USO: Past & Present

1943: Dancing at the USO's Canteen was a favorite event for Frances Townsend, mother of Kathy Gleason. Photo courtesy of Kathy Gleason.
Ken Moore, President • Vietnam 1966-67 • US Army Cavalry

Hope everyone is doing great and at the time of this reading I hope you all had a Great Christmas and a Happy New Year!

On December 9 we held our first meeting for the Hilton School “Operation Local Solder” that will be held this year on March 25. It’s a great event and I’ll give you more information in next month’s report.

On December 3 we had our Monroe County Veterans Advisory meeting. This meeting we focused on approving by-laws and elected GSGT Paul Cordy as Vice Chair. Next meeting we will be getting into what projects we want to bring to the attention of Maggie Brooks. More to come and I’ll keep you informed.

December 11 we held our Veterans Benefit Fair at the Chili American Legion Post. This event was by far the best we have done with 60 plus veterans in attendance. I want to thank Jerry McDermott, Bill Auble, Jim McDermott, Pat Pudetti, Dee and Tammy from the VA on Westfall, as well as those who showed up to support the event. We will be holding another in the next few months in some other location.

We have talked in the past few months about the Oral History Project. It is a great idea and we need to get it started. We can have someone from the MPTC provide us with information and a schedule to follow.

Well here we are in a New Year. I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable holiday with their family, friends and loved ones. Let us all hope that 2011 will bring peace and prosperity to everyone in this ever changing world. It should also give us hope on the continued effort to locate, recover and identify our missing Americans.

In the month of December, the National League of Families and the Department of Defense POW/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) announced the return of two more servicemen from the Vietnam War. They are:

**Major Thomas John Beyer**, US Air Force from Fargo, North Dakota, who was a 02A pilot stationed at Chu Lai Airbase in South Vietnam. On July 30, 1968, he was assigned to a visual reconnaissance/forward air controller mission. An hour after takeoff, Major Beyer indicated that he was 40 miles from Chu Lai and was proceeding to a point 20 miles west of Kham Duc in the Quang Tri Province of South Vietnam. He never returned to Chu Lai and all communications were lost. Search and rescue operations ran for five days in the dense jungle areas where Beyer was to operate, but no sign of the wreckage was ever spotted. His remains were recovered from a crash site, December 1, 2009 and identified on October 28, 2010. His burial will be announced at a later date.

Welcome home brothers, and may you rest in peace for “they do not have you anymore.”

**Major Richard Gene Elzinga**, US Air Force from Shedd, Oregon was a selected member of the “Ravens,” which was a call sign identifying pilots who were part of the highly classified “Steve Canyon Project.” These pilots were on loan to the US Air Attache at Vientiane, Laos and were commanded by the CIA, The MEO Generals and the US Ambassador to Laos. They flew FAC (Forward Air Control) missions which controlled all US air strikes over Laos. On March 26, 1970, during the siege of Long Tieng, Major Elzinga with his co-pilot took off in their Cessna 0-1 Birddog aircraft. They reported that they were airborne and that was the last thing heard from them. Other Raven pilots searched for any signs of wreckage during their daily missions, but their whereabouts were unknown. His remains were recovered from a crash site on June 22, 2009 and identified on October 28, 2010. His burial will be announced at a later date.

**Veterans Incarcerated Committee Report**

Ron Trovato

Congratulations Chapter #205 on a very successful 25th anniversary celebration! After spending a memorable Veterans Day here in Rochester, Fred Elliott, Ken Moore and Pat Pudetti traveled with me to Auburn the next evening as guests of Chapter #205. There must have been 70 participants and about 15 outside guests present for the big event. We dined on good food and Chapter #205 President Bernard Hatch ran the show. The veterans, staff and supporters of Chapter #205 were all honored for their commitment to VVA and to helping others. The Facility Superintendent attended the gathering and thanked the guys for their dedication and hard work over the years and VETERANS INCARCERATED cont’d on page 10
On February 4th, 2011 the USO will celebrate its 70th anniversary. Our closest USO is at Fort Drum, where soldiers come daily for lunch, snacks or just to browse the internet, grab a cup of coffee or play video games. Every Wednesday is Hump Day Hot Dogs for lunch, when they have been known to serve _______ hot dogs in just one hour!

