Memorial Day 2009

Honor to those who never sought it;
Fame to those who never wished it;
Glory to those who never dreamed it;
Immortality, for they earned it.

– In inscribed on a monument in Tennessee honoring those who fought in the Battle of Vicksburg.

4 Fit Vet Challenge Results are in!
7 Memorial Day Events

David Earl Lemcke
Killed/Body Not Recovered
President’s Report

Well, another month has passed and all is well in Chapter 20. I want to start by thanking the executive committee and board for their past years of service to the Chapter and welcome the newly elective officers and board members of the chapter. I look forward to another great year in Chapter 20 with new projects like helping Wilmot Cancer Center, National Convention and outreaches around our area.

As of this report the Annual Dinner has come and gone and I know it was a great success. Much thanks goes out to Dick “The mouse” Oleksyn and his committee for putting it together. Thanks also goes out to Chuck Macaluso and his committee for getting together the award part of the dinner, and I know those who received those awards are well deserving.

Ray, Jerry and I continue to work at the Veterans Court in Monroe County as mentors for the veterans who find themselves as defendants in the court system. A special thanks to The Honorable Patricia Marks and Greg McClure from VOC for their dedication to helping these veterans. We are still looking for mentors to work the court, so if anyone is interested please give me a call.

On April 8th, Ray Melens, Dick Oleksyn, Chuck Macaluso, Ralph Pascale and I attended a dinner at Gates Middle School to honor Marching Unit Ray Melens, Commander

Members of the Marching Unit held their annual meeting on Saturday, April 18th at the Ira Jacobson Post. The 2009 parade schedule will be in the next issue of the BTL. If there was anything else of importance pertaining to the Marching Unit that was discussed at the meeting, I will also report on that in next month’s issue.

Our first parade of the season will be the Lilac Parade on Saturday May 9th. This parade has a 10:30 A.M. start time so that means we all need to be to formation by at least 45 minutes before the start time. We form up on Science Pkwy., which is directly off of South Ave. Then on May 24th is the Irondequoit Memorial Day parade. That parade starts at 5:30 P.M. and we form up in the area of Titus and Hudson Ave.’s. Again be there 45 minutes before start time.

Next will be the Downtown Memorial Day parade on Monday May 25th. This parade starts at 10:30 A.M. also and we form up for this parade on Strathallan and East Ave. Immediately after the Downtown parade we proceed over to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park for our annual Memorial Day ceremony to honor our 280 Brothers that made the ultimate sacrifice. This service will begin at 1 P.M. If you are a Marching Unit member and...
have not volunteered to partake in the ceremony and wish to do so, you must contact me right away and let me know so I can plan accordingly.

Congratulations to our newly elected and re-elected Board members. I strongly feel that we have a great Board in place now and it can only go forward and make great strides in helping our fellow veterans and the veteran community.

On Saturday, the Chapter’s annual dinner was held at Lakeshore Country Club. Due to the time of this writing I’m sorry that I can not report on who the award winners were. I’m sure they all deserved their awards and they will be mentioned in next month’s issue of the BTL.

The MU/HG monthly meeting will take place again before the May membership meeting at 7P.M. upstairs at Ira. All MU/HG members are asked to attend and anyone that wants to join or is considering joining may attend. At this month’s meeting I will be announcing the names of those that volunteered for and have been chosen to attend the POW/MIA Recognition Day service in Washington, D.C. in Sept. Also anyone that may wish to address the Unit for any reason can attend these meetings.

Until next month…AT EASE!!!!!!!

Agent Orange/Health Affairs
Sue Oleksyn

Thank you for the opportunity to serve on this Committee for Chapter 20. I have done much to assist each person who has sought intercession as their service connected health issues impact their lives. I have felt your pain on hearing a deadly diagnosis; I have felt the chemotherapy run through; and I have felt the other stings that come with life. I apologize for the fact that my health has not improved to the point where I can serve you better.

Since our President Ken appointed Jerry Health Chair, your needs have continued to be served very well. I regret that I could not do more.

