Get Out the Vote
Don't Forget to Vote in Chapter 20 Elections on April 14 at 6 pm

A girl drops a vote into a ballot box at the Women's Equality Day celebration hosted by Commander, U.S. 2nd Fleet Maritime Headquarters Heritage Committee in Norfolk, Va., Aug. 27, 2010. The event marked the 90th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution granting women the right to vote.

U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 3rd Class Krysta McKnight/Released
Free Fire Zone: Enough is Enough

In response to the letters that have been sent in the last few issues of the VVA Veteran magazine concerning the issue of era vets vs. in-country vets:

Enough is enough. I am really getting tired of hearing and reading about individuals who state that era vets should not be classified as Vietnam Veterans. I enlisted while in high school to serve my country, which very few thought of at that time. I was sent to Europe where I performed my job and served proudly. As a 19-year-old, I would have gladly gone to Vietnam as that was my original intent. But it did not happen. So does that make me less of a Veteran? It was guys like me who repaired vehicles, radio equipment, weapons and who trained those how to use them and who worked in the supply depots and warehouses and sat behind desk doing the paperwork needed to maintain an efficient military. All this was for the in-country vets to do their job, survive and come home.

Think about it, did all our servicemen fight in the Ardennes Forrest or storm the beaches of Normandy or defend their post at the Chosen reservoir? No they did not. Were any of them who were not there ever referred to as era veterans or segregated from other veterans? No they were not. Even in today’s military, everyone is part of the Global War on Terrorism either in the Middle East or at home. It was controversy like this that kept me and thousands of others feeling less than we were entitled to and if it weren’t for my brothers and sisters here at Chapter 20 who welcomed me with open arms, I would still be ashamed to call myself a veteran. We are all Vietnam Veterans of America. Stop trying to divide what should be one.

Joe Peck
VVA Chapter 20, Rochester, NY
FRONT & CENTER

I recently had the opportunity to speak with a representative from another Veterans group concerning the difference of total numbers on missing Americans stated by our two organizations. He had informed me that he does not accept the information given by the DPMO and JPAC as true fact. While questioning the validity of their results, he feels that it is all a cover up and that many of our missing are still unaccounted for or may still be alive and held in captivity. I do respect his or anyone else’s opinions on this subject and will relay the information that I have at hand to our membership without political or personal views concerning our POW/MIA’s. Whether it is agreed upon or not, I will respectfully give only the facts as they are presented to the media and families of our missing.

The report this month from the DPMO indicates that three more missing servicemen from the Vietnam war have been located and identified, bringing the total of still missing Americans to 1699.

- Master Sgt. Ralph Joseph Reno, US Army from Fayetteville, North Carolina. On July 3, 1966, MSgt. Ralph J. Reno of MACV-SOG and two other Americans were assigned to a reconnaissance team and were to be transported along with ten Nung strikers from a forward operating base in Kham Duc, South Vietnam. They were all on board a UH34 Seahorse helicopter on route to the village of Kontum, South Vietnam near the border of Laos. When the aircraft was flying over the extremely rugged jungle mountains about 16 miles from Kham Duc, the aircraft hit severe air turbulence. The tail of the aircraft broke loose and swung around and chewed the helicopter to pieces in midair ejecting passengers, crew and debris over a large area. All the remains of the crew and other personnel were recovered except for MSGt. Reno. He was officially listed as Killed/Body not Recovered. The remains of MSGt Ralph Joseph Reno were located on August 29, 2000. They were returned in April of 2010 and identity confirmed on October 1, 2010.

- Commander Frank Clifford Green Jr., US Navy from Waskom, Texas was a pilot of an A4F Sky Hawk assigned to Attack Squadron 212 on board the USS Hancock. On the evening of July 10, 1972 CMD Green was the lead aircraft on a night armed reconnaissance mission over North Vietnam. After completing his reconnaissance, Green proceeded onto his secondary mission to locate and destroy any targets of opportunity. Vehicle lights were sighted south of Greens Position near the city of Ninh Binh and he proceeded in that direction to make an unlighted bomb attack. Shortly after the attack, a small flash in the general target area was observed, immediately followed by a large fuel-type secondary explosion on the ground. All communications were lost with CMD Green’s aircraft. Search and rescue efforts were made but were met with negative results. He was officially listed as Missing in Action. The remains of CMD Frank Clifford Green, Jr. were located and recovered from the crash site on December 9, 2008 and identified on November 1, 2010.

