BETWEEN THE LINES

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Chapter 20
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TOGETHER THEN...

Fit Vet Challenge

Jim Visconte, Navy vet, tries for a competitive edge with the help of Juil Robinson and Jerry McDermott, both Army vets.

TOGETHER NOW

2nd Annual Fit Vet Challenge Begins

Troop Boxes Project
President’s Report

Well 2009 is over, and here we go for 2010 and another great year for Chapter 20. I think that 2009 was a great year. Membership was up. We donated a great amount of money back to the community, supported our Memorial in Highland Park, held many outreachs and the marching unit and Honor Guard had another great year. I thank all of you that helped in the past year.

The budget for 2010 has been put together and this year there will be some new additions as line items. Honor Flight this year will receive a $1,000 donation to help WWII veterans visit Washington, DC to visit their memorial. Monroe County Veterans Court this year will receive a $1,000 donation to help our brothers and sisters find their way to treatment rather than Jail. The NYS Veterans Home in Batavia will also receive a donation of $1,000. To help better the lives of those veterans housed there.

With the finances tighter than they have been in the past, I would like to thank Hank Wallace and those who helped put this together. Some tough choices were made but it all worked out. Thanks Guys!

Till next month - God Bless and Welcome Home!

Ken Moore
Vietnam 1966-67
US Army Cavalry

POW-MIA
Joe Peck, Chairperson

I hope everyone had a great and happy holiday. With the New Year starting, we hope to have more progress made on the return of our American POW/MIA s. New changes and procedures are being implemented for recovering and hopefully speeding up the process of DNA identification. The total number of missing US personnel is now at 1,724. The number of Americans account for from the Vietnam War is now at 922.

New reports from the Defense Department and the Defense POW/MIA office (DPMO) have released three more names as being recovered, identified and returned:

US Army Staff Sergeant Robert Smith Griffith from Hapeville, GA. Listed as MIA in Laos on February 19, 1968. His remains were recovered on November 21, 2007 and identified on February 4, 2009. SSG Griffith was a door gunner on a UH1H helicopter while on an emergency extraction mission to rescue two Special Forces soldiers and four indigenous personnel assigned to MACV-SOG. As the Huey picked up the team and lifted off in the rugged jungle covered mountains along the border of Laos and South Vietnam, it received heavy volumes of enemy small arms fire causing the aircraft to crash and explode. One American personnel as well as the pilot and copilot were able to escape and survived the crash.

James Howard Ackley and Clarence Nesbit Driver, both civilians from Riverside, CA, listed as MIAs on March 7, 1973. Their remains were recovered on September 2, 1994 and identified September 22, 2003. James and Clarence were both members of Air American which was the CIA’s contract airline. On March 7, 1973, while piloting a C123K aircraft (old converted WWII Glider) on a mission to drop pallets of supplies and rice into a province in Laos, all communication with the aircraft was lost some 30 minutes after takeoff. It was presumed to have crashed, possibly caused by weather conditions or enemy fire. The wreckage was spotted on March 14th but a search and recovery aircraft was forced back due to heavy enemy ground fire.

Again we offer our condolences to the families of these brave men – and to the families of the still unaccounted for, we offer hope and our prayers that they someday soon will be found and returned, bringing a long awaited peace of mind.

Honor Guard
Chuck Macaluso, Commander

We just completed our first Honor Guard event of 2010, the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Rochester Census Office, located at 1600 Lexington Avenue. This “office” happens to also be located in the old Kodak B-605 warehouse. Dick Oleksyn, Tom Gleason and I spent many hours there when Kodak was at its prime. The ceremony went well, although it reminded us of our youth when you would try to see how many
people you could pack into a small place. This was coupled with a PA system that could not project the speaker’s voice more than 10 feet. Other than that all went well. We truly appreciated the many persons who came up to thank us for participating in their event and also for our service to our Country.

I would like to thank the following members of the Honor Guard for taking part in this ceremony: Geno Lenyk, Ray Melens, Val Gatto, Ed Jones, Mick Cole, Dick Oleksyn, Tom Gleason and Bill Meminger. There was also an appearance by the Rochester Americans Hockey photographer and Honor Guard member, Dave Sturm. Dave came just in case we were short handed. Since we weren’t, Dave swung into photographer mode and took several pictures of the unit.

