Honor & Remembrance

"For love of country they accepted death."
- James A. Garfield

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From the President

Ken Moore, President · Vietnam 1966-67 · US Army Cavalry

I would like to start by congratulating the newly elected officers of the Chapter and look forward to my last year working with them. I also want to thank Jull Robinson for his service to the board over the past years.

Just a couple quick things to talk about. First, the outreaches we do with the Chapter trailer, we plan on doing 6 or 7 events over the Summer and are looking for Veterans to help staff the trailer. If you would be interested please contact Marie Elliott at 288-5756.

Vet’s court is going along great and we have a graduation in May. Over 20 made it through the required program and are on the way back to a normal life.

In closing, the nice weather is here so stay safe, enjoy the lawn mowing and see you at the next meeting. Remember, our next meeting will be at the new location at 1250 Buffalo Road, between Howard Road and Rt. 390. See you there! God Bless.

Free Fire Zone: One Man’s Opinion

This is in response to the letter “Free Fire Zone: Enough is Enough,” in the April 2011 issue of BTL. The author of that letter served honorably in Europe during the time of the Vietnam War. That makes him a military veteran of the armed forces of the United States of America, and he should be proud of that. However a person is not a Vietnam veteran, or a veteran of any other conflict unless they served in-country or off-shore in direct support of the conflict and was issued the appropriate service medals.

Would a person serving in the States during the Korean War be considered a Korean Veteran? Would everyone serving today in the armed forces around the world be considered an Iraq war veteran or an Afghanistan veteran regardless of where they were stationed? I think not.

Such generalizations take away from those who risk their lives every day to keep us a free nation. Let us not take that away from them for the sake of glorifying our service beyond what it actually is. There is no honor in that.

David M. Kolchuk
Life Member, VVA Chapter 20
Rochester, NY
The report this month from the National League of POW/MIA Families, DPMO and JPAC indicates that four more missing servicemen from the Vietnam war have been located and identified bringing the total missing Americans to 1,695.

Lt. Cmdr. William Patrick Egan, US Navy from Ft. Worth, Texas. On April 29, 1966, Pilot, Lt. Cmdr. Egan took off from the deck of the USS Hancock in his A1H Skyraider (Spads). He was the lead aircraft in a group of two on a bombing mission against an enemy military complex used as a truck stop and supply depot near Ban Senphon, Laos. Lt. Cmdr. Egan's aircraft at 10,000 ft, rolled towards the enemy supply depot and after dropping his bombs, the aircraft had failed to pull up and was witnessed by his wingman to have exploded on impact. It was later reported that there was no chance of surviving the crash. The location and excavation of this crash site yielded remains and personal effects of Lt. Cmdr. William Patrick Egan on December 22, 2009. He was identified on February 11, 2011.

Capt. Darrell John Spinler, USAF from Browns Valley, Minnesota was flying an A1E Skyraider (Spads) on June 21, 1967 while on a strike mission with another aircraft near the eastern rim of the Plateau des Blovens in Laos. As Spinler’s aircraft was recovering from a napalm pass over a target, it was struck by enemy ground fire and was witnessed by his wingman to have gone into a spin and crashed. Capt. Darrell John Spinler’s remains were jointly recovered on November 17, 2010 and identified Jan. 5, 2011. He was buried in his hometown of Browns Valley, Minnesota.

SFC Donald Monroe Shue, US Army from Concord, North Carolina was with MACV-SOG, under the command of the 5th Special Forces group. SFC Shue was a rifleman who was part of a special operation team with two other members and six Montagnards. On November 3, 1969 while on patrol, the team was attacked by a superior numbered enemy force 30 miles inside Laos near Ban Chakevy Tai in the Saravane Province. Four Montagnards escaped and returned to camp to report the ambush and capture of their comrades. It was stated that one member of the US team received a fatal gunshot wound while SFC Shue and another member of the team received numerous shrapnel wounds from an enemy fragmentation grenade. Recovery teams entered the area on the 11th of November but only found gear belonging to the 3 members of the Special Forces group. In 1993, Joint US and Vietnamese teams correlated the site where these men were last seen. In March 2010 the site was excavated and on April 3rd, the remains of SFC Donald Monroe Shue were recovered. He was identified January 6, 2011. He is expected to be buried with full military honors by his family next to his parents and brother in his hometown of Concord, North Carolina on May 1, 2011.