As we all know well from the Vietnam War, politicians are the gatekeepers of our destiny. The decisions that they make dramatically impact us all - indeed humanity. Many or most of the service-connected suffering and death that befalls our noble veterans come from those political decisions. We also know well that we owe our freedom to you - our heroes - not the politicians!!

As we look around us and see the rug pulled out from under our precious America by Wall Street, bankers and political greed on both sides of the Congressional aisle that has sent jobs out of our country and cost us all, and as we see multimillion dollar ball players use steroids as our current day wounded GI’s are sent to Germany and given a certificate to go into town and get their pajamas, underwear, toothbrushes, etc, where are our priorities?

The real truth is that our heroes are right here - you. With quiet dignity and amazing courage, you do so many fine things without fanfare or much publicity to help all who seek assistance. You also face your own issues with amazing courage. Strong, silent heroes. I have been honored to walk with you and work on so many events with you, and truly this is one big family.

I won’t be around much, but I will finish the collaborative effort started 17 years ago to try to understand better the suffering of Korean veterans, Vietnam veterans, AIDS and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome citizens and veterans, Gulf War (“91) veterans, and current day warriors and veterans and hopefully advocate for better treatment--cure, benefits, etc--for these noble citizens and veterans. Remember, if you have health issues that may be service connected, don’t stop until you see Pat Pudetti and the fine people at the Monroe County Veterans Service Agency to establish VA service connection and get the benefits that your country owes you for your fine service to your country. If you get rejected, keep going. DON’T STOP. May God bless our active duty military and their families, our veterans and God bless America. Peace.

With grateful appreciation,
Sue Oleksyn

VWA Chapter 20 Board Meetings
See page 13 for meeting attendance.
• May 4
• June 1
• July 6
• August 3
• September 8 (Tues.)
• October 5
• November 2
• November 30 – Budget Review Mtg.
• December 7

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.
• May 14
• June 10 (Wed.)
• July 8 (Wed.)
• August 13 (Annual Picnic/Membership Meeting)
• September 10
• October 8
• November 12
• December 10

Special Events
• Thursday, August 13th – Annual Picnic
With many cheers and demands for recount, the Fit Vet Challenge results were announced at Chapter 20’s Annual Meeting in April. Results are printed below.

The method used was to include all vets (and wives, significant others, parents – pretty much anyone willing to step on the scale!) and if they missed a weigh-in for the 3-month period, use the previous weight. Averages were used to consider overall statistics – let’s face it, some could easily lose a bit and others – well, they’re pretty lean and mean already.

In consideration of the request for a recount (I’m not sure whether it was the last place Army or the 2nd place Air Force wanting so badly to win), we eliminated all vets who showed up for only one weigh-in. Sorry folks, it didn’t change the results. The Marines still won – by losing!

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RECOUNT STATS

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And congratulations to those who won by losing! (If your name isn’t on here, it’s either because you didn’t participate – or you didn’t lose – but we won’t publish THOSE names.)

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Editor’s Note: The above thoughts of our members were taken from the funeral home’s tribute page.

As I met Beverly, she was already advanced in her illness, though outwardly one might never know. She carried herself with pride and eagerly participated as she was able. Her gentleness touched everyone and we are all saddened with her passing. AVVA and Chapter 20 lost a vital, vibrant member – but we are all much richer for her touching our lives.

Beverly was a very special person. We enjoyed her company at all our VVA dinners. She will be sorely missed at future VVA Functions.
- Joe Harkness

Bev was an inspiration in faith and courage during her long battle. I will miss her and her positive outlook.
- Gail Melens

Bev showed a lot of courage in her fight.
- Dan Corona

The way she touched so many people, including me, is an inspirational way to live life. I will treasure the times we spent together.
- Karen Ballard

She was a wonderful person and will be missed by all.
- Rich Isaman
A record-breaking crowd filled the hall at Ira Jacobson Post for the annual election of officers. Attendees were treated to a very fine meal catered by Wilshire Catering and arranged by Dick Oleksyn – thanks, Dick!

