still able to pull it off without a hitch. Again this year I wish to thank my wife, Gail, for arranging and taking care of the name readers. Also I would like to thank all of you, too numerous to list, that helped to make the ceremony go off as well as it did. I sure don’t want to forget our friends from the Gates Keystone Pipe and Drum Band. Again this year, they helped to add more meaning and sincerity to the ceremony. They are truly a great bunch of people.

From the Memorial, it was off to Ira for the Chapter’s annual Memorial Day picnic. What a great job again this year by Mickey Mouse (AKA Dick Oleksyn) and his Mouseketeers. Great weather, great food, great company and it all added up to a fun afternoon.

Talking about the pipers, I would just like to share a little story with you all about their dedication to us and for what we represent. On Sunday May 11th, the Moving Wall was
in Wellsville, NY and we were asked to have our Honor Guard be there and to conduct our ceremony that we conduct at the Wall in DC and other traveling walls throughout the area. To conduct this ceremony with the meaning and feeling that it’s meant for, we need a piper to play Amazing Grace. When we got the invitation for Wellsville, I immediately contacted our friend Jim VanBrederode, (AKA Big Jim) and he graciously accepted as he always does. Well first of all, it was Mother’s Day, it was cold and drizzling that day and it was about a two-hour trip there one way. The ceremony starts and little did we know that it was going to last over an hour and a half. There was Jim though, right along with us - missing out on a Mother’s Day dinner (as some of us did also) just to make sure that our ceremony had the proper pomp and circumstance musically and as only he can do. We truly owe Big Jim a lot. He has told me before that he and the band are there for us and obviously he means it! A heartfelt “Thank You!” to Jim and all of the band members.

A reminder to all that are planning to attend the Warriors’ Day parade in Toronto this August, you must get in contact with Tim Sturm and let him know that you are planning to march in the parade. You can reach him at 266-7787. He will give you all the necessary information and details for going.

Unless something important should come up, the Honor Guard will not be meeting before the monthly membership meetings for the months of July and August. We will resume meeting again before the Sept. membership meeting.

Everyone have a safe and fun 4th of July!

Until next month……………AT EASE!!!!!!!

Veterans Incarcerated Report
by Ron Trovato

Things are progressing at Chapter 205 at the Auburn Correctional Facility as elections were recently held and we welcome new chapter president, Andy Restivo, as well as thank outgoing president, Bill Layer, for all his hard work there. Andy has been a long time chapter member and has held a variety of positions within the organization and we do wish him and all his new officers and board members well. We also welcome new chapter staff advisor, Richard Hefferon. The guys at Auburn deserve an interested and active staff advisor and he will be a welcome addition.

Dr. Ziarnowski from the Vets Center on Mt. Hope Avenue spoke at the Probation Officers Association Conference here in Rochester on May 16th and did a fine job for us. He gave a talk on the background of PTSD and its incidence in returning Iraq and Afghanistan vets today. Many thanks to Dr. Pete and his staff for spending the day with us at the conference, and for his excellent presentation.

The Vietnam Veterans Group San Quentin (Chapter 563) is keeping busy with several projects and has about 40 members attending meetings there. That chapter’s support for Operation Mom has been significant and the Stamps for Soldiers Program continues to raise funds for postage for our men and women overseas. Of special note was a substantial donation of stamps from the Museum of Fine Arts San Francisco.

The post sure looks much improved since our men and women began its refurbishing several weekends ago. Many of the greatest painters

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Women on the Wall  
by Fred Elliott

At Line 46 of Panel 5E of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial you will see the name of Army Second Lieutenant, Carol Ann Elizabeth Drazba. Lieutenant Drazba, of Dunmore, Pennsylvania, was twenty-two years old when the helicopter she was on crashed killing both she and another twenty-two year old Army 2nd Lieutenant, Elizabeth Ann Jones of Allendale, South Carolina (Panel 5E, Line 47). Both Drazba and Jones were assigned to the 3rd Field Hospital in Saigon when they died on February 18, 1966 in the crash near Saigon.

Captain Eleanor Grace Alexander (Panel 31E, Line 8) and First Lieutenant Hedwig Diane Orlowski (Panel 31E, Line 15) were killed when their plane crashed. They were returning to Qui Nhon from Pleiku on November 30th, 1967. The two Army nurses had been sent to a hospital in Pleiku to help out during a push. Captain Alexander of Westwood, New Jersey was assigned to the 85th Evac in Qui Nhon and 1st Lieutenant Orlowski of Detroit, Michigan to the 67th Evac.

Twenty-six year old Army 2nd Lieutenant, Pamela Dorothy Donovan (Panel 53W, Line 43), became seriously ill and died on July 8, 1968. Assigned to the 85th Evac in Qui Nhon, Lieutenant Donovan was from Allston, Massachusetts.