SP4 Randal David Dalton, US Army from Collinsville, Illinois was a door gunner on a OH6A “Loach” observation helicopter. On July 24, 1971 SP4 Dalton and two other crew members were on a reconnaissance mission in Cambodia when the aircraft received enemy ground fire and crashed in Krachhe Province near the city of Snoul. When search and rescue (SAR) teams arrived at the crash site, they found the pilot injured and another member believed to be dead. SP4 Dalton was severely injured and died while the medics were attending to him. As enemy soldiers began moving into the area, the SAR teams evacuated the area with the wounded pilot. The following day, several SAR aircraft returned to the location in an attempt to remove SP4 Dalton and the other crew member only to find that they were gone. They were classified as KIA/BNR. SP4 Randal David Dalton’s remains were recovered September 11, 1989 and identified January 18, 2011.

Welcome home Brothers and rest in peace for it has been a long journey.

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

• Staff Sgt. Marvin J. Stienford, US Army Air Corps. Reported missing March 24, 1945. His remains were located near Berlin, Germany and identified March 23, 2010.
• Pfc. Victor P. Corsini, US Army reported missing near Pier, Germany on December 11, 1944. His remains were identified on September 8, 2010.
• Pfc. Joseph A. Terrell, US Army. Reported missing November 2, 1950. His remains were located near a bend in the Nammyon River known as the Camel

NY State Council Meeting

Jerry McDermott

April 9, 2011 - NYS VVA will have the capability to send 109 delegates to this year’s convention in Reno, Nevada per Ned Foote, State Council President. All Chapters are urged to send their full complement of delegates to the convention and to quickly plan and book air fares and lodging as soon as possible.

President Foote also stated how critical it is to file Annual Reports with the New York State and National offices, so that all attending delegates will be properly certified. Chapter annual election reports and financial filing forms are time sensitive and are critical to this end.

Both John Rowan, VVA’s National President and Dee Garcia, our VVA Claims Representative at the Buffalo, NY Regional VA urged council attendees to continue talking to our membership about filing for ischemic heart health claims if Vietnam veterans were previously denied such claims in the past. Comments such as “it doesn’t matter if they are enrolled in the VA or not, or if a veteran has just now heard about the new presumptive, encourage them to file the claim. There is no time limit to do so!”

Ms. Garcia also informed the group that starting in 2013, the VA will not be issuing paper checks for payments of disabilities, the VA will deposit electronically into the veteran’s banking institution or debit card account for all such payments due.
Survival, the Human Spirit and God

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Ed Reeves continued headlong down the hill in the dark and ran right into a tree. Stunned, he slowly got up and saw that he was in a group of Chinese who were slowly advancing on American positions that were raking the Chinese with machine gun fire. He was able to break off from the Chinese and working his way towards friendly lines. He yelled out, “Hold your fire, G.I.'s coming in!”

them behind the trucks. When they reached his truck, Ed Reeves held himself stiff while a soldier searched his pockets but they felt the warmth of his body, beat him and threw him off the back of the truck. His prayers had been answered, he was on the ground now. They continued to kick and hit him but he could not stand up. Finally two soldiers lifted him by the hair and held him to get him off the truck. He was pitched into a pile of corpses and the Chinese continued to pound him with their rifle butts. A soldier ran back in the direction he came from. Once again Pvt. Reeves turned to God and prayed. He willed his limbs to move and, despite the cold and the pain, December 5th dawned upon him. He had covered about three and a half miles on the reservoir moving south towards Allied lines. Another wounded G.I. came out on the ice and stood looking at Ed Reeves when suddenly three Marine Corsairs flew over and began to strafe the Chinese positions. One plane roared past where the G.I. with Pvt. Reeves was waving and then turned back circling the two men on the ice. Lifting up his eyes, Ed Reeves could see in the distance two dots on the ice getting bigger. Lieutenant Colonel Olin Beal and Private First Class Ralph Morton had for three days endured the cold and persistent enemy fire infected that death seemed certain.