Veterans Incarcerated Committee Report
Ron Trovato

Well, winter is certainly upon us and the business of Chapter 20 continues, no matter the wind chill. A big thank you to Pat Pudetti, who attended Chapter 205’s Christmas Give-A-Way at the Auburn Correctional Facility on December 4th. He also brought back hats and scarves that Chapter 205’s crochet squad made for needy children here in Rochester. Additionally, $1,230 was donated to agencies in the Auburn area that assist the needy. Twenty-six inmates and twelve outside guests attended Chapter 205’s Give-A-Way and I took the donations to School #9 here in Rochester, where staff were very appreciative. Thanks again to the guys at Chapter 205 who work hard all year long, who make this such a success. Thanks also to everyone at the Monroe County Probation Department that donated yarn to the vets at Auburn at my request. We also recently heard from Charles Thibault, President of Chapter 489 at the Attica Correctional Facility. The chapter has assisted with anger replacement, substance abuse, and PTSD programs at the prison there and is in need of an outside volunteer who can work with the veterans on a regular basis. Sgt. Schiefer is the long time staff advisor there and is an excellent resource for the chapter. Anyone that is interested can contact me directly or can write Charles Thibault at Attica. I hope to be going down to visit the guys there soon.

The Oneida Active Veterans Group at the Oneida Correctional Facility continue to make progress and we thank Gene Edwards for updating us regularly. Long time staff Advisor, Fran Redmond, is retiring and we thank him for all of his work with the veterans there. The guys at Oneida have collected 212 books to be donated to veterans and the general population flyer has yet to go out. Also, 43 members attended the Veterans Day service as well as several staff members. The OAV donated an American flag to the facility gymnasium as well as a sizable donation to the Rome Rescue Mission. Nice job guys…you’ve come a long way in a very short time. One final note, the OAV needs a local veterans group to become a sponsor for them at the prison or there is the possibility that the administration will curtail their activities. Anyone in the Rome area that is interested, can contact me and I will put you in contact with the volunteer services people at Oneida.

The Vietnam Veterans Group San Quentin (Chapter 563), General Membership Meeting on November 21st was well attended with 27 veterans present. Checks were cut for that chapter’s Operation Mom ($1400) and to the San Quentin Visiting Room Toy Program ($907). A job well done guys! The chapter is also seeking two new sponsors as Lt. Cramer and Ms. Deborah Sheldon have retired. I want to thank Jeff Langnese and all the men of Chapter 563 for the beautiful and surprise Christmas gift that they sent me. It really means a lot to me guys, and I was floored to get it.

Christmas time found me, Ken, Pat, Jerry, and Dave from the Dakota, and so many others at the Canandaigua VA Hospital visiting the patients and singing Christmas carols. I punished the guys severely with my off key singing and I couldn’t help but notice a couple of them covering up their ears and watch crystals. Also, I went with Fred Elliott and Geno Lenyk to the Veterans Incarcerated cont’d on page 6
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Fit Vet Challenge
Season 2

Reminder to stay the course!
Compete for the Chapter bragging rights with your fellow Chapter 20 members! Earn money for a worthy charity to boot!

Continue to take small, easy steps to make 2010 more healthy and enjoyable by incorporating good eating, fitness and exercise habits into your daily routine. Keep up the good work and you will see and feel the results. No matter what effort is attempted, you will see results in each and every small change to your “old habits” that were taking you in the other direction away from good health. We have a good start and must encourage each other to keep at it. January was the start of a new beginning! YOU CAN DO IT! Kudos to those weighing in this year that have lost more weight or maintained their weight as compared to their March 2009 Fit Vet Challenge final weigh-in.

Participants:
Mick Cole
Dan Corona*
Rich Forsey
Bonnie Gekoski
Joe Harkness
Bud Hemmerick*
Tom Kohl
Max Lill
Chuck Macaluso

Steve Mros*
Keith Schramm
Mary Ellen Schramm

* Loss of 10 pounds or greater since March 2009

First weigh-in was at the January membership meeting. Fifty-five vets and their spouses have begun their journey toward a trimmer profile. The breakdown by military branch is as follows:

AIR FORCE 7
ARMY 31
MARINES 9
NAVY 8
Average weight was 207.7 lbs.
Well, 113 boxes are on their way to our men and women overseas. The packing operation was so efficient and the supplies more than ample, so we packed an extra 29 boxes in hopes of collecting a few more names over the next week or so. So, that was 142 boxes packed – in just over one hour! We used a similar process to previous years and the number of those who stopped by to help was incredible.

