"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive veterans of early wars were treated and appreciated by our nation." - George Washington
President's Report

I would like to start my report by thanking Beth Affeldt, Rich Isaman and the LLC Board for the work they are doing at our Thrift Store. Just a couple things they have done lately to give back to our community – first, the clothing that we used to give to a vendor is now being given to VOA on Canal St. for their efforts in helping homeless veterans. Secondly, they have given Rochester Schools 15, 25 and 35 gift certificates to help the needy in their schools. Beth presented 200 $25 certificates to each school. A big thank you goes out to all at the store.

I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. I would like to thank the Board, my fellow Directors and the membership for your support over the past year. Membership numbers are on the upswing, record numbers in attendance at our meetings and events. It’s all because of this great family we belong to called Chapter 20. Veterans Court is moving along quite well, I would like to invite any Veteran to attend a court session on Monday afternoons starting at 2:00pm. As we approach a year since it started we have seen many success stories. There are Veteran defendants in recovery for their additions and well on their way to a new life. Veterans helping Veterans is what it’s all about and in Monroe County Veteran’s Court Chapter 20 leads the way.

POW-MIA

Joe Peck, Chairperson

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. This is truly a time to be thankful for all that we have. We all know that some families still have the memory of that special loved one who has been missing for all these years. For this we offer a prayer that someday they will be returned.

New reports from the Defense POW/MIA office (DPMO) now list the total number of missing US personnel as 1727 after posting that the remains of CMSGT. Calvin C. Glover USAF from Steubenville, OH were recovered as part of a larger recovery effort on May 29, 2002 and identified on March 13, 2009. Calvin was reported MIA on May 22, 1969. He was a Fight Engineer on board a A130 Aircraft, call sign “Blind Bat 01” while on a night flare drop in South Vietnam near the Laos border. It was presumed that the aircraft had been shot down by enemy Anti Aircraft Artillery (AAA) fire.

There was also a report from the BBC that the remains of the last 2 missing Australian service men from the Vietnam War were recovered and identified last August by Australian and Vietnamese forensic specialists. The remains of Flying Officer Michael Herbert and Pilot Officer Robert Carver, both age 24, were found in a remote jungle site not far from the border of Laos where their aircraft crashed during a bombing raid in November 1970 some 39 years ago.

And last but not least, after 65 years the remains of a WWII Army Air Corps crew member were recovered and identified as Sgt Robert Stinson. The wreckage of a B-24 Liberator bomber was found at the bottom of the ocean off the coast of the island nation of Palau. Military divers recovered the remains of the 24-year-old flight engineer who died in combat on Sept. 1, 1944 after his plane was hit by anti-aircraft fire. He was finally laid to rest with full military honors at Riverside National Cemetery in Highland, California.

To the friends and family of all these brave men, we all offer our condolences. May they have the peace of mind knowing that they are finally home. We must also remember and not lose faith in the final return of the rest of our POW/MIA’s.

At our Board meeting on December 7th the board put together the budget that will be presented to the membership at our February 2010 meeting.

On Saturday December 5th Jerry McDermott and I held two sessions on Veterans Health care and Veterans Benefits at the Greece Town Hall. Thanks go out to the Town of Greece, VA and Monroe County Veterans Service Agency for their support of this event. Jerry and I will be doing more of these in the other towns in our area. In closing God Bless, stay safe and I’ll see you at the next meeting.

Ken Moore, President
US Army Cavalry
Vietnam 1966-67

CMSGT. Calvin C. Glover

Robert Carver

Michael Herbert

Sgt. Robert Stinson
Honor Guard
Commander – Chuck Macaluso

I would like to start out by acknowledging the great job Ray has done during his “tour” as commander of Marching Unit and Honor Guard. As most of you know by now, I have volunteered to oversee Honor Guard events and the Marching Unit will be under the command of Hank Wallace and Valentino Gatto. Ray will be remaining active in both groups so his expertise will make the transition easier for the three of us.

The Honor Guard presented colors at the 68th Pearl Harbor Service on December 7, 2009 at the Rochester Yacht Club. I would like to thank the following members for participating in the ceremony – Ray Melens, Dick Oleksyn, Bill Meminger, Ed Jones, Valentino Gatto, Hank Wallace and Ralph Pascale. Chapter President Ken Moore was also on hand to represent Chapter 20. As every year, the weather made it an Arctic event, but I hear this was like Summer compared to the past few years.

We will still be meeting at 7:00 PM, just before the monthly Chapter Membership Meeting. I will be sending out a question sheet to each member to see where are strengths and weaknesses are as to the various protocols performed by the unit and review weak areas at our monthly meeting.

