Don’t forget the Chapter Picnic on August 14th!

See page 12 for details.

Together Then... Together Now
PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Well, another “Ride to the Dakota” motorcycle run is on the books. Without the final figures in, it looks like we made about $5,000 this year, down a little because of a few things that were more costly and also fewer donations to offset our expenses. I would like to thank all those who helped put the event together – both for the early day on Sunday the 22nd and the following Monday cleaning up the site.

The talk for next year is that Cenzi Motorcycle and 98.9 the Buzz want to make it a two-day event where on Saturday it would be the Wilmot Cancer Run and the following day our vets run. At the July Board meeting, it was agreed that next year’s “Vietnam Veterans Run” will be for the Wilmot Cancer Center and it would be just a one-day event. Since many of our members and families are suffering the effects of cancer, I think this will be a great thing for Chapter 20 to do. Teaming up with Cenzi Motorcycle will make this a much larger event than the past and allow us to raise money for cancer. I will meet with Dave from the Dakota and the Buzz to clear it through them, but I’m sure it will be OK. I will keep you updated as we go along.

June 26th we set up our first event with the new trailer and I would like to thank Pat Marinetti for all the time and hard work he put into the event. We suffered some damage to the awning during the first night, but with a few repairs it will be like new. To continue on with these events we need lots of help from the chapter people to man the booth. We have a great opportunity to help our brother and sister vets with providing information we have on benefits and compensation due to them. This is also a great recruiting tool, because I believe that at the first event we got a couple new members and some old ones returning.

Until next month - have a safe and happy summer!

Ken Moore

MARCHING UNIT
RAY MELENS, COMMANDER

Hopefully everyone has been enjoying their summer and the pretty good weather we have had so far this summer. I’m hoping that the weather will continue to be good right on into September. There are a few outdoor events planned for us in the month of September.

First is the annual Marching Unit picnic on Saturday, Sept. 6th at 2 PM at 151 Curtis Rd. in Hilton. For those of you that are new to the Unit, this is Gail’s and my home. I will need members to help set up and take down the tents and tables and chairs. Also everyone that is planning to attend needs to RSVP by the 19th of Aug. All members of the Marching Unit and their immediate families are invited to attend. Please respond by E-mail with your number that planning to attend. We need the head count to plan on how much food and drinks to get. Looks like we’re going to go with hamburgers, hot dogs, and sausages this year, all to be cooked and grilled by probably Joe Peck. Thanks for volunteering Joe. Joe won’t know he volunteered until he reads this article.

Next in Sept. is going to be the POW/MIA candle light vigil at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park on Sat. Sept. 13th starting at 7:30 PM. All members of the Chapter are encouraged to attend and partake. This service only lasts a few hours - so please come out and show our elected officials and all of the community that there still 1,758 MIA’s from Vietnam alone and 8 of those are from the Rochester area.

The third and final thing in September is POW/MIA Recognition Day. Members of our... continued on page 6

Correction

Editor’s Note: This is the REAL Big Jim VanBrederode. The picture last month was incorrect – we apologize for the error!
At this time there are 1,758 service persons unaccounted for from the Vietnam War.

Lt. Cmdr. Ralph C. Biaz, U.S. Navy, has been identified and is buried with full military honors. He is from Miami Shores, FL. On August 4, 1967, he took off in an A-4E Skyhawk from the USS Oriskany to bomb an enemy petroleum depot near Haiphong, Vietnam. As he neared the target, his aircraft was struck by an enemy surface-to-air missile and crashed near the town of Hai Duong in Hai Hung Province. No parachute was observed and no emergency beeper signal was received.

In 1988, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, repatriated to the U.S. human remains from Hai Hung Province, which they attributed to Biaz on the basis of their historical records of the shoot down as well as documentation of his burial.

Using forensic identification tools, circumstantial evidence, DNA analysis and dental comparisons, scientists from JPAC identified the remains as those of Biaz.

Here is a little bit of information about the names on the Wall. On the west wall each name is preceded by a diamond and on the east wall is followed by a diamond; if the death is confirmed. If the person is missing or has prisoner of war status at the end of the war his name is preceded or followed by a cross. When the person is repatriated the cross becomes an unfilled diamond.