We want to personally offer a huge thanks to all who helped – from Gail who handwrote all the customs forms and prepared labels, those who set up the room for packing, our own Mickey who made sure there were sufficient liquids to keep us all hydrated, everyone who counted, packed, broke down boxes, cleaned up Friday evening to those who unloaded the truck at the Post Office in Hilton Saturday morning.

The Girl Scouts showed incredible energy as always and participated in the packing with every bit of enthusiasm one would expect from youngsters. What a terrific group of girls these are – and we thank also the parents that came along with them.

A special thanks to RDA Container for the boxes, specially printed with our logo and information, donated last year and to Ted and Josh Brant for representing the company and helping pack boxes with us Friday evening. (Ted did encourage me to let everyone know he is a single guy, looking – I have his phone number...) THANKS, EVERYONE!
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Canandaigua Academy and spoke
to several high school classes there.
It was a very rewarding experience,
we got the red carpet treatment,
and the kids were just great. Always
a good time getting together with
Fred and Geno.

2009 was a hard year for me
but I expect – no, I know -- 2010
will be a good one.

Happy New Year and God bless
you all!!

Membership News
Fred Elliot

Just wanted to pass along an update
of our membership statistics as of
11/30/2009:

VVA # Members
Active ...................................... 459
Delinquent ............................... 27
Life Members .......................... 229
Individual ................................ 230

New York .............................. 430
Arkansas ................................. 1
Arizona ................................. 2
California .............................. 1
Colorado ............................... 2
Connecticut ......................... 1
Florida ................................. 9
Georgia ................................. 2
Illinois ................................. 1
Kentucky ............................... 1
Minnesota ............................. 1
North Carolina ........................ 2
Nevada ................................. 1
Pennsylvania ....................... 2
South Carolina ..................... 1
Tennessee ............................. 1
Virginia ............................... 1

Total 459

AVVA # Members
Active ................................. 39
Delinquent ............................. 4

Nominating Committee
Chuck Macaluso, Chair

The Annual Meeting &
Elections will be held April 8, 2010
at 6:00 PM - Ira Jacobson Post
Home.

Positions for nominations:
• Four Executive (4) - President,
  1st Vice-President, Secretary,
  Treasurer
• Five Board positions (5)

The "new" Nominating Committee
will also be elected by the member-
ship 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 mem-
  ber 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 bal-
lots will be taken and votes will be
tabulated.
• According to the National VVA
  Constitution, “Additional persons
  may be nominated by any mem-
  ber at the Annual Meeting.” These
candidates will fall under the cat-
egory 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 run-
ning for any of the above mentioned
positions, please contact one of the
following Nominating Committee
members:
Chuck Macaluso ............225-8288
Dan Corona ...................406-6108
Pat Pudetti .....................753-6040

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independent research initiatives are complete.
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:

**Awards**

**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 ____________________________
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**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 ____________________________
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**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 ____________________________
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**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 ____________________________
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Please consider nominating those you feel are deserving and submit your nomination to our Chapter Office. You can also email Kathy Gleason at kathy14470@msn.com for an electronic version of these nomination forms. Deadline for nomination is March 20th.
On December 4th, I had the honor of attending the Auburn’s 22nd Annual Christmas Give-Away at the Auburn Correctional Facility. There were around 13 or more in attendance, including groups that donated money or other materials from the outside, as well as the inmates. The assistant warden and some of the guards were in attendance, too. It was a very good turnout with the inmates as they showed their support for the program and the visitors that attended. Along with coffee and doughnuts, both Dennis Conway and Andy Restivo gave a little talk about the programs the inmates are involved in.

Different representatives from the organization that form the two veterans groups addressed us on how they became involved with this program to help the needy outside the walls. After the talks, we had a little socializing with one another. It’s always a well-organized meeting, with everyone thankful for all that has been done.

At this time we were given our bags of hats and scarves to be distributed to the schools and the needy children. I said my good-byes to everyone and told them that as long as Chapter 20 was able, we would support them and their programs.