A belated Happy Holidays to All! Chuck

Veterans Incarcerated
Committee Report
Ron Trovato

Veterans Day was very special for me this year. In the morning I attended the Veterans Day service at the Auburn Correctional Facility and met with the veterans of Chapter 205. The ceremony was very well organized and Andy Restivo and Dennis Conway spoke of the real meaning of the holiday and the bonds between veterans. A group of Native American inmates honored veterans with song and the Chaplain and I got to address the 50-60 men that were present. Things seemed to be progressing well there and we just sent in a small donation of yarn for the crochet squad. Pat Pudetti will be attending the culmination of the Christmas drive there, scheduled for December 4 and we want to again thank all of the veterans at Auburn for all the hard work they put in all year long to make the Christmas drive such a success. Chapter 20’s Veterans Day service at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial here in Rochester was also very well attended and Kenny Moore did a nice job, as did the Chapter marching unit.

The Oneida Active Veterans at the Oneida Correctional Facility are also making slow but steady progress and are working with the administration there to get proposed projects off the ground. They are currently proposing that books be collected to donate to DVA facilities in their area. We note also that a Veterans Day service was held there by the veterans on November 4th and the idea for the book drive was presented to the Superintendent of Programs there. Several staff members attended this event, as well as about 30 veterans. Thanks to Gene Edwards, President of the Oneida Active Veterans, for all of his hard work there.

A Veterans Day Program organized by Chapter 190 at Atmore, Alabama, was scheduled for November 13. Recent general membership meetings there have had about 25 veterans in attendance, and we thank the guys there for all of their service to VVA. The Vietnam Veterans Group San Quentin (Chapter 563) has once again completed their food sale, which was quite successful. I hear they delivered all that was ordered on time to all their customers, no small achievement in San Quentin. Great job guys! Capitalism at its best! Also the 8th Annual “Operation Mom,” where the chapter will be sending packages to troops overseas, has a packing date set for November 21st. Approximately 100 boxes will be sent to the 82nd Airborne in Afghanistan. The Chapter also did very well with their 2nd motorcycle “Run to the Pen” despite rain the day before. Motorcyclists donated $600 and the inmate population donated another $900. Chapter sponsor Lt. Cramer is retiring at the end of the year and we thank him for all of his active support of the guys at San Quentin.

Happy Holidays folks! See you all next year!

National Board & Committee Meeting Reports
October 8-10, 2009

Veterans Benefits Committee

Jerry Klein and Dave Houppert conducted the Thursday night meeting. We (The committee) requested $298,000.00 in funds for the programs and the VSF only granted us $200,000.00. We need new reporting standards; VSF has put new requirements in for us to get any grants. We need to comply or the consequences could be devastating...

The 6 and 12 month reporting with narratives (Pictures etc) is continued. Withdrawal of funds due to delinquent reporting, over $16,000.00 was returned last year. Reports absolutely need to be on time or funding goes back to VSF.

The maximum amount for the grant is $25,000.00 with matching funds from the State Council.

We are looking for success stories regarding claims granted to our veterans to be used for fundraising. We also

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GIVING BACK

Everyone is aware of the thrift store’s status as a retail store. What is less known is the extent to which they donate and help people in need. In addition to funding donations through Chapter 20’s membership – donations to Jr. ROTC, SOFT, Gold Star Mothers, VA programs and numerous other organizations, the staff at the store provide a multitude of direct donations of goods to those in need.

For this recent holiday season, they donated over 300 new toys to The Pirate Toy Fund. They have provided “gift certificates” to local school administration to be given to families in need for warm clothing and/or other household items.

At the City of Rochester’s #15 school the teachers bring the children over to get warm clothing or they shop for them. Though there have only been a few, Beth Affeldt tells of the last time they in the store and forgot a bag. On her trip to the bank, Beth dropped by and gave the bag to the office, along with a box of hand puppets with a little note "Happy Holidays from the Vietnam Vets."

She asked if there was anything else that they needed and was told ‘no.’ The school worker continued, saying they were busy trying to find two twin beds for a family that had a fire. Two little girls were sleeping on blankets on the floor. Beth said she wished we could help, but we didn’t have any beds in stock.

As the truck returned later from their pickups, guess what was on the truck – two twin beds. Vets to the rescue!

It was reported to Beth later when the beds were delivered that the girls were laughing and jumping around. They were so happy to see their "new beds."

Job well done!

A huge THANK YOU to Beth and her crew at the store for going the extra step to care for those in need in our community.

2nd Annual Fit Vet Challenge Charity Benefit for 2010

ATTENTION! Please don’t miss the January membership meeting on Thursday, January 14th. Our second annual event that will generate health awareness programs featuring, good eating habits, food preparation and meal planning will be presented by our guest speaker, Ms. Tanisa Spencer, Registered Dietitian from the VA, ROC facility. Ms. Spencer, will present some easy to follow tips that all of us can use as a great way to start the New Year in a healthy and positive manner.