“Private Reeves is in this room dying. We can't waste any time on him,” the doctor said turning towards an orderly.

“All right, God's got a plan going,” Reeves thought. “He still wants something going here.” He told the doctor, “Get me upstairs for treatment or World War III starts right here.”

He was taken upstairs where he fell asleep and his food trays sat untouched. Whenever he woke up from the pain, he was given another shot of morphine and all he wanted to do was sleep under the clean white sheets. Once he woke up and heard doctors in the hall saying, “Private Reeves is in this room dying. We can't waste time on him, there are too many others.”

To prove that he wasn't dying he began to eat. Then he began to ask for more food. He was moved to a room with two other “maybe” patients. All were told that if they lived for three more days they would be evacuated to the United States. They all did.

Postscript: Edward Reeves survived and underwent numerous surgeries after returning to the U.S. He lost both feet and the fingers of both hands. “You count what you've got left, not what you've lost,” he said when interviewed in 1951, and that's the way he lived his life. After his wounds healed he got prosthetic feet and learned to walk. He married Beverly Jean Hall and the couple raised seven children, two of them Korean orphans. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana in 1958 and worked as a systems analyst until 1971 when he began a Christian ministry. He subsequently traveled to 14 countries in this capacity. Edward Reeves died on June 17, 2010 at the Prescott, Arizona Veterans Administration hospice facility rather aptly named “Heroes Way.” He was survived by his wife of 50 years. The Prescott Arizona Chapter 311 of the Korean War Veterans is named after him.

Parade information is subject to change and changes will be emailed to members of the Marching Unit. These parades were the result of the Marching Unit meeting in April and that evening’s vote for participation. Please contact Hank Wallace or Valentino Gatto with any questions.

**Parade Schedule**

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### Election Results!

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Valentino Gatto

Directors: 
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Ron Trovato  
Don Nealon

Nominating Committee, 2012 Elections: 
Chuck Macaluso, Chair  
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Tom Puff  
Tom Gleason

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by Jerry McDermott

Someone is missing from our monthly Membership Meetings...

WAIT! It’s not a “person” in that sense, but a representation of the 190 pounds that no longer reside on the bodies of our much fitter members! By the results below, we’ll just say that it might be a representative Marine, since the Marines did not take First Place this year – The Navy did! And despite the Army losing the most, they placed last in the standings proving there is not always Strength in Numbers...

For the last time during our 3rd Annual Fit Vet Challenge, my fellow Chapter 20 members tipped the scales at our April meeting. The results are in!

Congratulations to all our participants, no matter who claims the bragging rights for this year’s event. Having taken the initial steps to challenge yourselves back in January, there is no reason to stop the good habits and healthy eating you have worked so hard to master. After all, it is a constant process of little steps adding up to huge results. So, continue the Fit Vet Challenge on a personal level and get a jump start on the competition for next year. We can do this together for charity, but the personal rewards are even more rewarding to behold.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their support in this endeavor, for their good natured participation and encouragement to their respective branch and Chapter 20 members. It’s been fun, we’ll do this again! Stay healthy!

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National Caregiver Support Line

The Department of Veterans’ Affairs is pleased to announce the launch of a toll-free National Caregiver Support Line 1-855-260-3274. The Caregiver Support Line was created to recognize the significant contributions made by caregivers allowing Veterans to remain at home surrounded by family and friends. Open Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time; licensed clinical social workers will be available to answer your questions, listen to your concerns and directly link you to the Caregiver Support Coordinator at your local VA Medical Center. Each VA Medical Center has a Caregiver Support Coordinator who can locate assistance tailored to your unique situation.

