Search & Recovery

Dr. Marin Pilloud, an anthropologist with the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC), uses a high-pressure water hose to remove soil from a sifting tray in search of remains or material evidence during a recovery operation in the Xekong province, Laos, Nov. 10, 2010.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Paul Villanueva II/Released
From the President

Let me start by saying with great pride my friend and our Vice President, Fred Elliott, is running for Vice President of our national Vietnam Veterans of America. Fred, a longtime member of Chapter 20, has held offices in our Chapter as an officer and board member, and as Region 2 director for VVA. Fred has always been an upstanding guy that has remained dedicated to serving his brother and sister veterans from all eras, working in all areas of veterans services. I’m proud to call Fred my friend and brother Vietnam Veteran and know when he is elected this August in Reno at the National Convention he will continue to serve all of us with dignity and pride.

The Veterans Oral history project is moving along, but we need more veterans to be interviewed for it. Your story is important whether you served in Vietnam or not. Everyone’s service is important, and equally important to the history of service. Applications can be sent to you by regular mail, email, or picked up at a membership meeting. Please call me at 585-576-9000.

I attended the NY State Council meeting January 29th in Owego with Val, Ron, Jerry and Fred. Great meeting and I’m happy to say our State President Ned Foote is feeling better and ran another great meeting. I presented a check for $1,500 for the Service Officers Program on behalf of Chapter 20. Lots of good information on what other chapters are doing and time to visit with old friends from around the state.

Asking everyone to again consider being part of the oral history project we are doing with the library. For more information call me at 585-576-9000 or e mail me at 17cav@rochester.rr.com.

Till next month stay safe and God bless.

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IN ACTION
ON THE HOME FRONT

U.S. Marine Corps Pfc. Wesley Brewster, serving with the Fleet Marine Force Pacific Band, plays “Taps” during a Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC) homecoming ceremony at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, Sept. 26, 2008. The ceremony was for U.S. military service members that were lost during the Vietnam War, Cold War and World War II and were recovered in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic and the Solomon Islands by JPAC recovery teams.

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Bradley C. Church/Released
Well, our New York winter is still here. It’s been a tough battle with bitter cold and tons of falling and drifting snow, but Spring is just around the corner so they say. Can anyone please tell me exactly how many weeks are in “just around the corner”? There have been no confirming news reports this month from the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) concerning any of our missing Americans from the Vietnam War. Not to get discouraged, the process of searching, identifying and notifying the families is a very time-consuming chain of events. I truly believe every effort is being made to recover our missing servicemen and women.

There was an interesting article in the February issue of Army Times. It spoke of an Iraqi born US soldier from Ann Arbor Michigan, Sgt First Class Ahmed Kousay al-Taie, who is now the only American service member still missing from operations in Iraq. He has been missing for more than 4 years and his family fears that he will never be found. His case is now in the hands of the military’s Personnel Recovery Division.

The Officer overseeing the case says there may be a chance that he is still alive, but sometimes it doesn’t always turn out the way you want it to. Either way you never stop looking. We as Americans can only hope and pray for our missing until they are all returned home to their loved ones.

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

- US Army Air Corps 2nd Lt. Dewey W. Foster of San Antonio, TX. reported missing on April 11, 1944 North West of Dumpu, Papua New Guinea while on an escort mission. His remains were identified Nov. 2, 2010.
- US Army Air Corps 2nd Lt. Richard S. Ryholm Jr. of Boston, MA. Reported missing Sept. 4, 1943 near Lae, Papua New Guinea after engaging enemy aircraft. His remains were identified Sept. 20, 2010.
- Eleven US Army Air Corps crew members from a B-24D liberator took off November 20, 1943 from Jackson Airfield, Port Moresby, New Guinea on an over water mission near the northern coast of the country. The plane and its crew never returned. In 1984 the crash site was located and remains and artifacts were excavated till 2004. All members were identified on February 9, 2011. One crew member will be buried on February 11, 2011 and the remaining 10 will be buried as a group on March 24, 2011 in Arlington National Cemetery.

After so many years, these men are finally home to rest in peace. May God bless them and their families.
Monroe County Court Judge Patricia D. Marks left the bench after 25 years. Her career path was marked with many distinctions. She was the first female elected as a county court judge in Monroe County. Judge Marks was key in the success of our local Veterans Court and was the recipient of Chapter 20’s Community Service Award in 2009 for her role in this vital service to our local veterans. She was also recognized by the New York State Bar Association with their Excellence in Public Service Award, which recognizes individuals who demonstrate a “higher calling” in government through their extraordinary commitment to service, honor and integrity in the public sector. The Bar Association cited her innovative work in the creation of the Veterans Court and, prior to that, Monroe County’s Mental Health Court.

She plans to remain with the New York State Criminal Jury Instructions Committee, which she co-chairs, and the Permanent Sentencing Commission she was appointed New York State Chief Judge Jonathan Lippman. Marks said she may also do some consulting work with areas involving treatment courts through various national agencies.

