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Joe Peck, Chairperson

The DPMO and JPAC have been very busy this month. They have released the names of four more Servicemen from the Vietnam War, bringing the total to 1,686 Americans still missing and unaccounted for.

- **PFC. Wayne Bibbs**, US Army from Blue Island, Illinois was a gunner on an OH6A observation Helicopter flying from Camp Eagle to the Northern Province of South Vietnam on June 11, 1972. During a visual reconnaissance mission, the pilot reported that he saw enemy living quarters, bunkers and numerous trails. On a second pass over a ridged area, the aircraft was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire, causing it to explode and burn from onboard ordnance. After the aircraft impacted to ground, it exploded again. No one was seen exiting the burning helicopter. No ground search was made for possible survivors or remains because of hostile fire in the area. Excavation of the crash site was made in 2003 and recovery of the remains of PFC. Wayne Bibbs, as well as the other two members of the crew was made on August 6, 2008. His crew members, reported on last month included Robin Ray Yeakley (pictured right). They were all identified on February 7, 2011. Bibbs will be laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery later this year.

- **Col. Leo Sidney Boston**, US Air Force from Canon City, Colorado was the lead pilot of two A-1E Aircraft that were...
on a search and recover mission for a downed pilot in enemy territory. On April 29, 1966, after departing Ubon Airfield in Thailand, Col. Boston and the other pilot spotted two MIG fighters coming out of cloud cover west of the Black River in Son La Province in North Vietnam. Col. Boston’s plane was hit and broke in two before crashing into the jungle. All transmissions were lost and the wreckage was not found. He was immediately listed as MIA. In November 1997, a farmer found the remains and artifacts of Col. Boston and they were turned over to the Vietnamese authorities. He was identified on April 4, 2011. Col. Leo Sidney Boston was returned to his hometown for a full military funeral at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

- **Major Thomas Edward Reitmann**, US Air Force from Redwing, Minnesota was flying a F-105D Thunderchief aircraft on December 1, 1965 on an air strike mission against the Cao Nung Railway connecting Hanoi with the Peoples Republic of China. As Maj. Reitmann rolled in for a dive bombing delivery, his aircraft was hit by enemy anti-aircraft fire. His plane crashed about 50 miles Northeast of Hanoi. His remains were located in 2010 and identified on May 2, 2011. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery on September 8, 2011.

- **SFC. William Theodore Brown**, US Army from La Habra, California was a demolitions expert, US Army from 2011. A relic from North Korea. His remains were recovered in 2010 and identified January 6, 2011.

- **Reports from JAPC the DPMO also state that additional remains and personal effects of Capt. James Howard Graff and 1st Lt. David A. Thorpe who were reported missing on October 3, 1966 after leaving Tan Son Nhut Air Base in South Vietnam, were located. Capt. Graff’s remains were identified on January 5, 2011 and 1st Lt. Thorpe’s remains were identified on June 17, 2011. The co-mingled remains of all five crewmembers were previously recovered on October 11, 1966 from a crash site and all were buried in a mass grave at Arlington National Cemetery on October 26 1966. At the families’ request, Capt. James Howard Graff will be buried with full Military Honors at the M.J. Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery in Anderson, S.C. and 1st Lt. David A. Thorpe will be buried on June 23rd with full Military Honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

There are also reports of the recovery and identification of the following:
- **Sgt. Ralph W. Carlson**, US Army died April 30, 1951 while captive at Suan Prisoner of War camp in North Korea. His remains were identified January 31, 2011.
- **Cpl. James S. Murray**, US Army reported missing February 13, 1951 near Wonju, South Korea. His remains were identified January 31, 2011.
- **Capt. Melvin R. Stai**, US Army reported missing January 29, 1951 near Wonju, South Korea. His remains were identified January 31, 2011.
- **Cpl. Harold B. Moore**, US Army was reported missing on November 1, 1950 near Unsan, North Korea. His remains were recovered in 2001 and identified June 1, 2011.
- **Cpl. A.V. Scott**, US Army was reported captured by the Chinese on Feb. 12, 1951 and died in April of 1951 at the Suan Prisoner of War camp in North Korea. His remains were identified on June 13, 2011.
- **Pvt. Herman F. Sturmer Jr.**, US Marine Corps was reported missing November 20, 1943 on the island of Tarawa. His remains were identified April 8, 2011.
- **Sgt. Martin A. Gill**, US Army Air Force was reported missing March 12, 1945 near Leyte, Philippines. His remains were recovered in 1989 and identified May 20, 2011.