We encourage you to call the National Caregiver Support Line at 1-855-260-3274.

http://www.caregiver.va.gov/National_Support_Line.asp
Rochester Armed Forces Day Committee, Inc. present the

15TH ANNUAL ARMED FORCES DAY LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 21, 2011 • 12:00-1:30 PM
Minett Hall • Monroe County Fair and Expo Center
2695 E. Henrietta Road, Rochester, NY 14467

Guest Speaker
Brigadier General Kenneth Sandkuhler
United States Marine Corps (Retired)

Pre-luncheon Music by the 198th Army Band

Enjoy military displays in and around the luncheon area before and after the luncheon. Free parking is available for luncheon attendees.

For additional information please call 1-800-845-2412 or visit www.supportourarmedforces.org

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☐ Sponsored Table: $250 each table
   (includes 8 tickets & recognition in the program book)
☐ Single Tickets Only: $25 each
☐ Special ROTC Cadet and Children (12 and under): $12 each
☐ Contribution Only __________ (please specify amount)

Check enclosed for total amount __________

Name of Organization: ________________________________
Your Name: _______________________________________
Address: _________________________________________
Your Phone: _______________________________________
City, State, ZIP: _________________________________
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
With our Annual Dinner coming up in June, it is time to think about those who serve the Chapter as well as all veterans. There are several awards given each year – and we are fortunate to have many in both our Chapter and our community who work diligently to serve veterans. Consider those around you and nominate them for one or more of the following awards:

**Awards**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**
The Community Service Award recognizes a group, organization or individual who has demonstrated a strong sense of community service and who favorably recognizes and relates to Vietnam Veterans' issues.

My nomination for this award is ____________________________________ because ______________________________________
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**VETERANS' SERVICE AWARD**
The Veterans' Service Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication in improving the condition of Vietnam Veterans and/or the community. (There may be up to 3 Veterans' Service Awards presented annually.)

My nomination for this award is ____________________________________ because ______________________________________
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**THE ROGER ROBACH AWARD**
The Roger Robach Award is given to an individual who has spent a minimum of ten years working for the betterment of all veterans in New York State.

My nomination for this award is ____________________________________ because ______________________________________
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**DON AND RORI MURRELL HUMANITARIAN AWARD**
The Don and Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award is given to an individual who has accomplished an extraordinary effort on behalf of active duty military personnel and/or veterans and their families. (All individuals are to be considered for this reward regardless of Chapter or veteran affiliation.)

My nomination for this award is ____________________________________ because ______________________________________
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Please consider nominating those you feel are deserving and submit your nomination to our Chapter Office. You can also email Kathy Gleason at kathy14470@msn.com for an electronic version of these nomination forms. Deadline for nomination is May 15th.
Help Base Greater Rochester
(www.hbrochester.org) is an online resource for veterans, service members, and their families in Monroe, Livingston, Ontario, Seneca, Wayne and Yates Counties. The mission of Help Base Greater Rochester is to enhance services by coordinating, mobilizing and educating the community-at-large about the issues facing veterans, service members, and their families and advocating for the necessary services to ensure that these community members can regain and maintain their physical, emotional, and economic well-being.

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Seeking Women Veterans &
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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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lastradley@bryantstratton.edu
OR
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jocene.henderson@veteransoutreachcenter.org

Please provide contact information and parade instructions will be provided.

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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 for FREE!

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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.

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- **IRAQ**
  - Camp Taji
  - Camp Baharia
  - Camp Taqaddum
  - Al Asad Airbase
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Celebrate the start of picnic season with your Chapter 20 family! Call the Chapter Office to RSVP with number attending, by May 20th please!
The Vietnam conflict remains an event in history that is largely misunderstood. A new project of the Rochester Public Library and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20 seeks to promote a better understanding of this tumultuous episode in our nation's history and to ensure that the people who served are never forgotten by recording oral interviews documenting veterans' experiences.

Will you share your story with us?

We're seeking veterans to be interviewed about their service during the conflict. Telling your story can be difficult, but it is important that future generations be able to learn from the people who experienced the conflict firsthand.

For more information or to sign up, contact Christine L. Ridansky at (585) 428-8095 or Christine.Ridansky@libraryweb.org or Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20.