As in our first Fit Vet Challenge, “friendly bragging rights” will be awarded to the “biggest losers” winning the competition. The Challenge will run through April 2010. Weigh-ins will be conducted for those who participate in January, February, March, and April 2010 to give the event a full 90 days. Once again, the biggest losers will be allowed to select first their choice for charity award. In case you do not recall, we will be grouped by branch of service and compete in a very friendly way against each other. So Marines, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guardsmen and Army vets beware - the New Year and a new Challenge to become a “FIT VET” is almost here!
Recently Discharged?

As a recently discharged service member, one of the first steps in transitioning to “civilian” life is to ensure you enroll in VA Health Care as close to your actual separation-from-service date as possible. Combat veterans who were discharged or released from active service on or after January 28, 2003, are now eligible to enroll in the VA Health Care System for five years from the date of discharge or release. You can apply for VA Health Care by completing VA Form 10-10EZ, Application for Health Benefits. Be sure you sign and date the application. You can obtain this form by accessing the VA website, www.va.gov, or by visiting, calling or writing any VA Health Care Facility or Veterans Benefits Service Center (toll free number, 877-222-VETS [8387]), Monday through Friday between 7:00am and 8:00pm, Eastern Standard Time.

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).

Call for Help

The VA has made asking for help fast, easy, free and confidential. One can call the VA Suicide Hotline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255) any time of day or night to speak to a trained professional. This person can answer your questions, provide hope and recommend available services in your area.

Concerned friends or loved ones are also encouraged to call. Mental Health Suicide Crisis Line workers can suggest ways to help the Veteran, including questions you can ask that may indicate how strongly the person has thought about suicide.

Call for HELP if you recognize these warning signs in yourself or a loved one:

- **H**opelessness: feeling trapped or like there is no reason to live; feeling anxious, unable to sleep or sleeping all the time.
- **E**xpressing rage, anger or a desire for revenge; acting recklessly or showing dramatic mood changes.
- **L**ooking for ways to commit suicide; thinking, talking or writing about hurting or killing oneself.
- **P**urposely avoiding others, withdrawing from friends and family; may experience increased alcohol or drug use.

Strokes

Major strokes often follow mini strokes. Get medical attention immediately for any signs of stroke. Although TIA’s (Transient Ischemic Attacks) that have the same symptoms of stroke can sometimes go away within five to ten minutes, they are a warning signal. Nearly half of the people who have a major stroke do so within 24 hours of a TIA.

Emergency medical treatment may help prevent the occurrence of a major stroke. In the case of full-blown stroke, emergency treatment can reduce the risk of permanent brain damage.

**STROKE SYMPTOMS**

Call 911 if you or someone you are with shows any of these symptoms:
- Sudden confusion or trouble speaking or understanding
- Numbness or weakness of the face, arms, or legs, especially on one side
- Sudden trouble seeing with one or both eyes
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Severe headache with no known cause

(from the American Heart Association)
need to provide a written procedure showing what happens if a SVO leaves or dies, how do we follow up on his or her claim files? We always need to look for other avenues to raise funds to support the programs. We have over 15 programs in service and a few more in process.

We are trying to get 90 sets of VIMS (Veterans Information Materials Services) the cost is $45,000.00 it’s been reduced from $90,000.00. A sub-committee has been set up to review all grants that come in requesting money.

We still have 430 VVA service officers on the books….. We need to see who are still using the POA of VVA and if they are in compliance with our guidelines. If not, we need to pull their accreditation.

Rich Levesque and John Margowski are the co-chairs of the committee. AO usage outside of Vietnam is becoming more readily available. This web-site waybackmachine.com Alvin Young Special Collection (AO expert) best source of information on AO. See Mokie for a copy.

Basic Training will be held 2/8/10 to 2/12/10 at the National Office. No longer doing Chapter Coordinators due to liability issues and lack of control.

The committee agreed with completely doing away with Service Coordinators. Motion by Marshall Mudge, Second by Pete Peterson (Unanimous approval).

Veterans Health Care Committee

Pat Bessigano chairs this Committee. We talked about the resolutions and Health Care outreach. If you have any information regarding veterans health care and problems, please send them to Pat for future articles for the “Veteran”. Questions came up on: What are we doing to help out veterans? Need of in-depth articles on health and what our veterans need to know about A.O. and its related disabilities that it causes.

Lung cancer is higher them Prostate, Breast, Liver and Colon cancer combined. We need to take this to our local areas to let them know.

Biofeedback is being used to help with PTSD and TBI.

Vietnam Veterans Readjustment Study, 2nd round for this study has been approved by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, now it’s up to the V.A. to begin the study.

The Leadership Conference in 2010 one of the subjects will be Visual Impairments as secondary illnesses and Diabetes and TBI.