All of these brave men have finally been returned to their families and loved ones who never lost hope that they would someday come home. They have paid the ultimate sacrifice and now they can finally rest in peace on the soil of the Nation they so proudly defended and let it be known by all that They Were Never Forgotten.
CURBSIDE Appreciation
People attend parades to watch those marching. Perhaps it’s the band, maybe the fire trucks, could be the politicians – for many it’s the veterans. Our Chapter Photographer, Glenn Peck, often strays from those marching to those watching. We thought it might be interesting to offer some candid curbside photos.
The New York State Senate Veterans’ Hall of Fame was created to honor and recognize outstanding veterans from the Empire State who have distinguished themselves both in military and civilian life. Their meritorious service to our nation deserves the special recognition that only a Hall of Fame can provide, as a fitting expression of our gratitude and admiration.

Last month, Ken Moore was inducted into this prestigious unit, sponsored by NY State Senator Joseph Robach. Here is the bio presented to the Senate:

Ken Moore has spent his life dedicated to protecting and honoring our military personnel.

Ken Moore was born and raised in Rochester, NY (Charlotte). After graduating from high school, he worked for both the City of Rochester and the Eastman Kodak Company before being drafted for duty in the US Army in November of 1965. After basic training at Fort Dix and Fort Benning, he was deployed to the Republic of South Vietnam with D Troop 17th Cavalry. He returned to the United States in November of 1967.

In the mid 1970s, he became involved with the local families of the POW/MIAs from the Vietnam War and spent some 10 years working to create awareness on the issue. In 1985, he became a member of Vietnam Veterans of America (Chapter 20) and has served proudly ever since. During his tenure with the VVA, he served as Board Member, Vice President, Secretary and President (an office he has held for the past 12 years). He also served in the Army reserves form 1980 to 1985, retiring with the rank of Sergeant First Class.

In 1999, he was National Vice President of Veterans Aimed Toward Awareness. In this position, he toured the country giving lectures on veterans’ health and benefits. In that time, he teamed up with Heather French, Miss America 2000, whose platform was veterans health. Over the past 11 years, they have worked together on an awareness campaign focusing on veterans’ issues. Today, he serves on the Monroe County Veterans Advisory Committee, 26th Congressional Advisory Committee, Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee, and lead mentor of the 7th Judicial District Veterans Court.

Ken is married to his lovely wife, Sandra Dee, and they have two adult boys, Todd and Mark.
Have you considered sharing your time, talent, or treasure as a member in good standing with your sisters and brothers of VVA, Chapter 20? Here are some ideas:

- Volunteer your time more frequently for just a few hours at some of our many yearly events. Pick out a few events of your choice, or in your area. We need to start sharing the load. We need you.
- Don’t lose the talents you have mastered throughout your career. Support the Chapter by using your specialties in support of, events or projects that the Chapter has committed to. We need your special talents.
- Have you considered a special gift of your earthly treasure to Chapter 20 as a memorial donation, or estate contribution, in your memory, or in the memory of a fellow veteran or deceased family member?

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Places of honor are present at all Chapter celebrations for those still missing.

Mayor Tom Richards dashed over from another event, leaving his wife, so he could voice his respect and appreciation to his fellow Chapter members.

Ralph Pascale, Co-Chair of the Membership Committee, was also honored with a Veterans Service Award for his involvement, though he was unable to attend the dinner.
Keynote Speaker, Heather French Henry, reminded all veterans to be mindful of the need to take care of themselves by getting appropriate diagnostic testing and registering with the VA.

County Executive Maggie Brooks joined us for dinner and presented the Chapter with a Proclamation.

Gold Star Moms from the Rochester and Buffalo areas presented President Ken Moore with an Honor and Remember flag in appreciation for the Chapter’s support.

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8 FRI   •  Kendall Firemen’s Carnival Parade, 7:00pm
11 MON  •  Board of Directors, 7:00pm
14 THU  •  General Membership Meeting, 7:30pm NEW LOCATION! Italian-American
         •  Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road, between Howard Rd. and Rt. 390
         •  Webster Firemen’s Carnival, 6:30pm
22 FRI  •  Hamlin Firemen’s Carnival, 7:00pm
28 THU  •  Hilton Firemen’s Carnival, 7:00pm
27 WED  •  Korean War Veterans’ Armistice Day (US National) – Truce was signed that
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– Author Unknown

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July 11 • October 3
August 1 • November 7
September 12 • December 5

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July 14 • October 13
August 11 • November 10
September 15 • December 8

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