The third Friday in September is National POW-MIA awareness day as designated by Congress. This year we will be remembering our 1,758 POW-MIA’s on Saturday, September 13 at 7:30 pm, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park. At a candlelight vigil, we will read all of the names. If you would like to read names, just be present. I do not have a list. When you wish to read, stand at the current reader’s side and they will finish their page and you can then read names. The previous reader then becomes the bell ringer. The bell is rung once after each name. When all the names have been read, Taps will be played, thus ending our tribute.

Please don’t forget our POW-MIA’s in your thoughts and prayers. If we don’t REMEMBER them, who will?
Flag of the United States

The Flag Code formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag. The following are only some of the regulations:

- The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
- The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
- When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.
- When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a dignified manner.
- When displaying the flag against a wall, vertically or horizontally, the flag’s union (stars) should be at the top, to the flag’s own right, and to the observer’s left.
- The flag of the United States is always the first flag raised and the last to be lowered.
- The flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously.
- When the national anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention and salute at the first note and hold the salute through the last note. The salute is directed to the flag, if displayed, otherwise to the music.

The Vietnam War POW/MIA Flag

In 1971, Mrs. Mary Hoff, MIA wife and member of the National League of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia, recognized the need for a symbol of our POW/MIAs. Prompted by an article in the newspaper, Mrs. Hoff contacted Annin & Company which had a policy to provide flags to all UN member nations. Mrs. Hoff found them very sympathetic to
the POW/MIA issue and a flag was designed to represent our missing men. Following League approval, the flags were manufactured for distribution.

The flag is black, bearing in the center, in black and white, the emblem of the League. The emblem is a white disk bearing in black silhouette the bust of a man, watch tower with a guard holding a rifle, and a strand of barbed wire; above the disk are the white letters POW and MIA framing a white 5-pointed star; below the disk is a black and white wreath above the white motto YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

On March 9, 1989, a POW/MIA Flag, which flew over the White House on the 1988 National POW/MIA Recognition Day, was installed in the United States Capitol Rotunda as a result of legislation passed overwhelmingly during the 100th session of Congress. This POW/MIA Flag, the only flag displayed in the United States Capitol Rotunda, stands as a powerful symbol of our national commitment to our POW/MIAs until the fullest possible accounting for Americans still missing in Southeast Asia has been achieved.

The Service Flag

The Service Flag is an official banner authorized by the Department of Defense for display by families who have members serving in the Armed Forces during any period of war or hostilities the United States may be engaged in, for the duration of such hostilities.

The service flag (also known as “blue star banners” or “son in service flags”) was designed and patented by World War I Army Captain Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front line. The flag quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in service. President Wilson became part of its history when in 1918 he approved a suggestion made by the Women’s Committee of the Council of National Defenses that mothers who had lost a child serving in the war to wear a gold gilt star on the traditional black mourning arm band.

This led to the tradition to cover the blue star with a gold star to indicate that the service member has died or been killed. The color of the stars is also symbolic in that the blue star represents hope and pride and the gold star represents sacrifice to the cause of liberty and freedom.

During World War II, the practice of displaying the service flag became much more widespread. Virtually every home and organization displayed banners to indicate the number of members of the family or organization serving in the Armed Forces, and again, covered those blue stars with a gold star to represent each member that died.

In 1960, Congress chartered the Blue Star Mothers of America as a veterans service organization and in 1966, the Department of Defense revised the specifications for the design, manufacture and display of the Service Flag. The Department of Defense specifies 

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that family members authorized to display the flag include the wife, husband, mother, father, stepfather, parent through adoption, foster parents who stand or stood in loco parentis, children, stepchildren, children through adoption, brothers, sisters, half brothers and half sisters of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States. The flag should be displayed in a window of the residence of persons who are members of the immediate family.

The Service Flag may also be displayed by an organization to honor the members of that organization serving in the Armed Forces during a period of war or hostilities.