Chapter 20 offers a sincere congratulations on your retirement and a heartfelt THANK YOU for her dedication and commitment to our veterans!
Agent Orange is not a problem left in the past

Published on the Agent Orange blog on February 4, 2011:

After a year of research and reporting about the legacy of Agent Orange, I feel certain of one thing: we don’t know the full extent of dioxin’s harm. It appears to be a story with no end in sight.

On Sunday, The Plain Dealer ran a special report, “Unfinished Business.” It detailed how the U.S. military sprayed millions of gallons of the herbicide, containing dioxin, to defoliate the triple-canopy jungles, which hid Ho Chi Minh’s forces during the Vietnam War. We reported that at least 4.5 million Vietnamese and 2.5 million Americans may have been exposed, leading to more than a dozen illnesses in adults and possibly to numerous birth defects in subsequent generations.

Thirty-five years after the war ended, 28 dioxin hot spots continue to contaminate Vietnam’s food supply and imperil the health of millions of people.

The Vietnamese aren’t asking for contrition or a confession. They just want a future free of the poison we left behind. I have added my voice to the growing chorus of scientists, policymakers and experts who insist we should clean up our mess.

Even as our story about Agent Orange was going to press, dioxin’s legacy continued to leach into the lives of more U.S. veterans, this time reaching into the ranks of those who served in Korea during the Vietnam War.

Last month, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced that any veteran who served between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971, “in a unit determined ... to have operated in an area in or near the Korean DMZ in which herbicides were applied” is presumed to have been exposed to Agent Orange.

To quote the VA news release, “This ‘presumption’ simplifies and speeds up the application process for benefits and ensures that veterans receive the benefits they deserve.

Missing in that announcement was anything close to an apology for making those particular Vietnam era veterans wait more than 40 years for any acknowledgement that they had been exposed to Agent Orange and denied crucial medical coverage.

Agent Orange is not a problem left in the past

Effective February 1, 2011, Canandaigua VAMC established a new call center dedicated to Veteran Care Giver Support on a national basis. This national call center makes the third (3rd) National Call Center located at Canandaigua VAMC to provide service and assistance to veterans, their families and now care givers of any veterans. The other two call centers are the Suicide Crisis Hotline (1-800-273-8255) and the Homeless Veterans Hotline (1-877-424-3838).

The phone for the Veteran National Care Giver Support Line is 1-855-260-3274. This call center is staffed Monday – Friday from 8:00 am-11:00 pm, Saturday from 10:00 am-7:30 pm (no Sunday hours). The Care Giver Support Line will be open on any holiday that falls on the hours stated Monday – Saturday. Services provided range from support, resource contacts and connections perhaps unknown to a care giver in the veteran’s local community.

This new National Call center is staffed by Licensed Clinical Social Workers and can offer guidance and emotional support as needed. Please share these important phone numbers with other veterans and their families. This service is open to all veterans regardless of when or where they served in our armed forces.

From October 2010 through December 2010, the combined Canandaigua and Rochester Out Patient Center enrolled 408 veterans into the VA system. Some of these veterans were in attendance at the Brighton and Chili outreach seminars that Chapter 20 held to educate and spread the word to all area veterans and their families concerning their earned benefits.

AT OUR MARCH 10TH, general membership meeting Mr. Dave Poteet will be our guest to discuss with us the My Healthy Vet program. Dave will present and discuss the many options and benefits that we can access from the My Healthy Vet online system. Ms. Mary Anne Vitticore, coordinator for women’s health programs at Canandaigua and ROPC facilities, will also attend.
Forwarded by Kevin Secor, VSO Liaison, Office of the Secretary of the Department of Veterans Affairs:

An organization called Veterans Affairs Services (VAS) is providing benefit and general information on VA and gathering personal information on veterans. **This organization is not affiliated with VA in any way.**

The real VA website ends in .gov. Also, be aware that the Department of Veterans Affairs does not randomly call veterans, nor does it ask veterans for information which it does not already have—like Social Security Numbers. The VA never conducts official business nor asks for personal information by email.

VAS may be gaining access to military personnel through their close resemblance to the VA name and seal. Our Legal Counsel has requested that we coordinate with DoD to inform military installations, particularly mobilization sites, of this group and their lack of affiliation or endorsement by VA to provide any services.

In addition, General Counsel requests that if you have any examples of VAS acts that violate chapter 59 of Title 38 United States Code, such as VAS employees assisting veterans in the preparation and presentation of claims for benefits, please pass any additional information to Mr. Daugherty at the following address: Michael G. Daugherty, Staff Attorney, Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of General Counsel (022G2), 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420.