- SFC James Leslie Moreland, US Army from Anaheim, California was a Green Beret medic and was part of a strike force unit used to help defend a Special Forces camp at Lang Vei, South Vietnam near the border of Laos. On February 6, 1968 the camp came under heavy attack from enemy tanks and a ferocious battle ensued. During the battle, SFC Moreland was seriously wounded in the head while trying to retrieve a machine gun before it got into enemy hands. During the siege and the subsequent takeover, enemy forces used satchel charges to kill or capture the remainder of the Special Forces unit which had taken cover in a fortified bunker. During the evacuation and escape, SFC Moreland was last seen covered under the blast debris from the bunker and was presumed dead. He was officially listed as Killed/POW-MIA cont’d on page 10

Veterans Incarcerated Committee Report

Ron Trovato

Greetings from frozen Stalingrad, ah.....er......Rochester, NY. We received correspondence and newsletters from Chapter 489 at Attica and we thank Philip Glaser and William Cardman for their work on this newsletter. A Veterans Day Special Event is scheduled there for June 12th and we hope the turn-out is good. There is presently a 16-week Anger Violence Program as well as substance abuse and PTSD Programs at Attica. Congratulations to 10 veterans and 13 non-veterans who just completed those programs. Additionally, Chapter President Charles Thibeault has been in contact with us and is creating a list of issues to be presented at the Veterans Incarcerated Committee Hearings at the National Convention.

We received the 2011 Events calendar from Chapter 205 at Auburn, as well as a Domestic Violence Awareness Project Proposal that the veterans put together there. The Proposal calls for attendance one day per week for ten weeks, and there would be between 20-25 participants. It is a program based on need, a quasi self-help program sponsored by and facilitated with staff from Vera House. That agency has been in existence for 30 years, has an excellent reputation and there are hopes to implement this program sometime this year.

Regarding Chapter 190 at Atmore, Alabama, a General Membership Meeting was scheduled for December 11 and a Veterans Banquet/Special Event was held on New Years’ Eve, where Chapter Awards were given out.

Relative to Chapter 603 at the Groveland Correctional Facility, my thanks to Chapter 20 member Jim McDermott for his interest in volunteering to work with the veterans at Groveland.

Heading over to the West Coast, Chapter 563 at San Quentin State Prison donated profits from their food sale to the long-standing toy program and to Operation Mom. Per Jeff Langnese, these highly successful projects may be scaled back next time due to several factors. A Veterans Workshop was held in December with 17 inmates attending and others should be scheduled in the upcoming months.

And last but not least, Chapter 20. Yours truly attended the NYS Council Meeting on January 29th and per State Council President Ned Foote, the National Veterans Incarcerated Chairman Terry Hubert VETERANS INCARCERATED cont’d on page 10

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Meet

**Officer Candidate**

**Vice President: Valentino Gatto**

My name is Valentino Gatto. In October 1966 I was drafted and served in the 5th Infantry Division in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 in Fort Carson, Colorado. I was injured during basic training and spent approximately nine months in the military hospital in Denver. My injuries required two major surgeries, and during my recovery I was assigned to work in the Chapel Center where I served as a chaplain’s assistant for about twelve months.

I am currently an active member of Chapter 20. I have been a member since 2007 and in 2009 was elected to the Chapter 20 Board of Directors. My responsibilities include the coordination and sale of Chapter 20 related apparel, commonly referred to as “Chapter Gear.”

In 2009 I became a member of the Chapter 20 Honor Guard and in 2010 was appointed to the position of Assistant Commander of the Marching Unit. In 2010 I was also elected as a delegate to the New York State Council. In 2011 I was appointed Coordinator of Social Events.