The Service Flag is an indoor flag and should be flown facing out from the front window of the home or organization. If the U.S. flag is also displayed with the Service Flag, the U.S. flag should be of equal or greater proportions and should take the place of honor above the Service Flag. If a gold star is added to the Service Flag, it should take the position of honor and be placed over the blue star that is positioned closest to the staff. The gold star should be smaller than the blue star to create a blue border surrounding the gold star.

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Honor Guard will be partaking in a ceremony at the POW memorial in Charlotte. The memorial is right at the base of the flag pole at the end of Lake Ave. The time of the service is unknown as of this writing, but we will have it in plenty of time to get the word out. We must remember that as veterans if we don’t do something to help our Brothers to get accounted for than who will? We have eight families in the Rochester area that are still looking for that closure as to their loved one’s fate and whereabouts. Please try to attend these services and show your support for a full accounting of our MIA’s.

If you are planning to attend the Warriors’ Day parade in Toronto this year on Sat. Aug. 16th, you need to contact Tim Sturm at 266-7787 right away and let him know of your plans to attend. He will give you all the information you need for this parade.

The only other parades left for the month of August are on Aug. 1st, we have the Hamlin Firemen’s parade and on Sat. Aug. 2nd is the Phelps Sauerkraut parade. That will do it for our 2008 parade schedule.

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the evening was very pleasant and I learned a great deal about how wide-spread and generous Rotary is in the community service that they’re involved in. Terry is the outgoing President of the G-C Rotary and incoming VP! They swore in new officers and gave service awards to members of their chapter that night. Among those awards was a check to VVA #20 for $500 !!! And I got a free prime-rib dinner! Great thanks to Terry and his fellow Rotarians. I’m sure Kenny and the BOD will find a good use for the donation in support of our community outreach programs!

And finally, our most recent activity was with another group from Gates-Chili! My all-star team of Ken Moore, Fred Elliott, and Dick Oleksyn took a group of teachers from the Gates-Chili middle schools through the Memorial as part of their annual summer seminar given by Wes Geer. We spoke to that group last year at their campus and this year they decided to include a trip to the Memorial in their program. Wes was very thoughtful in presenting each of us with a ‘thank you’ plaque and a set of dog-tags as a remembrance of the visit. Thanks to Wes and his group.

That’s about it for now, so until next time – Shut my mouth!

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**Gates-Chili Rotary presents check to Geno Lenyk of Chapter 20 (l. to r. - Terry Collins, out-going president; Geno Lenyk; Dallas Embling, Treasurer.**

That’s about it for now, so until next month…………..AT EASE!!!!!!
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.

Wish List FOR CANANDAIGUA VA MEDICAL CENTER

Our BOD has wholeheartedly agreed to allow the collection of items below in support of our hospitalized veterans, both men and women, currently receiving treatment at the Canandaigua MC. Volunteer Opportunities are always welcomed and you can make direct contact with Ms Robin Johnson, Manager of Voluntary Services, anytime at 585-393-7759. You can help out one time a year or whenever your schedule will permit.

- Comfort care items (deodorant, shampoo, shaving cream, lotions [for men/women vets at the Center] - travel size, full size, or complementary sizes from hotel/motel chains are great!)
- Coffee (regular and decaf)
- Creamer, sugar, sugar substitute
- Hot Chocolate mix
- Bowling/movie tickets
- Baking items (cookies, bread mixes - for a homey effect in the wards, used as aromatherapy)
- Gift cards from stores like Walmart/Wegmans/Tops
- Prepaid phone cards
- Tickets to sporting events, zoo
- Paper products (plates, napkins)
- New socks, tee shirts, sweatshirts (men and women sizes...color white...tube socks are ideal!)
- Postage

We will begin in July to collect any items that are brought to the monthly membership meetings, and I will take responsibility to make the delivery to Canandaigua MC. Thank you for your support, Jerry McDermott

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1-800-273-8255

24/7 365 days/per year
provides professional counseling to veterans, their family members or friends.
HELI-COPTER: An aircraft that derives its lift from blades that rotate about an approximately vertical central axis.