The Puerto Rico Proposal, we support this but there are a lot of problems- they need all types of care and services.

The National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs will hold their conference at the National Press Center in Washington, DC, FYI, Inpatient medical records are separate from Military medical records you need to request them and the military records on the 180. Need to supply dates, time, and place for the inpatient records.

General Meeting

The VSF (Veterans Support Foundation) had a meeting re: the MOU between VVA Benefits and the VSF. Members are Marsha Four, Pat Welch, Keith King and Jim Grison.

The money from the 30th anniversary book should go towards the Service officers program. After some discussion about the money that was a loan to the VSF from VVA and after the sales, expenses, and mailing, a motion was made to except $64,272.00 as payment in full for the loan. It passed with 3 no votes.

The VSF have 5 houses they own, but because income is needed, they will need to sell one.

The Household Goods program is in 5 new areas, Ft Worth, Dallas, Florida, Delaware and Philadelphia. The Thrift Stores are picking up; we are fighting for more pick-ups.

National Convention 2013, bids from Reno, Daytona, Jacksonville and Phoenix are in now we need to see which one is the best.

AVVA has a new design for their web-site. They are in the process of having S.O.’s to do benefits for veterans. They will be working with the Veteran of Modern Warfare.

Financial report: the investments are down by 18.6% in 2008 but 2009 showing an increase.

PTSD/Substance Abuse and MST (Tom Hall, chair) they will try to have a conference in 2010 on these topics.

Pat Welch, Advance Funding for veterans passed, waiting for the Presidents signature. Veterans Court- a bill HR2138 and S902 are being looked at.

Agent Orange, the I.O.M. committee is working on having the Blue Water Navy receiving benefits (S/C) for espouser to AO disabilities.

Membership, AVVA has 7,500 members and VVA has 60,369 members.

Public Affairs, the 25th anniversary video is being worked on and should be ready in 2010. Also a new design for the web-site.

FYI, 43% do not use the VA services, 31% use VA and private services and 26% use just the VA services.

Veterans Incarcerated, the 1st State Council meeting will be held in prison in Ohio.

Any events coming up in 2010 please let the Na-
tional know, may be able to send an officer or staff person to attend it. More information from the BOD meetings needs to be in the National Veteran, along with general information for the members. These are only some of the highlights from all of the meetings.

Report by Pat Pudetti

NYS Veterans Benefits - NYS Parks Access Pass

If a Veteran is 40% or more disabled they can acquire a NYS Park Access Pass that will allow them free access to all State Parks and significant reduction in the cost of camping facilities and cabins. To learn more and to complete the necessary application go to http://nysparks.state.ny.us/admission/access-pass.aspx

I found out quite by accident about this State benefit for Veterans at the Vet Center. It took about 6 weeks for the application to be approved and the Pass provided. To visit parks such as Hamlin Beach or Letchworth, I merely show my card.

For camping, you need to make the reservation and pay the full amount at that time. When you check out after using the camping facility or cabin, show your Pass to the Park Ranger. About 2-3 weeks after checking out you will either receive a check in the mail or a deposit in your checking account of the bulk of the fee. You will need to review the State’s site to learn more about the exact cost. Take a look at http://nysparks.state.ny.us/parks/

We have taken our grandchildren tent camping at Letchworth, Watkins Glen, and Stoneybrook. We also rented cabins at Newtown last year and plan to stay at Green Lakes this year and also visited the Islands this fall and stayed in a cabin.

If you have any questions let me know - bvanapel-doornsr@gmail.com

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Then & Now
Do you know these soldiers? Answer on page 12.

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New at the Central Library...

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Is someone you love serving in the military in Afghanistan, Iraq, or Kuwait? You can now schedule a video conference with your soldier at the library for FREE!

The Freedom Calls Center is located in the lower link level of the Bausch & Lomb Public Library Building and is available by appointment only. Call 428-8304 to find out how to schedule a call to your soldier today!

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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.
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
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- Friday, January 15 – Boxes to be packed at Ira Jacobson Post starting at 7:00pm
- Saturday, January 16 – Boxes to be processed at Main Post Office on Jefferson Road at 7:00am
- Contact Kathy or Tom Gleason if you can help on either (or both) dates.

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1 Fri • Happy New Year!
4 Mon • Board of Directors, 7:00pm
14 Thur • 1973 – Nixon orders Cease Fire in Vietnam (A week later, Dr Kissinger returned to Paris for further meetings with the North Vietnamese delegation. On 23 January, a ceasefire was agreed to take effect from midnight on 27 January.)
15 Fri • Membership Meeting, 7:30pm
16 Sat • 1991 – Gulf War began
17 Sun • 1991 - Operation Desert Storm began
18 Mon • Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
28 Thu • 1915 - United States Coast Guard established
30 Sat • 1968 – Tet Offensive began

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