To be elected to the position of Vice President of Chapter 20, would allow me to better serve the interest of the Chapter and its members. I will strive for the success of the Chapter in helping our members and our Community.

**Director Candidates**

**Jerry McDermott**

Jerry served a US Army Enlistment from March 1968 to March 1971, in Vietnam from March 2, 1969 to March 1, 1970. He is a Life Member of VVA.

He has been a resident of the Rochester area since 1979 after moving from Detroit, MI for a job opportunity. Jerry works as a Sales Representative for Murphy & Nolan, Inc., a distributor of carbon, stainless steel, aluminum and alloy bar and tubing products. He has also been a member of the Rochester Regional Veterans Business Council for the past four years. Jerry has been married for 38 years and has three adult children and two grandchildren.

Jerry was first elected to the Board of Directors in April 2008, appointed to Health Affairs Committee as Chairman. He also serves as a member of the Chapter Marching Unit and Honor Guard. Since his election to the BOD, he was appointed to and confirmed as VVA Chapter 20 Deputy Representative to the VA Canandaigua Medical Center by the National VVA organization to VA’s Volunteer Service Committee Round Table. He was also elected as a delegate to NYS Council in 2010 and represents Chapter 20 at the New York State Council’s quarterly meetings.

Jerry assisted in the planning and presenting of numerous veterans benefits seminars and outreach clinics within our community that inform and educate local veterans and their families. These events include our very successful Traveling Trailer Program at Firemen’s Carnivals, town hall and community meetings, civic and business organizations and community health services such as the local chapter of the American Cancer Society to promote veterans health awareness and earned service benefits to veterans and their families. He assists fellow Chapter #20 members with Monroe County Veterans Court Mentor Program, where he helped with that program’s start-up. As well, he assists veterans in the Wayne County Court system as a mentor.

In his own words, “At the time of my election to the BOD in April 2008, I felt that I could make a difference and wanted an opportunity to do so. I wanted to assist my fellow veterans both within our Chapter #20 family and those not part of any service organization. Little did I realize how big an opportunity this could be. There is so much work to do and I feel that I have only touched the tip of the iceberg. I would like to continue with my efforts to educate, advocate, and inform as many veterans as possible to make them aware of what they have earned by their honorable service to our country. I hope I have your support and that you will vote for me in this upcoming election. Thank you and Welcome Home to All!”
Don Nealon

Don served in the U.S. Army Engineers from 1966-68, (Vietnam – July 1967 to July 1968). He worked in construction for his entire career, retiring from the Eastman Kodak as a Project Manager after more than 35 years of service. Don is a Past President of the American Association of Cost Engineers, Genesee Valley Section, and belongs to the Keith Miller VFW Post 6595 where he is the Adjutant.

Beyond his multi-skill building trades training, he received an Associate’s Degree in Business Administration from MCC, and a Bachelor’s Degree in Professional Studies from SUNY Saratoga Springs. He attended many additional professional courses and seminars since then.

Don has been married to his wife Susan for more than 41 years, and has three adult children (two girls and a boy) and one grandson. Don and Susan have lived in Hilton for the past 35 years, in a house he designed and built. He attends St. Leo’s Church where he has served as an usher for well over ten years.

Don likes to hunt, fish, golf, boat, play guitar, and has coached football and baseball. In Don’s words, “I seek a more active role in our organization and wish to join the Board of Directors to better support the current board, executive committee and membership in fulfilling our mutual chapter goals.”

Juil Robinson, Jr.

Juil spent 2 years and 8 months in active duty for the US Army, then another 15 years in the Reserves. He was a student at Kendall Central Schools and later sought a business degree at RIT. He worked at Xerox for 25½ years in Engineering and drove a tractor trailer for 15 years, but is now retired. Juil believes many veterans need help like he did, and feels we are all in this together. He became a member of the Board of Directors in 2010, and was recently appointed as the Chair of the Minority Affairs Committee. Juil believes this committee to be a vital component of the Chapter and requests everyone’s support in identifying men and women that can serve and be served by our Chapter’s objectives.