Supporting America's troops was the first mission of the USO. In 1941, as it became clear that the nation was heading into World War II, several organizations mobilized to support the growing U.S. military: the Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, National Catholic Community Services, National Travelers Aid Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt formed United Service Organizations (i.e. – USO), with the objective of providing the emotional support the troops needed. Over time, the USO has evolved, developing new programs and services to meet the ever-changing needs of the troops and their families, while holding fast to the original mission.

Today, the USO continues to lift the spirits of America's troops and their families, and will continue to be there for them “until every one comes home.”

The USO offers a variety of programs and services to support the morale, welfare, social and entertainment needs of troops and their families, free of charge.

- **USO Wounded Warriors** - The USO’s $100,000,000 initiative to help those who sacrifice so much to move from the battlefield to a full and productive future.
- **Operation USO Care Package** - A package full of snacks, toiletries and entertainment brings a touch of home during deployment.
- **Mobile USO** - This USO Center on wheels travels to the most remote bases and offers a comfortable place to relax and connect online with family and the local community.
- **Pro vs. GI Joe** - Troops compete against professional athletes in head-to-head Internet video game competitions across the world.
- **USO in a Box** - USO in a Box is a shippable USO Center, sent anywhere in the world to support and entertain our troops.
- **Trevor Romain** - The USO and Trevor Romain partnership builds morale amongst the children of active duty troops by hosting an array of programs.
- **USO Operation Phone Home** - This program provides free phone cards to the troops in need of a familiar voice from home.
- **United Through Reading®’s Military Program** - This program that enables troops to record a DVD of themselves reading a book for their family to enjoy while they are facing physical separation.
- **USO2GO** - USO2GO delivers the USO’s most popular services to troops in remote and restricted areas.
- **MEGS** - MEGS provide the troops with a portable, self-contained multimedia gaming system that is delivered anywhere in the world.
- **Sesame Street Workshop** - The Sesame Workshop helps children between the ages of 2-6 cope with deployed family members.
- **Operation Speak Easy** - This program gives the troops the resources to lower the language barrier that currently exists in Afghanistan.

The USO is a private, nonprofit organization that provides morale and recreational services to members of the U.S. military, with programs in 140 centers worldwide. Since 1941, it has worked in partnership with the Department of Defense (DOD), and has provided support and entertainment to U.S. armed forces, relying heavily on private contributions and on funds, goods, and services from DOD.

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During World War II, the USO became the G.I.’s “home away from home” and began a tradition of entertaining the troops that continues today. Involvement in the USO was one of the many ways in which the nation had come together to support the war effort, with nearly 1.5 million Americans having volunteered their services in some way. After it was disbanded in 1947, it was revived in 1950 for the Korean War, after which it also provided peacetime services. During the Vietnam War, USOs were sometimes located in combat zones.

The USO club was a place to go for dances and social events, for movies and music, for a quiet place to talk or write a letter home, or for a free cup of coffee and an egg. The USO also brought Hollywood celebrities and volunteer entertainers to perform for the troops, becoming particularly famous for its live performances called Camp Shows, through which the entertain-
ment industry helped boost the morale of its servicemen and women. Hollywood in general was eager to show its patriotism, and lots of big names joined the ranks of USO entertainers. They entertained in military bases at home and overseas, often placing their own lives in danger by traveling or performing under hazardous conditions.