The vote was pretty straight forward and results announced efficiently under the auspices of Chuck Macaluso and the rest of the Nominating Committee. Job well done, guys!

This all left ample time for announcements and conversation with friends, both old and new.

Meet Your New Board Members:

1. to r. – Dan Corona (Director), Max Lill (Director), Fred Elliott (2nd Vice President), Valentino Gatto (Director)

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Saturday, May 16, 2009

New York Army National Guard Aviation Support Facility
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There will be pre-luncheon music by the 198th Army Band

There will be military displays in and around the luncheon area. The luncheon will be from 12 Noon to 1:30. Following the luncheon there will also be additional viewing of the displays. Free parking is available for luncheon attendees.

For additional information please call (585) 234-1231
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Canandaigua VA Medical Center

Wish List

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. We will 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

• 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

• Gift cards from stores like Walmart/Wegmans/Tops

• Baking items (cookies, bread mixes - for a homey effect in the wards, used as aromatherapy)

• Prepaid phone cards

• Tickets to sporting events, zoo

• Paper products (plates, napkins)

• New socks, tee shirts, sweatshirts (men and women’s sizes...color white...tube socks are ideal!)

• Postage
Sgt. David Lemcke was assigned to B Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery, 108th Artillery Group at Outpost A1 in Quang Tri Province, South Vietnam. He was a riflemen for his unit.

On May 21, 1968, Lemcke was in a personnel bunker with four other individuals. One of the men was cleaning a weapon when it accidentally discharged into a box of illumination grenades. Two of the five men were near the entrance of the bunker and were able to escape to safety. The bunker burned extensively, and there were numerous explosions from the large amount of ammunition stored there. No remains were ever found that could be identified or related to Lemcke.

Lemcke is listed with honor among the missing because his remains were never found and returned to the country he served. His case seems quite clear. For others who are listed as missing, resolution is not as simple. Many were known to have survived their loss incident. Quite a few were in radio contact with search teams and describing an advancing enemy. Others simply vanished without a trace.

NAME: David Earl Lemcke
RANK/BRANCH: E4/US Army
UNIT: B Battery, 1st Battalion, 40th Artillery, 108th Artillery Group
DATE OF BIRTH: 28 July 1947
HOME CITY OF RECORD: Hilton NY
DATE OF LOSS: 21 May 1968
COUNTRY OF LOSS: South Vietnam
STATUS (in 1973): Killed/Body Not Recovered
OTHER PERSONNEL IN INCIDENT: (none missing)
Vietnam Veterans of America
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* Pending an Invitation (YOU WILL BE ADVISED IF WE GET THE INVITATION OR NOT AHEAD OF TIME BEFORE THE SCHEDULED PARADE)

NOTE: LISTED ARE START TIMES. PLEASE PLAN TO BE AT FORMATION APPROX. 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START TIME LISTED

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**Are You a Veteran? Are You Looking for a Way to Assist Your Fellow Veterans?**

The Monroe County Veterans Court is the Right Place for You!

Peer Mentors are Veterans Who Assist and Support Fellow Veterans in the Criminal Justice System.

Typical Duties Involve Appearing in Court and Maintaining Contact with the Veteran.

A Peer Mentor Provides:

- Emotional support
- Insight necessary for the Vet to successfully complete the Veterans Court
- Assist the veteran to resolve their concerns around the court procedures
- Assist veterans on how to access and navigate the Veterans Affairs system

**If You Are Interested Please Contact:**

Michael Volkmer
Court Coordinator Veterans Court
(585) 428-4429
May 25, 2009
2 PM - ?
Ira Jacobson Post
90 St. John Park (off Lake Avenue)

Please call the Chapter 20 Office 482-7396 (by 5/18) and leave message with your name and number of people attending. Bring a snack or dessert and your folding chair (if you wish) as we will be outside, weather willing.

Hamburgers, hots, mac and potato salad, baked beans and drinks will be provided. Members and families are welcome. DON’T FORGET TO CALL IN YOUR RSVP.

See you there!

