In Service to Country & Community

Pat Marianetti
1945-2009
US Navy

James Edward Widener
Killed in Action/
Remains Repatriated in 2006

Upcoming Elections
Annual Awards
President’s Report

Well, the Holidays have passed and I hope you and yours had a Happy and safe Holiday. It’s been a slow month with Chapter business so this will be a short report - with that I guess you will breathe a sigh of relief.

It looks like the troop boxes will have been mailed off by the time of this issue and I would like to start by thanking Tom and Kathy Gleason and all those who helped put them together. A special thanks to the Greece Branch of the YMCA for putting us on the “Wish” Christmas tree for donations of the contents of the boxes for our troops. As of this writing they have donated over 12 large boxes of goods for us to send overseas. Many of us remember when we received boxes from home what they meant to us, and I’m sure that those serving in harm’s way today will feel the same. Ray had boxes printed this year with our logo on them, and they were donated as well, to help support this project. At last count we will have sent over 100 boxes. GREAT JOB CHAPTER 20!

On that note, I’ll end by saying thanks for the support this past year and I look forward to another great year for Chapter 20.

Ken Moore

Marching Unit
Ray Melens, Commander

Last month on Jan. 2nd, Chapter 20 lost one of its staunchest supporters with the passing of Jay Widener. Jay was the father of James E. Widener, USMC, who was one of our local MIAs from Vietnam and whose remains were finally positively identified in 2006. When Jay and his family were informed of the identification, he knew that he wanted his son buried in Arlington National Cemetery. My wife Gail and I have known the Widener family for several years through our work with the POW/MIA committee and events for the MIAs.

After receiving word of his son’s upcoming repatriation, he also knew that he wanted Chapter 20’s Honor Guard to partake in his son’s burial service. What an honor it was for us to be able to partake in such an honorable service. While in Washington, the Honor Guard members that were there for the burial got to meet Jay that night and visit with him. Everyone said the same thing about him. “What a great guy and human being.” Jay was a character. I never saw him at a loss for words. He could carry on a conversation with you about anything. He was just a remarkable and lovable person. I know I will always remember the visits that I got to have with him and the love and respect that he held for us the Vietnam Vets. May our friend, Jay Widener, Rest in Peace forever more.

The annual Marching Unit meeting this year will be held on Saturday April 18th at the Ira Jacobson Post. Meeting will begin at 7 P.M. Again we will have pizza and wings after the meeting and then time to socialize. Wives are invited to attend; they just don’t have a vote in the parade selection. I also want to remind all members that if you know of a certain parade that you would like us to partake in, to get in touch with that parade’s invitation person and make sure that one gets sent to us before April 10th so we can vote on it at the annual meeting.

Our annual meeting this year is going to be a week earlier than usual because the Chapter’s annual dinner is being held on the 25th of April this year. So at this time, I once again want to remind everyone that I need their nominations for the annual Marching Unit Service Award. If I don’t receive any nominations then we won’t have an award presented. So please give it some thought on who you believe best represents the Marching Unit. Not so much for his attendance at parades, but for how he presents himself, represents all Vietnam Veterans, how he cares and treats his fellow vets, and most of all someone who best represents the Unit. Or you can have plenty of your own reasons why you think this member deserves to be awarded the annual Marching Unit Service Award. Anyway, I need the nominations emailed to me no later than March 15th so I have time to have the award made up.

On Sunday, February 15th members of the Honor Guard will be present and partaking in a Red White and Blue Mass being held at St. Jude the Apostle church on Lyell Rd. The mass will begin at 8:30 A.M. This is a mass held for those that serve the community -- police, firemen, paramedics and veterans. All are welcome to attend the mass. After the mass there will be a pancake breakfast, I believe right there in the church assembly.
hall. Meals will be $4 each and children under 5 are free.

The Honor Guard continues to meet at Ira at 7 P.M. on the nights of our monthly membership meetings. I know that some newer members of the chapter have expressed interest in joining either the Marching Unit and/or Honor Guard. Please feel free to attend a meeting and see for yourself. We meet upstairs at the top of the stairs in the meeting room.

Until next month…………..

AT EASE!!!!!!!