**Vietnam War**

The USO was in Vietnam before the first combat troops arrived, with the first USO club opened in Saigon in April, 1963. The 23 centers in Vietnam and Thailand served as many as a million service members a month, and the USO presented more than 5,000 performances during the Vietnam War featuring stars such as John Wayne, Ann-Margret, Sammy Davis Jr., Phyllis Diller, Martha Raye, Joey Heatherton, Wayne Newton, Jayne Mansfield, Redd Foxx, Rosey Grier, Anita Bryant, Nancy Sinatra, Jimmy Boyd, Lola Falana, and (of course) Bob Hope.

In addition, the USO operated centers at major U.S. airports to provide a lounge and place to sleep for American servicemen between their flights. Volunteer American civilians, who did 18-month tours, staffed the clubs. Each club had a snack bar, gift shops, a barbershop, photo developing, overseas phone lines, and hot show- ers.

**Afghanistan and Iraq**

To support troops participating in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, USO centers opened in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and Qatar. USO centers number more than 130 around the world. Recently, the USO opened the Rocky Mountain USO Center at Denver International Airport, a third center in Kuwait and its first center in Iraq at Balad Air Base. The USO provides a variety of programs and services, including orientation programs, family events, travel assistance, free Internet and e-mail access, and recreation services. A new program called "USO in a Box," delivers program materials ranging from DVD players and videos to musical instruments to remote forward operating bases in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Today the USO has over 160 locations around the world in 11 countries (including the U.S.) and 23 states. In 2009, USO centers served 7.7 million visitors. U.S. military personnel and their families visit USO centers more than five million times each year.
The mission of My HealtheVet (MHV) is to improve health care for ALL veterans, independent of where they receive care, by providing health information and health assessments via the Internet. MHV is a web site designed for veterans and their families with the goal of optimizing veterans' health care. It is for all veterans and offers additional services to those receiving care at VA medical centers.

MHV registrants will also be able to view appointments, co-pay balances and copies of key portions of their VA medical records online and much more as additional functionality is released. This is available to veterans, their families, veteran advocates and VA employees. Non-veterans are welcome to use many of the features, although they will not have access to all functions VA patients have.

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.
Tom Gleason suggested they donate the cookies instead to the USO at Fort Drum who struggles to provide snacks and other goodies to the troops due to financial constraints. The idea was well received by the Scouts and arrangements were made.

On Friday, December 10th, Tom picked up over 150 boxes of cookies from the girls at West Craig Hill School. Tom and I made the trip to Fort Drum the very next day when Mother Nature blessed us with a brief break in the winter weather.

As a USO volunteer helped load the cookies onto a dolly you could hear his excitement. “Thin Mints - those are mine. This is great. Some of every kind!” The cookies were wheeled into the facility to the storage area and immediately some cookies were placed on the Concessions counter for the soldiers. Within minutes, cookies were being passed around for munching.

Many thanks to the Girl Scouts – your continued support of our soldiers is commendable. We were happy to deliver your cookies into the hands of our heroes. Thank you!

For the last few years, Barbara Holzmacher’s Girl Scouts from West Craig Hill School in Greece have been seeking donations of boxes of Girl Scout cookies to send to the troops. In the past, the girls have joined us as we packed troop boxes, including a box of their cookies in each package. This year, when our Chapter decided to not send packages, the Girl Scouts were disappointed...
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he clearly understood what motivated the guys, as he is a veteran himself.

Fred Elliott was the keynote speaker and he presented a plaque that Ned Foote from NYS Council had graciously provided. Our beloved President, Ken Moore, presented a plaque recognizing Chapter 205’s Anniversary to Chapter President Hatch and a number of veterans and guests were given the opportunity to speak. I can honestly say, seldom have I seen such an event pulled off in any correctional facility I have ever been in anywhere. It was so nice to see John Sroka who was the Chapter’s Staff Advisor there for so many years, as well as all our friends from Chapter #704 who are really the primary supporters of and contacts for the men in Auburn.