Efland, North Carolina was home to Army Lieutenant Colonel Annie Ruth Graham (Panel 48W, Line 12). LTC Graham was the Chief Nurse at the 91st Evac Hospital in Tuy Hoa. The 52 year old suffered a stroke on August 14, 1968 and died four days later in a hospital in Japan. Vietnam was her third combat theater, having served in both World War II and Korea.

When the 312th Evac Hospital at Chu Lai was hit by rockets on June 8, 1969, Army 2nd Lieutenant Sharon Ann Lane was among the wounded. The twenty-five year old from Canton, Ohio died from those wounds. She was posthumously awarded the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry with Palm and the Bronze Star for heroism. Lt. Lane had been assigned to Fitzsimmons Army Hospital in Denver, Colorado before going to Vietnam and in 1970, the recovery room at the hospital was dedicated in her honor. Canton, Ohio’s Aultman Hospital, where Lt. Lane went to nursing school, erected a bronze statue of her. The names of 100 local servicemen killed in Vietnam are inscribed on the base of the statue.

Air Force Captain Mary Therese Klinker (Panel 1W, Line 122) was a flight nurse assigned to Clark Air Base in the Philippines. On April 4, 1975, Captain Klinker died in the crash of a C-5A Galaxy outside Saigon while evacuating Vietnamese orphans during Operation Babylift. The twenty-seven year old from Lafayette, Indiana was posthumously awarded the Airman’s medal for heroism and the Meritorious Service Medal.

While most people are aware that some women died during the Vietnam War, and some even recognize the names of the eight women listed above whose names are on The Wall, how many know about the twenty-seven other women who died in the Vietnam theater of operations? I know I didn’t, so here they are:

- Civilian Missionary Eleanor Ardel Vietti, captured as a POW, died on May 30, 1962 in Ban Me Thout
- Civilian Missionary Janie A. Makil was shot and killed in Dalat on March 4, 1963
- US Navy Civilian (OICC), Regina “Reggie” Williams died from a heart attack in Saigon in 1964
- CIA civilian employee, Barbara Robbins died from a car bombing in Saigon on March 30, 1965
- Journalist, Georgette “Dickey”
Vietnam Women's Memorial

Approximately 11,000 American military women were stationed in Vietnam during the war. Nearly all of them volunteered.

Because of the guerilla tactics of Vietnam, many women were in the midst of the conflict. There was no front, no such thing as "safe behind our lines." Many were wounded; most spent time in bunkers during attacks. The names of the eight military women who died in Vietnam are listed on the "Wall."

It is estimated that approximately 265,000 military women served their country during the Vietnam War all over the world, in a variety of roles. Thousands served in Japan, Guam, the Philippines, Hawaii, and other stateside hospitals caring for the wounded and dying. Many Navy women were stationed aboard the USS Repose and the USS Sanctuary, hospital ships stationed off the coast of South Vietnam. Air Force nurses served both "in country" and on air evacuation missions.

An unknown number of civilian women also served in Vietnam as news correspondents and workers for the Red Cross, the USO and other humanitarian organizations. Like their military counterparts, many of these women were wounded in the crossfire. More than 50 civilian American women died in Vietnam.

This year marks the 15th anniversary of the Vietnam Women's Memorial, the first memorial placed in the nation's capital honoring women's military service and depicts three women, one caring for a soldier.

Chapelle, died on November 4, 1965 in Chu Lai from a land mine
• Journalist Marguerite Higgins died from an unspecified illness on January 3, 1966
• Journalist Philippa Schuyler died near Da Nang in a helicopter crash on May 9, 1967
• United States Agency for International Development (USAID) employee Marilyn L. Allan was murdered in Nha Trang on August 16, 1967
• Army Special Services civilian employee Dorothy Phillips died in a plane crash near Qui Nhon in 1967
• Civilian Missionaries Carolyn Griswold, Betty Ann Olsen, Ruth Thompson, and Ruth Wilting all died during an enemy raid at Ban Me Thout on February 1, 1968
• Army Special Services civilian employee Rosalyn Muskat died in Long Binh in a jeep accident on October 26, 1968
• American Red Cross worker, Hannah E. Crews died on October 2, 1969 in a jeep accident in Bien Hoa. USAID employee Dr. Breen Ratterman died in the same accident
• Knights of Malta, civilian volunteer Maria L. Kerbeer, died in 1969 from an illness in a POW camp
• Gloria Redlin, a Catholic Relief Services worker, was shot to death in Pleiku in 1969
• Virginia E. "Ginny" Kirsch, an American Red Cross worker was murdered on August 16, 1970 in Cu Chi
• On February 9, 1971, Lucinda J. Richter, of the Red Cross, died from illness in Cam Ranh Bay
• Illness claimed the life of Temporary Captain Barbara Frances Black of the Royal Australian Army Nurse Corps on March 11, 1971
• CIA civilian Betty Gebhardt died in Saigon in 1971
• Evelyn Anderson and Beatrice Kossin, both civilian missionaries, died in a fire in 1972 in Kengkok, Laos
• Sister Lesley Cowper, believed to be working for the New Zealand Foreign Affairs Ministry, died in Qui Nhon
• Knights of Malta civilian volunteer, Hindrika Kortman, died in a POW camp
• Australian entertainer, Cathy Wayne (Warnes) was murdered in Vietnam