Sponsored by the Rochester Public Library and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20 in partnership with the Office of the Rochester City Historian, the Monroe County Historian's Office, St. John Fisher College, and Nazareth College.

Memorial Day Events

Memorial Day Parade • 10:30am
City of Rochester
Annual Memorial Day Parade to honor armed forces and those who have given their lives for our country. Starts at East Avenue and Alexander Street, then west onto Main Street, ending at Plymouth Avenue.

Memorial Day Ceremony • 1:00pm
Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Highland Park
Annual Memorial Day Ceremony to honor local Vietnam Veterans who gave their lives for our country.

Memorial Day Picnic • 2:30pm
VVA Chapter 20
Annual picnic of Chapter 20 members and their families. This year's location will be at the Italian American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road, between Howard Road and Rt. 390. Please RSVP to the Chapter Office, 482-7396.

The VA’s National Homeless Veterans Hotline

The Hotline is staffed at the Genandaigua VA Medical Center in conjunction with the National Suicide Prevention services. Studies show a huge correlation with needs required by one or the other services provided at the time of the call.

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Veterans Widows International Network: members@aol.com/vetwindows
NYS Department Health: www.health.state.ny.us/nysvets
Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park: www.rochestervietnammemorial.org/
The_Memorial.html
Operation Welcome Home: www.operationwelcomehome.org
VVA New York State Council: www.nyvietnamvets.org

VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS AND INFORMATION

Greater Rochester Vietnam Memorial Society ................. 585-753-7275
(enter 9; enter 2 to leave a message)
Ira Jacobson American Legion
Post #471 ........................................ 663-7030
VA Clinic - 465 Westfall Road ................................ 463-2600
Veterans Outreach Center ........................................... 546-1081
Vet Center ........................................... 232-5040
Veterans Administration ............................................. 800-827-1000
Monroe County Veterans Service Agency ................................ 753-6040
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 Canandagua ................................... 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
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National Caregivers Support Line ................................... 1-855-260-3274
Homeless Hotline .............................................. 877-424-3838
Suicide Hotline .............................................. 800-273-8255

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MAY 2011

1 SUN  • Loyalty Day
2 MON  • Board of Directors, 7:00pm
5 THU  • Cinco de Mayo
6 FRI  • Military Spouse Appreciation Day
8 SUN  • V E Day
10 TUE  • Battle of Hamburger Hill, 1969
12 THU  • General Membership Meeting, 7:30pm NEW LOCATION! Italian-American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road, between Howard Rd. and Rt. 390
14 SAT  • Lilac Festival Parade, 10:30am
21 SAT  • Armed Forces Day
29 SUN  • Irondequoit Memorial Day Parade, 3:00pm
30 MON  • Memorial Day

10:30am - Parade, Downtown Rochester – everyone invited to march with the Chapter’s Marching Unit
1:00pm – Remembrance Ceremony at Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park
2:30 pm – Chapter 20’s Memorial Day Picnic, 1250 Buffalo Road (Italian-American Sports Club)

May is Military Appreciation Month! www.nmam.org

National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM), as designated by Congress, provides a period encompassing both the history and recognition of our armed services with an in-depth look at the diversity of its individuals and achievements. It allows Americans to educate each generation on the historical impact of our military through the participation of the community with those who serve encouraging patriotism and love for America. National Military Appreciation Month (May 2011) includes Loyalty Day (1st), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (6th), VE Day (8th), Armed Forces Day (21st), and Memorial Day (30th). This very important month honors, remembers, recognizes and appreciates all military personnel; those men and women who have served throughout our history and all who now serve in uniform and their families as well as those Americans who have given their lives in defense of our freedoms we all enjoy today. It recognizes those on active duty in all branches of the services, the National Guard and Reserves plus retirees, veterans, and all of their families - well over 90 million Americans and more than 230 years of our nation’s history. Let us celebrate them just as we celebrate the other important entities that make up this wonderful country of ours.

MEETINGS

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

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

Special Events
May 30, 2011 - Memorial Day Picnic
June 11, 2011 - Chapter 20’s 30th Anniversary Celebration

NYSC Meetings  Owego, NY
June 18  September 10

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