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**Friends of the Memorial**

Volunteers are needed to help form a new group that would be dedicated to help maintain the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park. Our Rochester Memorial is one of the finest memorials in this Country. The Monroe County Parks Department does an outstanding job maintaining lighting, trees, shrubs and ground care. The Spring “Day of Caring” volunteers gets it looking pristine for the Lilac Festival and the thousands of visitors who attend that event. The Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Board of Directors, would like to embrace volunteers who would donate a few hours of their time, to keep it this way until our Fall, Veterans Day ceremony. The volunteers will determine when they would like to perform this monthly “facelift”. Volunteers can work as a group or make individual commitments in their free time.

If interested please contact Chuck or Joan Macaluso at (585) 225-8288 or email chuckmac66@yahoo.com.

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Fit Vet Challenge III

by Jerry McDermott

Fit Vet Challenge Update

March Madness is not only about basketball and your team’s regional bracket, but your service buddies and who will win the 3rd Annual Fit Vet Challenge. Yes sir, we are nearing the end! We need to continue to encourage each other to keep the pounds off and the movement going and going and going, just like the Energizer Bunny. So to all who have answered the challenge and stepped up on the scale keep those good habits going. You have passed the halfway point. Not only should you feel and look better, but you have developed some pretty good habits in these past few months. Congratulations! Remember it is the SMALL changes that you started back in January that are showing the fantastic results today.

Our final weigh-in will be on April 14th at the General Membership meeting. So rally on, encourage your fellow Chapter 20 members to MOVE MORE – EAT LESS. See you at the scales.

With one month of the Fit Vet Challenge behind us, there are 3 clear leaders:

Jessie Clemons Army -11.3
Mike Dinsmore Army -10.6
Bill Hamilton Navy -11.4

Great job, guys! Wait!!! Where are the Marines?

Fit Vet Tips

Okay, now that we are up and running (or perhaps walking, if you will) for our 3rd Annual Fit Vet Challenge season, remember taking small steps for better health can add up to huge and I mean “HUUUUUUUGGGGGGEEEEEEEEE-uuuh Rochester” benefits. No, I’m not trying to sell cars, just selling the concept that you can do it, if you try. Don’t be discouraged at all...ever!

Take the time to read labels and learn what ingredients are used in the foods that you buy. Understand what a serving size really means and how that relates to what you are doing on a daily basis. Picture the size of a deck of cards as a useful portion amount for a given entree item on your plate. The triple cheese burger and supersize fries would not be the right image in this case!

Try to set a small goal of reducing just 100 calories of food daily. Couple that with a few more steps walking in the mall or at work. You can burn more than 1,000 calories in a week. Calories that normally would be staying right around the belt line for awhile, certainly much longer than we want it to be hanging around with us, I’m sure.

So no matter what effort you began in January....stay with it....and keep it going! Start a few simple exercise habits which can become a daily routine. That’s a good thing! You will see the results! We are off to a good start. So keep up all the efforts going forward, not only for yourself, but your service bragging rights are on the line too!

See you at the scales.
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In 2012, if you pay more than $600 to any vendor (other than a non-profit) by cash or check you will be required to issue them a 1099 at the end of the fiscal year. VVA and others will be lobbying Congress to repeal this law. There will be an article in the VVA Veteran about this issue.

At-Large Director, Marsha Four, pointed out that the Medals of America catalogs have a lack of apparel items for Women Veterans. President Rowan said that it would be discussed with MOA.

It was reported that 17 states have some form of “Veterans Court”.

Ben Humphries of Florida was approved as a member of the Election Committee.

Wheel of Fortune host and Vietnam veteran, Pat Sajak, has made a 30-second promo for the Veterans Health Council. www.veteranshealth.org

It was pointed out to Secretary Hagge that the State Council/Chapter Officer handbooks are a process so that VVA accredited representatives and NVLSP’s attorneys can work together to identify Nehmer class members for whom VVA holds the Power of Attorney (POA) who were denied the retroactive compensation required by the Nehmer court orders, and, for those people identified, NCLSP, as class counsel, will file a complaint with the department of Justice requesting prompt correction of a VA failure to comply with the Nehmer court orders in those individuals’ cases.

It was pointed out to Secretary Hagge that the State Council/Chapter Officer handbooks are on the Secretary’s secure site where access is restricted. He said that he will have them placed on the open web site so that they may be accessed by those people needing them.

In order to vote in the Annual Election, voters must be a member 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 2011 to vote April 2011).

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 ballots will be taken and votes will be tabulated.

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NYSD Health Department: 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.nyvietnamsvets.org

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7 MON • Board of Directors, 7:00pm
9 WED • Ash Wednesday
10 THU • General Membership Meeting, 7:30pm
   (Meet the Candidates Night)
17 THU • St. Patrick’s Day
19–20 • Purim
20 SUN • First Day of Spring!
31 THU • US ordered the first combat troops to Vietnam, 1965

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MEETINGS
BOD
March 7, 2011
April 4, 2011

Membership
March 10, 2011
April 14, 2011

NYSC Meetings Owego, NY
April 9, 2011 • Sept 10, 2011

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