The General policy of naming Army aircraft after Indian tribes, chiefs or terms was made official by authority of Army Regulation (AR) 70-28, dated 4 April 1969. The names were authorized for use in public releases and other documents as a ready reference. The Indian names chosen were very popular among Army personnel for many years.

The Commanding General (CG) of the U.S. Army Aviation Missile Command (AMCOM), located at Redstone Arsenal, near Huntsville, Alabama, had the responsibility of initiating action to select a popular name for an Army aircraft. For this purpose, the CG maintained a list of possible names obtained from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. For brevity, the names usually consisted of only one word. When a new aircraft reached the production stage, or immediately before it went into production, the CG selected five possible names. The selection decision was based on the sound, the history and the relationship of the name to the mission of the aircraft. The names chosen had to appeal to the imagination, without sacrificing dignity, and suggest an aggressive spirit and confidence in the capabilities of the aircraft. They also had to suggest mobility, firepower and endurance. The chosen names were sent to the Trade Mark Division of the U.S. Patent Office to determine if there was any legal objection to their use.

The U.S. Army Aviation Missile Command was formerly known as the U.S. Army Material Command (AMCOM), then located in St. Louis, Missouri. Prior to that, AMCOM was known as the U.S. Army Aviation Troop Command (ATCOM), also located in St. Louis.

After approval by the Patent Office, the five names were sent to the Chief of Research and Development, Department of the Army, with a short justification for each. From these five, the Chief of Research and Development would select one. The approved name then went to the Aeronautical Systems Division, Directorate of Engineering Standards, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. This Department of Defense unit had the responsibility of officially registering the names of all aircraft used by the U.S. military. It also maintained and printed a list of the names in a publication entitled “Model Designation of Military Aircraft, Rockets and Guided Missiles.”

Some Army aircraft, such as the Bird Dog and Otter, did not have Indian names. Those that did not were named before the policy change of 1969 was enacted. AR 70-28 specified that these would not be changed.

NOTE: AR 70-28 is no longer in print. Current naming procedures are specified in DOD Directive 4120.15 and DOD 4120.15-L.

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Events

Spirit of America, hosted by the US Army. Joe Peck has tickets for these shows, Friday, Sept 12th at 7:30pm, Saturday, Sept. 13th at 7:30pm. These tickets are available for Chapter members and immediate family. Anyone interested in these free tickets may contact Joe Peck at 544-9243. Please leave your name, number of tickets needed and which show that you wish to attend. First come, first serve basis only. For more information about the show go to http://spiritofamerica.mdw.army.mil/

A community outreach event dubbed “Operation Reveille” will offer Rochester-area veterans advocacy, counseling assistance and help in accessing veterans’ benefits, housing, training, health services and employment. Veterans Outreach Center, Inc., will host the event a community outreach event dubbed “Operation Reveille, offering Rochester-area veterans advocacy, counseling assistance and help in accessing veterans’ benefits, housing, training, health services and employment. This is done in conjunction with the newly organized Veterans Interfaith Clergy Advisory of Rochester (VICAR), which consists of area clergy who are veterans themselves or are experienced in serving vets. The NYS Division of Veterans Affairs and other service providers will be available at Peace Baptist Church, 6-8 Oregon St., Rochester, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on July 24, Aug. 14 and Sept. 4, and at Christian Friendship Baptist Church, 165 Beckwith Rd., Henrietta, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Sept. 26. All veterans are invited to stop by, enjoy some refreshments and connect with these service providers and ministries. For more information, contact VOC’s Resource Center at 585.546.4250.

The officers and members of Perinton Memorial Post Veterans of Foreign Wars are pleased and honored to announce the hosting of “The Wall That Heals” at their post home at Freedom Hill in Fairport, NY from August 20th - 23rd, 2009. “The Wall That Heals” is a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The traveling exhibit allows the many thousands of veterans who have been unable to cope with the prospect of facing The Wall to find the strength and courage to do so within their own communities, thus allowing the healing process to begin. We want our fellow veterans to know of this event before the information is released to the general public. Our post is in the initial planning stages for hosting the replica. We will be contacting all the veteran’s organizations in Monroe County and adjacent counties as plans are finalized.