POW-MIA
Gail Bologna-Melens, Chairperson

It is with a sad heart that I learned of the death of one of our staunchest supporters of the POW-MIA issue. Jay Widener passed on January 2, 2009. I met Jay many years ago and have admired him for the kind, gentle man that he was. He was the Chili town historian and a patriotic American.

Jay’s son, James, was reported MIA June 11, 1967. To a proud American family that has lost at least 5 family members during various wars, going back to the Civil War, this was devastating news. My prayers and condolences go out the Widener family Josephine, Julie, Mark and Pete. Jay will always be remembered kindly and with affection.

I have to make a correction from my article of January, 2009. I have been the POW-MIA Chairperson for VVA Chapter 20 since 1998.

At this time, we have 1,742 American personnel listed as missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War. Four U.S. Air Force personnel’s names have been released. The four men are Major Bernard L. Bucher of Eureka, Il; Major John L. McElroy of Eminnence, Ky; 1st Lt Stephen C Moreland of Los Angeles, Ca; and Staff Sgt Frank M Hepler of Glenside, Pa. All four were interred on December 18 at Arlington National Cemetery.

On May 12, 1968, these men were on board a C-130 Hercules evacuating Vietnamese citizens from the Kham Duc Special Forces Camp near Da Nang, South Vietnam. While taking off, the crew reported taking heavy enemy ground fire. A forward air controller flying in the area reported seeing the plane explode in mid-air soon after leaving the runway.

This month’s BTL is dedicated to PFC James E Widener, USMC.

On June 11, 1967, James E Widener of Chili was one of 11 passengers on board a CH46A Sea Knight helicopter that was inserting ground forces into Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam, when the aircraft crashed. Pilots from two nearby helicopters saw the crash and reported that none of the men on board could have survived. Aircraft flew over the site for several hours, but aircrew members did not observe any survivors. A patrol was sent the next day to confirm the status of the 11 but the site could not be accessed due to heavy enemy forces in the area. Later that month, enemy activity prevented a second attempt to patrol the site.

James Widener was a student athlete at Churchville-Chili High School who received scholarship offers from the State University College at Buffalo and the University of Dayton. However, he chose to enlist in the Marines after graduating in 1966. He wanted his military obligations taken care of so that he would be free to go on to college.

On September 22, 2006, a Marine Corps officer came to the Widener home and ended their long wait of 39 years. The remains of their son had been identified. “His body (bone fragments, part of his skull, teeth and a leg bone) was stored in a warehouse and they never let us know he was dead. We tried to find him after the war, hoping for years that maybe he was alive,” said his father, Jay.

The Widener family never gave up hope. But they were realistic about the odds of ever hearing word about their son and brother.

On a breezy, but sunny, November 3rd 2006, afternoon about 70 people – family, friends, VVA Chapter 20 Honor Guard and I (who were invited to attend by the Widener family) paid our final respects to Private James E Widener, who had a U.S. Marine Corps military funeral at Arlington National Cemetery.

The most touching statement was made by his brother, Pete, at a memorial service held at the Chili American Legion Post when he said what we are all hoping to hear about all of our POW-MIA’s, “They don’t have him anymore.”

Welcome home Jimmy. SEMPER FI!
Please REMEMBER the Widener family in your prayers and thoughts.

Nominating Committee
Chuck Macaluso, Chair

The Annual Meeting & Elections will be held April 9, 2009 at 6:00 PM - Ira Jacobson Post Home.

Positions for nominations:
One Executive (1) - 2nd Vice-President
Three Board (3)

The “new” Nominating Committee will also be elected by the membership that evening. A “to date” slate of candidates will be finalized by February 15th. and published in the March issue.

• In order to vote in the Annual Election, voters must be a member for at least 30 days.
• Only paid members with a DD214 on file by 28 February of previous fiscal year are eligible to vote. (For example - 28 February 2008 to vote April 2008).
• A quorum is defined as 10% of VVA 20 membership as of 28 February of the previous fiscal year. Voting for candidates will take place between 6:30 PM till 7:30 PM, after which no new ballots will be taken and votes will be tabulated.
• According to the National VVA Constitution, “Additional persons may be nominated by any member at the Annual Meeting.” These candidates will fall under the category of Floor Nominations.
• Floor nominated candidates can only receive votes from members present at Annual Meeting. (A “Special Note” stating such will be placed March and April BTL issues.)