I want to thank Ron and the Chapter for all they do for all of the veterans’ incarcerated chapters.

You may be eligible for educational benefits due to your service in the armed forces. The New York State Combat Veterans Tuition Award can be awarded for full and part-time study at any public or private institution of higher learning here in New York. New York’s Military Service Recognition Scholarships provide financial aid to veterans, children, spouses and financial dependents of members of the US Armed Forces who died or became severely and permanently disabled. The New York State Regents Award for Children of Deceased & Disabled Veterans provides up to $450 per year to students. For more information visit Higher Education Services Corp. at www.hesc.com. Federal veterans’ education benefits may cover the cost of education at any public school in the country and many private schools, depending upon the length and period of your service. The VA’s Vocational Rehabilitation Program is designed to help veterans with service-connected disabilities become employed, maintain employment, or achieve independence in daily living. And these are only a few of the opportunities that may be available to you!

Information courtesy of NYS Department of Veterans Affairs brochure. For more information visit www.veterans.state.ny.us/whatsnext.html or call 1-888-VETS NYS (1-888-838-7697).
When the Lord was creating Vietnam veterans, He was into His 6th day of overtime when an angel appeared. "You're certainly doing a lot of fiddling around on this one."

And God said, "Have you seen the specs on this order? A Nam vet has to be able to run five miles through the bush with a full pack on, endure with barely any sleep for days, enter tunnels his higher ups wouldn't consider doing, and keep his weapons clean and operable. He has to be able to sit in his hole all night during an attack, hold his buddies as they die, walk point in unfamiliar territory known to be VC infested, and somehow keep his senses alert for danger. He has to be in top physical condition existing on c-rats and very little rest. And he has to have six pairs of hands."

The angel shook his head slowly and said, "Six pair of hands....no way."

The Lord said, "It's not the hands that are causing me problems. It's the three pair of eyes a Nam vet has to have."

"That's on the standard model?" asked the angel.

The Lord nodded. "One pair that "It's for bottled up emotions, for holding fallen soldiers as they die, for commitment to that funny piece of cloth called the American flag, for the terror of living with PTSD for decades after the war, alone with its demons with no one to care or help."

"You're a genius," said the angel, casting a gaze at the tear.

The lord looked very somber, as if seeing down eternity's distant shores. "I didn't put it there," he said. "A Veteran is someone who, at one point in his life wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America for an amount of 'up to and including my life.' That is Honor, and there are way too many people in this country who no longer understand it."

"Lord, rest, and work on this tomorrow."

"I can't," said the Lord. "I already have a model that can carry a wounded soldier 1,000 yards during a fire fight, calm the fears of the latest FNG, and feed a family of four on a grunt's paycheck."

The angel walked around the model and said, "Can it think?"

"You bet," said the Lord. "It can quote much of the UCMJ, recite all his general orders, and engage in a search and destroy mission in less time than it takes for his fellow Americans back home to discuss the morality of the War, and still keep his sense of humor. The Lord gazed into the future and said, "He will also endure being vilified and spit on when he returns home, rejected and crucified by the very ones he fought for."

Finally, the angel slowly ran his finger across the vet's cheek, and said, "There's a leak...I told you that you were trying to put too much into this model."

"That's not a leak," said the Lord. "That's a tear."

"What's the tear for?" asked the angel.

"It's for bottled up emotions, for holding fallen soldiers as they die, for commitment to that funny piece of cloth called the American flag, for the terror of living with PTSD for decades after the war, alone with its demons with no one to care or help."

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Help Base Greater Rochester
(www.hbrochester.org) is an online resource for veterans, service members, and their families in Monroe, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The mission of Help Base Greater Rochester is to enhance services by coordinating, mobilizing and educating the community-at-large about the issues facing veterans, service members, and their families and advocating for the necessary services to ensure that these community members can regain and maintain their physical, emotional, and economic well-being.

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You can access the website at www.myhealth.va.gov. You will need to register to use key features and will be assigned a User ID and Password for return visits. Please note that in order to access enhanced options of this website, you must complete an “In Person Authentication” (IPA) at your local VA facility. This step provides for confidentiality of your information and is required by The Privacy Act, Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 552a, implemented by Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §575-1.584.

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This service is provided courtesy of the Rochester Public Library, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20, the Freedom Calls Foundation and the County of Monroe.

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