Ron Trovato

Ron is a U.S. Army veteran (1968-71) and served two tours in Vietnam as an advisor in the Mekong Delta. He is a Life Member of DAV and a member of the American Legion. He is a Founding Member of Chapter 20, and has written for both Chapter newsletters, the Forward Observer and Between the Lines. Ron has been a delegate to six National VVA Conventions, has served four prior terms on the Chapter’s Board of Directors, serves as the Chapter’s Incarcerated Veterans Chairman (1989-current). He was appointed as the NY State Veterans Incarcerated Chair in 2009 and currently holds that position. He is a retired Monroe County Probation Officer.

Ron says, “I would like to continue serving on the Board of Directors because I have the desire and experience to continue in the direction the chapter has taken in these past few years. Despite the financial crunch, our membership remains strong in numbers and I would like to represent that membership in the decision making process that the board undertakes. Additionally, my family grew up in the chapter and Chapter #20 has always been there for me during difficult times in my life and I want to repay a small portion of that debt.”

Vote in the Chapter 20 Election
Thursday, April 14
Meeting starts at 6:00 pm
Ira Jacobson Post Home
Thousands of veterans and their dependents lived and worked on military installations that are now listed as EPA Superfund sites.

Former MCAS El Toro was once a proud Marine aviation base; today it is a demolished wreck. The soil and groundwater was terribly polluted over the years and many have paid the ultimate price over it.

Veterans of this base in Southern California are spread all over the United States. There’s no central databank to tap into for the names and the current addresses of those who served at El Toro and other Superfund sites.

Superfund is the environmental program established to address hazardous waste sites. It is also the name of the fund established by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA statute, CERCLA overview). CERCLA was passed into law in the wake of the discovery of toxic waste dumps such as Love Canal and Times Beach in the 1970s, according to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Veterans of military installations currently on the National Priority List (EPA Superfund) need to know the contaminants of concern (COC) found on these sites and the health effects of exposure to receive proper medical treatment.

COC’s are the chemical substances that the EPA has determined pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. These are the substances that are addressed by cleanup actions at the site.

According to EPA, “Identifying COCs is a process where the EPA identifies people and ecological resources that could be exposed to contamination found at the site, determines the amount and type of contaminants present, and identifies the possible negative human health or ecological effects that could result from contact with the contaminants.”

Exposure to COC’s can cause serious medical conditions, including cancer and death. Veterans with who were stationed on an EPA Superfund installation need to share this information with their medical care provider. This is not about collecting VA disability compensation, but about helping veterans “connect the dots of serious illness” to military service and giving information to their health care providers that could save their lives.

No one in their right mind would voluntarily live and work on a Superfund site. Veterans are not provided the choice of military assignments. Many of the installations on the NPL were constructed during WW II and experienced decades of environmental contamination.

DOD has spent and continues to spend millions in the remediation of military installations on the Superfund list. Nothing has been spent on health care screening and monitoring of veterans by either DOD or the VA. Many veterans learn for the first time of their exposure to a COC after diagnosis with cancer. Too often the diagnosis is late and the cancer now in stage 4 is a death sentence.

With exception of Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, DOD has no efforts to contact veterans who served on Superfund sites. Congress required the Navy and Marine Corps to notify those who served at Camp Lejeune from 1957 to 1987 of the contaminated water wells on the base.

EPA lists 130 military installations as Superfund sites. There is no legal requirement to notify the veterans of the remaining 129 military installations of the COCs they may have been exposed to and their health effects. This is not a mission impossible. It can be done. EPA lists the COCs and the ATSDR has identified the health effects of many of them.

Editor’s Note: Warning, military service can be hazardous to your health...no matter when, or where you served, you should be aware of the health effects of chemicals used in and around the military bases of all branches and manufacturing sites. You should review information made available, because it may hold answers to health concerns affect you now or in the future. Research the EPA Superfund Websites and inform yourself and all health care providers you use. If you need assistance, go to your county Veterans Service Office for assistance. Keep for records, and pass it forward!