Each candidate will address the membership at the March meeting stating their reasons for seeking an elected position.

Any member interested in running for any of the above mentioned positions, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee members:
Chuck Macaluso ............ 225-8288
Bob DeMitry ............... 659-2850
Tom Puff ..................... 235-3556
Dan Corona ................... 406-6108
Pat Pudetti .................. 753-6040

NOTE: Officer/Board members with terms expiring include Bruce VanApeldoorn, Max Lill, Dan Corona and position left vacant with the passing of Pat Marianetti.

Veterans Incarcerated Committee Report by Ron Trovato

Well here it is 2009 and I look forward to another good year working under our beloved leader and sometimes dictator, Kenny Moore. The vets at the Auburn Correctional Facility are doing real well and I made a delivery of the hats and scarves that they made for us to #33 School here in Rochester. Many thanks to all the members of the Crochet Squad headed by Cary Batten, especially for all the hours they put in so diligently to make this effort work. This year’s Christmas Donation Drive at Auburn was a rousing success. Pat Pudetti and Kenny Moore attended the completion of the drive there on 12/5 and picked up all the items for distribution in Rochester. There were about 40 people in attendance at this 21st annual Christmas give away. That’s right, 21st!! In addition to over 500 crocheted and knitted items, there were cash donations made to the St. Alphonsus Food Pantry and Booker T. Washington Community Center in Auburn. I also received lap blankets that will be donated to the vets at the Canandaigua VMAC. Chapter 205 members are also asking for an office at the prison to be designated for veterans affairs. I think years ago they actually did have one there for that very purpose. Dennis Conway is spearheading this effort and we wish him luck in this endeavor. Congrats also to the very polished and informative chapter newsletter that the guys have been putting out there.

Chapter 563 (San Quentin Prison, California) is still basking in the glow of the first annual motorcycle “Run to the Pen” that the chapter helped organize there. Seventy three motorcycles were allowed into the lower yard there and $600 was raised. We wish them well also in their Christmas Toy Program that benefits children who visit the facility there and we’ll keep you posted on that. Thanks to Jeff Langnese of the Vietnam veterans group there who sent me the license plate cover that went to all the bikes that participated in the run there.

The Holman Veterans Group (Chapter 190, Atmore, Alabama) had 37 members present at a recent membership meeting and we thank Craig McLaren for always forwarding their newsletter. He also sent our chapter a beautiful leather wallet engraved with the POW/MIA logo. Thanks buddy! I put it in my office at work along with a key chain I received from Auburn years ago. And thanks to Chapter 20’s financial turnaround, we now have some money to put in this wallet. A great job done by Kenny Moore, the Thrift Store and LLC, and our Board of Directors to breathe life back into the chapter. And finally a special thanks to all the guys at Auburn, and San Quentin and to Ernie, “OC” and John for the beautiful Christmas cards. It will be a better year for all of us. Happy New Year!
On 11 June 1967 a seven man Recon Team "Somersail-One" from 3rd Force left Dong Ha for an insertion LZ at YD 041681. This LZ was directly on the southern boundary of the DMZ. This area was four kilometers north of Hill 208 which was identified, during Operation Hastings in July 66, as the Division Command Post for the 324B NVA and 900 meters west of Hill 174, another well known NVA position.

A total of four aircraft were involved in the mission, two CH46's and two UH1E helicopter gunships. Bohlscheid flew the lead aircraft. His crew included MAJ John S. Oldham, LCPL Jose J. Gonzales (crew chief), and PFC Thomas M. Hanratty (crew chief). Members of the 3rd Recon Company, 3rd Recon Battalion, 3rd Marine Division who were being inserted were CPL Jim E. Moshier, LCPL Dennis R. Christie, LCPL John J. Foley III, LCPL Michael W. Havranek, LCPL James W. Kooi, PFC Charles D. Chomel, and PFC James E. Widener.

The flight departed Dong Ha at about 11:15 a.m. and proceeded to the insertion location. The gunships made low strafing runs over the landing zone to clear booby traps and to locate any enemy troops in the area. No enemy fire was received and no activity was observed. The lead aircraft then began its approach to the landing zone.