Were there more? Possibly, I don't know - but these are all that I was able to find using the internet. Regardless of the number, it's important to remember that women have died in time of war serving their country and continue to do so today. So far over 100 women have died during Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom.
Hershey's Tropical Chocolate Bar
Bruce VanApeldoorn

What thought just jumped in your mind when you read the title? If you have never tasted a Hershey Tropical Chocolate Bar then how about Baking Chocolate? You remember, your Mom used to keep some bars of it around her kitchen. Now everyone knows the taste...very bitter chocolate but it is chocolate.

Some may remember that in temporary bases and on extended operations that we were provided with boxes of personal supplies to keep us going. Letter writing material (no stamps required...just write FREE), soap, shaving equipment, cartons of cigarettes and Hershey Tropical Chocolate Bars. It seemed that the contents were quickly used up except for the Hershey Tropical Chocolate Bars.

Being that the favorite saying I tried to practice was “waste not – want not” I collected the Hershey Tropical Chocolate Bars and placed them in my 40MM ammo box that hung on the back of the turret of the tank I was assigned to. Every tank crewman had one. It was great to keep a few personal items in a sealed box, out of the rain.

During the first few days of the Tet Offensive everything changed. We were no longer looking for Charlie but were engaging the North Vietnamese Army. This went on day and night. We seemed not to get any sleep and the only supplies were more ammo.

In the middle of one of those nights I remembered that I had saved those Hershey Tropical Chocolate Bars. Since we had been out of C rations for a day or so those bars seemed like Surf & Turf. This is where I made my big mistake.

I quietly opened my 40MM ammo box and got out one of those bars. It was gone in seconds and I was back for more. The thought of sharing never entered my mind as I rationalized that if no one liked them before why would they like them now? I downed several of those bars that night.

As the sun rose, those bars reformed in my stomach as a bowling ball. I was in a lot of real pain. My fellow Marines thought my appendix had burst and were going to call in a medivac. I told them not to make the call and explained what I had done...ate all of the Hershey Tropical Chocolate Bars and didn't share with anyone.

They pushed me off of the back of the tank (about an eight foot drop). Then they called the Corpsman who made me drink a canteen cup of some chalk. It worked as shortly I was off to the bushes.

This memory has stuck with me and made me a better person. You might notice at meetings and other Chapter gatherings that I am always offering for anyone to get in line ahead of me. Sharing has become second nature.

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throughout history have been Italian and Kenny Moore was wasting my obvious talents by making me wash brushes and working as a step stool.

On a personal note, there are a couple things I need to mention. My oldest son Jimmy will be re-enlisting in the Navy and is due to leave us in August. He was always game for any of Kenny’s schemes and enjoyed coming to our meetings when not working. My wife had a medical setback and is currently being treated on a regular basis at a hospital in Philadelphia. This has caused me to miss several board meetings and has curtailed my committee’s activities. Special thanks are in order to Kenny and Sandy for all their support, and especially for helping with travel expenses. Marie Elliot and Gail Melens also have assisted us in our travels, and I can’t thank you ladies enough for your help and encouragement. Kathy and Tom Gleason also have given us a load of books which we have in turn been donating to the hospital there. And a big thanks to all the board members for their unswerving support as well as those in the chapter who offer encouragement at every meeting. Finally, a special thank you to Joan and Chuck Macaluso for always remembering us. We have a lot of good people carrying us right now and we do appreciate it.

Chapter 20 members toasted the birthday of the US Army at the June General meeting.
E-Mail List
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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IF YOU ARE A VETERAN OF THE COLD WAR PLEASE CHECK OUT THE NEW LAW 458C
This law authorizes a limited exemption from real property taxes for real property owned by persons who rendered military service to the United States during the Cold War (defined as September 2, 1945 to December 26, 1991).