Ashes of burned flags are distributed over bollards at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in the upcoming Memorial Day ceremony.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SPECIFICS: Volunteers needed to drive the Cancer Center Golf Cart transporting patients within the University of Rochester Medical Center.

TIMES AVAILABLE: Between 8:00am and 4:00pm, M-F

YOUR COMMITMENT: If you have 4 hours or 8 hours, either 1 or 2 days per week, your service would be greatly appreciated

CONTACT: Catherine Thomas, MSW - Director of Volunteers
602 Elmwood Ave. Box 704, Rochester, NY 14642
catherine_thomas@urmc.rochester.edu

The VA’s National Suicide Crisis Line
1-800-273-TALK
or
1-800-273-8255
24/7 365 days/per year

Could some-one you know be in crisis?

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provides professional counseling to veterans, their family members or friends.
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.

Help Build The Veterans Walk
at the Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Any past or present member of the United States Armed Services, Active or Reserve, is eligible for an engraved paver brick. For information and an order form, please contact the Chapter 20 office at 482-7396.

**Greece Memorial Post 206**
The Newest Post in Monroe County
Meeting the 3rd Thursday of the month 6:30 - 7:45 pm
at The Legacy at Park Crescent — Mt. Read Blvd.
For details, please call 227-4383 or 225-4228.

**Vietnam Veterans of America**
CHAPTER 20
Car Donation, LLC
Call 224-8484

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Welcome Home!

Please give (l to r) Larry Wetzel and Terry Lattimore a hearty Welcome Home! (Terry isn’t exactly a new member, but we wanted to welcome him to our meetings!)

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  3 years: $50
Life Membership: $250 (ages 49 and under), $225 (ages 50-55), $200 (ages 56-60), $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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**VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS AND INFORMATION**

Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial...585-753-7275
(Veterans Outreach Center)........546-1081
(Vet Center)....................................232-5040
(Veterans Administration)..............800-827-1000
(NYS Council).................................888-678-VETS
(Monroe County Veterans Service)
(Agenty).........................................753-6040
e-mail: serviceofficer@yahoo.com
(Veterans Benefits Hotline)...........800-827-1000
Vet 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
Nat.’l Lge. of Fam. MIA/POW
Updates.........................................202-223-6846
Richards House.................................506-9060
The Resource Center..........................546-4250
Stars & Stripes.................................546-3524
Persian Gulf Vets, Inc.........................385-4097
Operation Welcome Home...................234-4694

**WEB SITES/E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

Veterans Widows International Network: members@aol.com/vetwindows
NYS Department Health: www.health.state.ny.us/nyvets
Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland
Park: www.monroe county.gov/parks-highland.php
Operation Welcome Home:
www.operationwelcomehome.org
VVA New York State Council:
www.nyvietnamvets.org

**MISCELLANEOUS**

VVA 20 Thrift Store, LLC Mgmt.,
Beth Affeldt......................................482-8036
(Veterans Affairs/Benefits)
Veterans Walk.................................753-6040
VVA Vehicle Donations.......................224-8484
VVA Chapter 20...............................info@vva20.org • 482-7396

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**May 09**

**04 MON**  •  Board of Directors, 7:00pm
**08 FRI**   •  V-E Day (marking the Allied victory in Europe in 1945)
               •  Military Spouse Appreciation Day (by proclamation of President Reagan in 1984)
**09 SAT**   •  Lilac Parade, 10:30am
**10 SUN**   •  Happy Mother’s Day!
**14 THU**   •  Happy Mother’s Day!
**16 SAT**   •  Armed Forces Day
**17 SUN**   •  Marine Corps League Breakfast – Ira Jacobson Post 9am – 11:30am
**24 SUN**   •  Irondequoit Memorial Day Parade, 5:30pm
**25 MON**   •  City of Rochester Memorial Day Parade, 10:30am
               •  Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, 1:00pm
               •  Memorial Day Picnic, Ira Jacobson Post, 3:00pm
**30 & 31 SAT & SUN**  •  Air show, Charlotte (new location!)

**June 6 SAT** •  D-Day (1944)