Thanks to Veterans Today: www.veteranstoday.com
In Honor of Our Military

The Village of Hilton would like to create a military wall in recognition and in honor of all men and women who have served or are currently serving our country. Today our nation enjoys freedom because of them.

Our wall will display pictures of military personnel and will be on the first floor of the Community Center, 59 Henry Street. If you would like to participate, please submit a photograph of your military person in uniform to the Village Office at 59 Henry Street. All photos (black & white or color) should be 8” x 10”. If you need a photo enlarged, visit CVS Pharmacy in the Village of Hilton. We will need the name of the service person (please print), branch of military, rank and dates of service (ex: 1943-1946). Please provide a phone number where we may contact you if we have questions. We hope to have the wall prepared by Memorial Day, 2011. Monetary donations to support our efforts are welcome, but not necessary. Please make check or money order payable to Village of Hilton. Our goal is to raise $2500.

If you have any questions, please call Mayor Joe Lee at 794-7045.

Wall of Honor Application
I would like to submit an 8” x 10” picture in a black frame of a military person to be displayed in the Village of Hilton Community Center. I realize that in submitting this picture it becomes the property of the Village of Hilton.

Name of Service Person (please print)
__________________________________________________________________________
Branch of Service _________________________________
Rank of Service Person _________________________________
Dates of Service (example: 1943-1946) _________________________________
Submitted by (please print) _________________________________
Telephone _________________________________ Cell _________________________________

Stay in Touch
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 and leaving a message.
Pictures from the Past

1969-70

Photos courtesy of Joe Peck

Past Pictures from the 73rd Aviation Company, 1st Aviation Brigade, 1st Air Cav.

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No. of tickets paid for: _________________________________

Make Checks payable to “Armed Forces Day Committee” Cut at the line and return this portion of the form to Caroline Ader, PO Box 93097, Rochester, NY 14692. Paid tickets will be picked up at the luncheon.

Tickets are limited - Purchase by May 7, 2011
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Body not Recovered. SFC James Leslie Moreland’s remains were recovered on April 12, 1995 and were identified October 13, 2010. His surviving family was officially notified on January 17, 2011. He will be buried with full Military Honors next to his parents in Brierfield, Alabama on May 14, 2011.

There are also reports of the recovery and identification of the following:

- **US Army Pvt. Donald D. Owens** was a member of the 773rd Tank Battalion and was killed on October 9, 1944 after his tank received a direct hit, causing the tank to explode and burst into flames during the final battle for the control of the Parroy Forest outside Luneville, France. His remains and personal effects were returned and he will be buried with full Military Honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

- **US Army Air Corps Capt. Lewis J. Geerlings, 1st Lt. Ray F. Fletcher, Staff Sgt. Edwin Elliott, Capt. Richard H. Loring and American Red Cross Civilian Carolyn Chapin** were all on board a B-25C Mitchell Bomber on May 10, 1944 when it took off from Ajaccio, Corsica on a courier mission to Ghisonaccia, Corsica. They never reached their destination and were reported missing on May 13, 1944. Between 1989 and 2005, the remains and personal effects of all five were recovered from Mount Cagna on the island of Corsica. They were all identified and returned to their families. They will be buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

We are very grateful that these heroes are finally home and can receive the honor they truly deserve. God bless them and their families and please keep the hope alive in your hearts until all our missing Americans are finally home.

VETERANS INCARCERATED from page 3

has expressed an interest in visiting New York State Incarcerated Chapters and we hope to follow up on this. I had contact with Carey Spearman, a retired NYC Detective and a medic who served in Vietnam, and he has written two books regarding the impact the war had on him. I am in the process of reading both books and will be sending copies of them to the New York State Chapters. Carey is an interesting guy to talk to and he has been back to Vietnam many times over the years. Welcome home, Carey!