VJ Day AUGUST 14

There is some confusion over what date is V-J Day. You can consider any (or all) of three dates as V-J Day. President Harry S. Truman caused some of this confusion.

On August 14, 1945, the Japanese government cabled to the U.S. their surrender. This is the date of most modern observations.

On August 15, 1945, news of the surrender was announced to the world. This sparked spontaneous celebrations over the final ending of World War II.

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On September 2, 1945, a formal surrender ceremony was held in Tokyo Bay aboard the USS Missouri. At the time, President Truman declared September 2 to be VJ Day.

Regardless of which day you view as VJ Day, World War II was finally over.

From www.butlerwebs.com/holidays/august.htm
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Information and instructions:
http://www.orps.state.ny.us/ref/forms/pdf/rp458bins.pdf
The form itself is available at the following address:
http://www.orps.state.ny.us/ref/forms/pdf/rp458.pdf

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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.
VVA Chapter 20 Board Meetings
See page 7 for meeting attendance.
- 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.
- August 14
- September 11
- October 9
- November 13
- December 11

Special Events
- Summer Picnic, August 14 starting at 6:00pm
- 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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membership application

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20

Name: ________________________________________ Date of Birth: _______________________ Sex: M F

Address: ______________________________________ Home Phone: ( ___ ) __________________________

City: _________________________________________ Work Phone: ( ___ ) __________________________

Zip: _______________ Country: ______ Email Address: ________________________________ W H

Chapter # (if known) ___________________________ Sponsor: ________________________________

I am not a Vietnam Vet, but I want to help Vietnam veterans and their families. Please accept my donation: ______ AVVA Membership

$10 $20 $50 Other ($________)


Term: 1 year: $20 Life Membership: $250 (ages 49 and under), $225 (ages 50-55), $200 (ages 56-60), 3 years: $50 $175 (ages 61-65), $150 (ages 66 and over)

Payment Options: Check Money Order

Return this application, along with a copy of your DD214, to: Vietnam Veterans of America, P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612

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Please give the new members pictured below a hearty Welcome Home!

(l to r): Ron Delacour, Marty Collins.

Marty has been a member for a while, but this was his first meeting.

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park: www.vietnamémorial.org
Operation Welcome Home: www.operationwelcomehome.org
VVA New York State Council: www.nyvietnamvets.org
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AND INFORMATION
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(enter 9; enter 2 to leave a message)
Ira Jacobson American Legion
Post #474 ......................... 663-7030
VA Clinic - 465 Westfall Road .... 463-2800
Veterans Outreach Center ........ 546-1081
Vet Center ..................................... 232-5040
Veterans Administration ........ 800-827-1000
NYS Council .............................. 888-678-VETS
Monroe County Veterans Service
Agency ....................................... 753-6040
e-mail: serviceofficer@yahoo.com
Veterans Benefits Hotline .......... 800-827-1000
Veterans Bill of Rights ............ 800-342-3358
VA Medical Center in Batavia .... 585-297-1000
VA Hospital in Buffalo ............ 716-834-9200
VA Medical Center in Canandaigua .... 394-2000
VA Medical Center in Bath .......... 607-664-4000
V.V. of America in Washington ...... 800-VVA-1316
V.V. Memorial Fund “The Wall” .. 202-393-0090
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Updates ................................. 202-223-6846
Richards House .................... 506-9060
The Resource Center .............. 546-4250
Stars & Stripes ...................... 546-3524
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01 Fri • US Air Force Day (est. 1947; last observed 1949)
02 Sat • Operation Desert Shield began, 1990
04 Mon • Coast Guard Day (established 1790)
07 Thu • Purple Heart Medal established, 1782
14 Thu • V-J Day
15 Fri • Woodstock opened 1969
17 Sun • National Thrift Shop Day

September
01 Mon • Labor Day

2008 parade schedule

August
01 Fri • Hamlin Firemen’s Carnival - 7:00pm
02 Sat • Phelps Sauerkraut - 2:00pm
16 Sat • Warrior’s Day Parade - Toronto, Ontario TBA

September
06 Sat • Marching Unit Picnic - 2:00pm

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.