At an estimated altitude of 400-600 feet, the helicopter was observed to have snapped up vertically and then rolled inverted, tumbling end over end and crashed. Portions of the rear blades were seen to separate from the aircraft and a radio transmission was received from the aircraft indicating that it had been hit. The helicopter became inverted and continued out of control until it was seen to crash and burst into flames near a stream in a steep ravine.

Subsequent efforts by ground units to reach the crash area failed due to a heavy bunker complex surrounding the site. The ground units inspected the site from within 500 meters through binoculars and observed no survivors. All eleven personnel aboard the helicopter were therefore classified Killed In Action, Body Not Recovered. Other USMC records indicate that the helicopter also burst into flames just prior to impacting the ground.

NOTE: In September of 2006, a Marine Corps officer came to Jay and Lenore Widener’s home and ended their long wait. The remains of their son, missing in action for 39 years, had been identified. His remains were recovered by the Vietnamese and he was buried at Arlington National Cemetery in 2006.

“They don’t have him anymore.”

**Vietnam**

- **International boundary**
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- **Railroad**
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With our Annual Dinner coming up in April, it is time to think about those who serve the Chapter as well as all veterans. There are several awards given each year – and we are fortunate to have many in both our Chapter and our community who work diligently to serve veterans. Consider those around you and nominate them for one or more of the following awards. You can also email Kathy Gleason at kathy14470@msn.com for an electronic version of these nomination forms.

**Community Service Award**

The Community Service Award recognizes a group, organization or individual who has demonstrated a strong sense of community service and who favorably recognizes and relates to Vietnam Veterans’ issues.

My nomination for this award is ______________________________________________________________ because:

**Veterans' Service Award**

The Veterans' Service Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication in improving the condition of Vietnam Veterans and/or the community. (There may be up to 3 Veterans' Service Awards presented annually.)

My nomination for this award is ______________________________________________________________ because:
The Roger Robach Award
The Roger Robach Award is given to an individual who has spent a minimum of ten years working for the betterment of all veterans in New York State.

My nomination for this award is ___________________________________________________________ because:

Don and Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award
The Don and Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award is given to an individual who has accomplished an extraordinary effort on behalf of active duty military personnel and/or veterans and their families. (All individuals are to be considered for this reward regardless of Chapter or veteran affiliation.)

My nomination for this award is ___________________________________________________________ because:
In Memoriam

Pat Marianetti
1945-2009

Board member, Membership Chair. Pat served in the US Navy from 1962 – 1967. He was sent overseas from 1962 – 1965, aboard the U.S.S. Maddox DD 731.

PAT WAS A very dedicated Vet. He surely tried hard to find vets coming up to the trailer a way to get benefits and also assure them that they were not forgotten. I will miss working with him at the carnivals. ~Bonnie

WORDS LIKE KIND hearted, unselfish, caring, helpful, willing to get involved, all around great guy, only partially explain my thoughts about Pat Marianetti. I only knew Pat for a short while, but I’ll remember him always. I feel sad about his passing, but happy to know that our paths did cross and fortunate that we did meet. May God give comfort to all who knew and called Pat a friend, but most of all his family. ~Jerry McDermott

WHAT A GREAT guy! He was the perfect person for the Chapter’s outreach program. He will be missed as a Chapter Member, a participator in Chapter events and as a fellow Vietnam Veteran. May the Marines guarding Heaven’s streets treat him kindly. Semper Fi. ~Bruce

I DIDN’T GET to know Pat as well as some others but it was obvious that Pat was a devoted family man and a proud veteran. His presence will be greatly missed. ~Fred Elliott

A FEW YEARS ago, a Guy showed at a meeting and said he wanted to join Chapter 20. From the start Pat wanted to get involved in the Chapter events and help out. I remember that as I do sometimes, I didn’t respond to his request very quickly and before you know it my neighbor came over and asked when I was going to call Pat. As it turned out, they were cousins and Pat had called him because he knew we lived next door to each other. Meeting with Pat, he expressed a desire to be part of the membership committee and with Ralph, he jumped in with both feet. Not long after that the opportunity came that I needed a new Chair for the committee and a person to fill an empty Board spot and I knew right away that with all Pat’s energy he was the man. Pat carried on the plans of the committee, doing outreachs at local events like Firemen’s Carnivals. Pat suggested getting a trailer and outfitting it for events and we moved forward to some great events. It turned out for me to not only have a brother Veteran who helped at every step of the way, but I also gained a great friend. I, as well as others in VVA, will miss our buddy, Pat. He was a true friend who was proud of his service in Vietnam and a proud Board member. May God bless you, my friend. In closing, we never know when our time will come to go home to the lord. we need to cherish the friendship of our brothers and sisters and never be afraid to tell them so. ~Ken Moore