…and finally…the past two Wednesdays I was with Kenny Moore and a bunch of the guys packing up the Chapter office, in anticipation of our move to a new location. Kenny worked us hard, cracked the whip and he was on me like Charlie Sheen on an eight ball.
Heroism Knows No Gender!
Seeking Women Veterans & Women Servicemembers to walk in the
Rochester Memorial Day Parade
Monday, 30 May, 2011 • 0800-1200

We are hoping to obtain t-shirts for all women walkers.
Registration deadline is Tuesday, 10 May 2011

To register, please contact:
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Please provide contact information and parade instructions will be provided.

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Information from the VA on health care and from Monroe County veterans agency on compensation.

Open to all Era veterans and spouses from any Branch Reserve or National Guard. For more information call Jerry McDermott at 585-313-8188 or Ken Moore at 585-576-9000.
BETWEEN THE LINES

Time to check your attic.

That dusty stack of photo albums.
And that shoe box under the bed.
We know you have one.

That’s right. It’s slide show time...

We need photos of our Chapter 20 members - old military photos & recent photos too - for our 30th Anniversary Celebration Slide Show. Don’t miss your fifteen minutes of fame.

Email photos to 17cav@rochester.rr.com. Please include name, dates of service, and the place where the photo was taken.
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☐ $10 ☐ $20 ☐ $50 ☐ Other ($________)


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(enter 9; enter 2 to leave a message)
Ira Jacobson American Legion · Post #474 · 663-7030
VA Clinic · 465 Westfall Road · 643-2600
Veterans Outreach Center · 546-1081
Vet Center · 232-5040
Veterans Administration · 800-827-1000
Monroe County Veterans Service Agency · 753-6040
e-mail: serviceofficer@yahoo.com
Veterans Benefits Hotline · 800-827-1000
Veterans 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 · 202-223-6848
Richards House · 506-9060
The Resource Center · 546-4250
Stars & Stripes · 546-3524
Persian Gulf Vets, Inc · 385-4097
Operation Welcome Home · 234-4694
Homeless Hotline · 877-424-3838
Suicide Hotline · 800-273-8255

**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.rochestervietnammemorial.org/
The_Memorial.html
Operation Welcome Home · www.operationwelcomehome.org
VVA New York State Council: www.nyvietnammemorial.org

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APRIL 2011

1 FRI • April Fool’s Day
2 SAT • Parma Benefits Fair
4 MON • Board of Directors, 7pm
8 FRI • Veterans Regional Conference at MCC, 8am – 4pm
9 SAT • NY State Council Meeting, Owego NY
        • Appomattox Day (Lee surrendered the Army of Northern Virginia ending the Civil War, 1865)
10–16 • US National Volunteer Week – Thanks to all of our Volunteers!
11 MON • Persian Gulf War Official Cease Fire, 1991
13 WED • Battle of Pork Chop Hill began, 1953
14 THU • General Membership Meeting, 6pm ELECTION NIGHT
        (Buffet dinner served starting at 6:30pm, Ira Jacobson Post Home)
15 FRI • Income Tax Day
18 MON • Patriot’s Day (Commemorates the battles of Lexington and Concord, which were fought near Boston in 1775. It should not be confused with Patriot Day, held on September 11 to mark the anniversary of terrorist attacks in 2001.)
19–25 • Passover
24 SUN • Easter Sunday

Lexington & Concord, 1775
Courtesy of U.S. Army

Could someone you know be in crisis?
The VA’s National Suicide Crisis Line
1-800-273-TALK or 1-800-273-8255
24/7 365 days/per year
Provides professional counseling to veterans, their family members or friends.

MEETINGS

BOD
April 4
May 2
June 6
July 11
August 1
September 12
October 3
November 7
December 5

Membership
April 14
May 12
June 9
July 14
August 11
September 15
October 13
November 10
December 8

Special Events
June 11, 2011 - Chapter 20’s 30th Anniversary Celebration

NYSC Meetings Owego, NY
April 9
June 18
September 10