Information and instructions:
http://www.orps.state.ny.us/ref/forms/pdf/rp458bins.pdf
The form itself is available at the following address:
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IMPORTANT PROPERTY TAX NEWS
The PACV is the term for the United States’ Navy’s Patrol Air Cushion Vehicle, commonly referred to as “PAC-V’s”, or Hovercraft. The U.S. Navy’s PACV was based on the British designed SRN.5 / SK-5, adapted for American military use in 1965. The SRN.6 was an extended version, also used by other nations in military roles. Three were purchased by the U.S. Navy for operations in the emerging Vietnam War. After a period of getting the Navy crews used to operating the PACV out of their base in Coronado, California, adjustments were made through experience in the seas off San Diego to the model that would later be employed by all hovercraft, such as changes to the hovercraft skirt. The PACVs were first deployed in 1966 to Vietnam.

Often called “Pac Vees”, they were armed with a .50 caliber machine gun mounted on a rotational platform in the front, side mounted M60 machine guns, and often remote controlled M60s or grenade launchers in the stern. In addition, the crew, and often U.S. Army Green Berets and ARVN Rangers, riding on the side panels, employed assorted small arms such as M16s, M79 grenade launchers, various rifles, .45 pistols, M60s, claymores, and grenades. During PACV’s first tour in Vietnam some basic light armor was added to the hovercraft to give it some protection from enemy fire.

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CARNIVAL TIME is a great time for outreach! We will be manning booths at many of the firemen’s carnivals and the Greater Rochester Air Show this summer. Volunteers are needed – the only requirement is a SMILE. Great opportunity to interact with fellow veterans and the community. Teams are invited - husbands/wives/significant others. Brochures and other information will be available, as will membership applications. Pat Marianetti is coordinating these events and would appreciate any and all help you can provide. Please contact him at 509-0114 or send him an email at USSMADDOX731@aol.com.
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the Navy’s modifications from the experimental phase of 1966, calling it the ACV, for Air Cushion Vehicle. There were only 3 Navy PACVs, and 3 Army ACVs during the whole Vietnam War.

The PACV was too loud for patrol and interdiction missions on the coastline and waterways. However, after “Operation Quai Vat” (Vietnamese for Monster, which was what the Viet Cong called the PACVs) the PACV showed great prowess and capability in marshy terrain like the Plain of Reeds along south Vietnamese/Cambodian border.

In operation Quai Vat in November 1966, the PACV force brought its speed and firepower to bear on the Viet Cong, with many successful attacks and raids, taking prisoners and destroying Viet Cong sanctuaries. Afterwards, the success of operation Quai Vat formed the basis for stationing the Army’s ACVs in the Plain of Reeds. It was found that the PACVs could move faster over the slick ground found in southwestern Vietnam, and over the border into Cambodia. Though the loud noise of the PACVs was still an issue, their speed made up for it in this otherwise difficult terrain, especially during the monsoon season. The search and destroy raids conducted out of Moc Hoa in November of 1966 caught the Viet Cong by surprise and resulted in many Viet Cong deaths. With time, and the degree of threat that this new fast and fierce weapon brought with it, the handfull of PACVs and ACVs in Vietnam became major targets for the insurgents.

The Green Berets out of Moc Hoa became proponents of the PACV, being involved in many of their early operations.


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**Picnic**

The August Membership meeting on the 14th will include a picnic supper and will start at 6:00pm. There will be a brief membership meeting. Please bring your flags for proper disposal, which will be done that evening. We will serve hots, hamburgers and salads. Feel free to bring a snack or dessert to share. Call 585-482-7396 prior to August 8th for reservations.
Recently, Professor Susie Collier, a part time area resident and college professor in Connecticut, donated her 1995 Ford Van to the Vietnam Veterans of America in honor of her father, Major William Russell Sherron. Major Sherron served in the Army from 1953 to 1974 and had two tours of duty in Vietnam, the first from 1965 to 1966 and the second from 1970 to 1971. Among his honors in the service were the Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal and Bronze Star. Major Sherron was interred with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery in 2001.
2008 parade schedule

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For more information contact Ray Melens, Marching Unit Commander, or any member of the Marching Unit. If you are not a member, please attend and support this award-winning group of veterans, your brothers.

Membership/Health Affairs Outreach – At the carnivals this year the Chapter will sponsor a booth to distribute health information for veterans, membership information for the Chapter and POW/MIA awareness efforts. Many volunteers are needed. Please contact Ken Moore, Ralph Pascale or Bonnie Gekoski and let them know your availability. If we each help out at the carnival nearest us, we will easily be able to cover all these events and have a successful summer season of outreach.
### VVA Chapter 20 Board Meetings

See page 7 for meeting attendance.

- 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.

- July 9*
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

### Special Events

- Summer Picnic, August 14
- Christmas Party, December 6

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

### August Membership Meeting Picnic

August 14 6 PM

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