A GOOD MAN, a good friend, a good buddy, a veteran’s advocate. He will be sorely missed. ~Brother Ralph

PAT WAS A role model for all members. He firmly believed in being an active participant of an organization and truly enjoyed meeting and helping others. His enthusiasm for VVA was contagious, and his contributions longlasting. We love you, Pat! ~Kathy Gleason, Editor of the “BLT”
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The Veterans Benefits Committee will continue to meet on Thursday evening at 7 PM as an addition to their regular scheduled Friday afternoon meeting. What the committee accomplished at this meeting was very important. We made changes and updated the Grant Proposal Cover Sheet and Grant Proposal Outline sheet. This was done so the sub-committee can review all grants that are submitted by State Council and or Chapters for the Service Officers Program in their state.

Included in these 4 pages were many word changes, time and date dead lines that must be adhered to in order to eligible for a grant. The revised paper work will be sent to State Council Presidents and or Chapter Presidents in time for them to apply for the grant for their Service officers program. FYI, the change in name of the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation to Veterans Support Foundation (VSF), it’s the same foundation that has been raising funds for the Service Officers Program. One reason for changing the name is the need to include the Veterans of today’s conflicts which has become apparent, when it comes to requesting funding for our VSO Programs. The VSF still is the money lender and the VBC sub committee will be reviewing the grants before they are sent to the VSF.

We would like to purchase VIMS soft ware for the 15 Regional Offices that have VVA representatives working there. At this point the VIMS seem to be a good program that gives us all of what we need to track our veteran’s claims. The cost is around $89,000 (That’s our price) we have a donation of $25,000 so we are still short about $64,000. Other soft ware is being looked at.

We went over the resolutions for the convention, some are being retired and some are being transferred to Health Care Com, and Resolutions chair for review.

We approved the 2009/2010 budget for our committee.

Advanced Training will be done in conjunction with the United Spinal Cord Association in Orlando some time in July/ August of 2009. Nothing yet on Basic training for VSO’s. We will be doing a new program, its called Training for the trainer. We will try to train (2) persons from each Region to go out and train our Service Officers in their Regions.

Jerry is in the process of obtaining a list with all veterans who have a POA, with Vietnam Veterans of America across the U.S.A.

The Veterans Collectibles is having a 75% off sale on everything. After that, everything will be sent to “Medals of America” and you will have to start purchasing from them.

For those of you who have seen the Gold Diggers, they are willing to do a show for your group or Chapter and most of the proceeds with go back to the VSF to help support the VSO Programs.

The AVVA is having their 10th anniversary. They are in the process of setting up a 501C-3 foundation to help raise funds to help with their programs.

### Health Care Committee

- One of the main focuses is to have more out reach and education in the community. There are too many veterans that have no idea what benefits are out there for them.
- Our web-site VVA.org has links to the Health care information.
- Dr. Tom Berger talked about the new hand outs that will be available in February. We went over the ones he had to get an idea of how it will look. This is part of the “Veterans Health Council” It will be a four-fold hand on the front side: Did you sever in the U.S. Military? First: will have: Vietnam, Second: Persian Gulf, Third: Global War on Terror and last side, Dependency & Indemnity Compensation. Each one will give information on the topic plus National’s phone number and website connection.
- We would like to have the brochures in doctor’s offices, CVS, Walgreen’s, Rite Aid and other sources.
- On intake forms at doctors offices, one of the questions should be, did you ever service in the Military?
- We talked about the 2009/2010 budget for the committee.
- Went over are legislative agenda for the committee made changes and additions.
- We will be ordering more Prostate, Diabetes, and Hepatitis “C” Brochures.
- New Business: A visual impaired committee is in the process. Sandy Miller is a lead person for this.