It was also extremely gratifying to see Ernie Bullock, who was a past President of Chapter #205, come into the facility with us and participate in the festivities. I always hoped that would happen someday and, although Ernie and I have talked about it often over the years, I doubted it would ever occur. No better role model for veterans inside or out exists, and that was the nicest part of the evening for me. Many people need to be thanked for all their hard work there all year long, especially Bernard Hatch and Dennis Conway, and we tip our hat to the veterans of Chapter #205 at Auburn. Thanks again for the beautiful certificates that were handed out and most of all Thank You for being such steadfast and loyal friends for so many years. We note also that the culmination of the Chapter’s Annual Christmas Food and Donation Drive is scheduled for 12/3 and we will update you on that.

Chapter #489 President Charles Thibault has continued to hold General Membership Meetings at the Attica Correctional Facility and the Chapter has proposed making hats and scarves for needy kids as a project. At the October GMM Jack Michel from Chapter #77 gave the vets at Attica a presentation on PTSD that was well received and we hope he can volunteer there regularly. Thank you Sgt. Mark Schieffer for continuing as staff advisor there and we wish all the guys there Good Luck. The Vietnam Veterans Group San Quentin (Chapter #563) has their food sale moving right along, with the proceeds to fund their toy program and “Operation Mom.” According to Jeff Langnese, their last GMM had 25 members in attendance and, although the toy give away has been scaled back, it is scheduled for several dates in December.

Health Affairs Commitee

Jerry McDermott

January 2011 Marks the 3rd Annual Fit Vet Challenge by Chapter 20

Back by popular demand (our brothers in the US Marine Corps think they have this Challenge in the bag), we will once again conduct a friendly challenge for Chapter #20 bragging rights that will last the whole year long.

Beginning at our January general membership meeting, Chapter #20 members can once again participate in some good natured razzing that will have a dual purpose for all. The first, of course, is to start off with a healthy New Year’s resolution that can only benefit ourselves as we put forth any small efforts for a more healthy lifestyle and develop some good habits for nutrition, exercise and moderation of all things. The second purpose is to benefit the charities by the participation and ultimate ranking of the various service groups – Marines, Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guardsmen who can “step right up on the scales” for a worthwhile cause that will continue to our April 2011 meeting.

As in the past, we will invite some very knowledgeable professionals from the VA ROC facility to assist us on getting motivated and will present some easy to follow tips to keep us moving in the right direction. As in the past, hand-outs with “Challenge Rules” will be provided at the January meeting for all. At the completion of the competition, the Biggest Losers will be allowed to select the first charity award of their choice. In case you do not recall, we will be grouped by branch of service and compete in a very, very friendly way against each other.

So, see you at the weigh in for the 3rd Annual Fit Vet Challenge!

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This month we had four of us do the first [Oral History Project] interviews with students from St. John Fisher and it went great. These interviews will become part of the library and will be used when someone wants to research the Vietnam Era. I’m still looking for vets to take part, so if you are interested or have questions please contact me.

Lastly the budget is done and will be presented at the January membership meeting.

Hope to see you all soon. Stay safe – hug your vets!
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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!)
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- 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
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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1 SAT  •  New Year’s Day
3 MON  •  Board of Directors, 7:00pm
13 THU  •  General Membership Meeting, 7:30pm
           (Presentation of 2011-2012 Budget)
15 SAT  •  Nixon orders ceasefire in Vietnam - 1973
16 SUN  •  Gulf War began, 1991
17 MON  •  Martin Luther King Day
           •  Operation Desert Storm began, 1991
28 FRI  •  United States Coast Guard established, January 28, 1915
30 SUN  •  Tet Offensive began, 1968

MEETINGS

BOD
Jan 3, 2011

Membership
Jan 13, 2011  Feb 10, 2011

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

NYSC Meetings  Owego, NY
January 29, 2011
        (date change)
        April 9, 2011
June 18, 2011  Sept 10, 2011

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