### General Meeting

- Convention registration fee for delegates is $125.00 late fee is $150.00, no fee for non-delegates.
- You can reserve a table of 8, for $480.00, or each person is $50.00 for the dinner/dance.
- $90.00 plus tax for regular room, or $123 plus tax for a suite, one bed room.
- BOD has a meeting on Tuesday before the start of the Convention. Regular convention starts on that Wednesday. Room reservation to be done right to the hotel.
- New Car Business Program, Eileen will be heading this new endeavor. The States that will first begin this are: New York, Delaware, California, Ohio, New Jersey, Florida, Minnesota, and Connecticut.
Rochester area will not be targeted for the car business program. The money will be going towards the Service Officers program.

- A new Agent Orange hand out can be downloaded from VVA.org.
- Advocacy training will start a couple of days before the convention starts.
- A second book is out called “We are Still Soldiers” written by Joe Galloway and Col. Hal Moore.
- Membership is at 58,551 and out of that we have 28,000 life members.
- The 25th Anniversary video will be on sale soon.
- VAVS, Judy McCombs mentioned that New York is number one in the U.S. with volunteer opportunities.

All in all the meeting were very productive and a lot of information was past out. A lot of the items mentioned will be on line @ VVA.org.

### hear this: news & notes

#### Annual Steak/Spaghetti Dinner at Thomas F. Healy VFW Post #16

Sunday, February 15th – Thomas F. Healy VFW Post #16’s Annual Steak/Spaghetti Dinner starting at 1:00pm at the Ira Jacobson American Legion Post Home. $10/person for steak dinner; $6/person for spaghetti and meatballs ($4 for children’s spaghetti dinner). Call Tony Ferrarese for reservations/info, 865-4262 (home), 426-6130 (Post 16 Office).

#### Volunteers Needed for New York State Veterans’ Home Dinner Night

Looking for 10 volunteers for help on Residents’ Dinner Night, April 29th, from 4pm – 7pm, at the New York State Veterans’ Home in Batavia in April. Date to follow. Call Dick Oleksyn at 663-5255 if you can help.

#### In-Country Vets...

Remember to get an Agent Orange physical exam.

#### Fit Vet Challenge

Stay the course! Compete for the Chapter bragging rights with your fellow chapter members! Earn money for a worthy charity! Continue to develop healthy habits for fitness, exercise, and eating habits!

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### Purple Heart Website

Check out the new website, http://nphhhh.com, the unofficial website for the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, created for those who would like a better understanding of the Purple Heart.

### Health Coverage for Kodak Retirees

Kodak will be decreasing payment of health care coverage for Kodak retirees each year for dependents for the next 10 years. Then dependents will be dropped (not paid for by Kodak). If BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE KODAK RETIRES, you have the option to go from a family policy to a separate policy for each retiree under your own respective insurance numbers for health care coverage—thus keeping you both covered by Kodak and not dropped. You may change your enrollment during the designated period next fall if you choose to do so. (contributed by S. Oleksyn)
Thanks to all who lent a hand — there were 17 members scrubbing, touching up, organizing and decorating.

McDermott
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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**01 SUN** • Super Bowl XLIII

**02 MON** • Board of Directors, 7:00pm

**04 WED** • Happy Birthday, Nick DeLeo!

**08 SUN** • Marine Corps League Breakfast – Ira Jacobson Post – 9am – 11:30am (they even serve SOS!)

**12 THU** • General Membership Meeting, 7:30am

**14 SAT** • Valentine’s Day

**15 SUN** • Red, White and Blue Mass, 9:00am – St. Jude’s, Lyell Rd. – to honor veterans, police officers, firefighters, etc. (pancake breakfast follows, $4/person)

**15 SUN** • Steak/Spaghetti dinner, VFW Post #16, 1:00pm – 4:00pm, $10/person (steak); $6/person (spaghetti)

**16 MON** • Presidents Day

**19 THU** • Iwo Jima – landing

**23 MON** • Iwo Jima – flag raised

**25 WED** • Ash Wednesday

**25 WED** • Happy Birthday, Gail Bologna-Melens!

**28 SAT** • Happy Birthday, Tom Puff (Leap Day)!