To Commemorate
To Educate
To Heal
Chapter 20’s Marching Unit on their silent tribute through the Memorial in Highland Park after the Lilac Parade.

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**Election Results**

Chapter 20’s New Administration:
- **President:** Valentino Gatto
- **Vice-President:** Chuck Macaluso
- **Treasurer:** Alan Frisa
- **Secretary:** Joe Peck
- **Directors:** (to join others on the Board)
  - Dan Corona
  - Hank Wallace
  - Rosemary Rossi-Williams

**NY State Council Delegates:**
- Fred Elliott
- Nick DeLeo
- Ken Moore
- Jerry McDermott
- Valentino Gatto
- Chuck Macaluso
- Joe Peck
JOE PECK, CHAIRPERSON

POW-MIA

The reports that I have recently received from the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel Office (DPMO) and Joint Prisoners of War/Missing in Action (JPAC) and the National League of POW/MIA Families have indicated the recovery and identification of 12 more of our missing Americans from the Vietnam War. Currently there are 1,664 Americans that are still unaccounted for. Those recently recovered and identified include:

**John Sung Yim**, a Korean born American citizen who was working as an aircraft mechanic while employed by China Airlines, was captured by the Khmer Rouge Communist troops in Phnom Penh, Cambodia on April 25, 1975. Reports of his capture and his eventual demise are very sketchy at the least. It was reported that he was killed and buried in Kampot Province by these same forces that captured him. The site of his burial was originally excavated in January 1993. His remains were recovered and returned on September 18, 2007 and identified on November 16, 2011.

**Major Aadvent Kommendant**, US Air Force from Portsmouth, Virginia was the pilot of one of the most advanced combat aircraft of its time, the F111A Aardvark. On November 7, 1972, along with his weapons system officer, LTC Brown in his F111A aircraft (call sign Whaler 57), he departed Takhlí Airbase in Thailand on a single aircraft strike mission on Luat Son Highway ferry and ford near the port city of Dong Hoi, North Vietnam. Voice contact with the aircraft was established before and after takeoff. At one point LTC Mack reported that the mission was progressing normally. About an hour later, all contact was lost with Whaler 57. An extensive search and rescue (SAR) effort was initiated on November 7th and continued until November 20th. With no signs of the wreckage or contact with either of the downed crewmen, the SAR was terminated and both men were listed as Missing in Action. The remains of LTC Robert Mack Brown were located near Quang Binh Province in North Vietnam and returned June 7, 1995. He was identified on December 14, 2011 and accounted for on February 25, 2012.

**LT William Edward Swanson**, US Navy from Minneapolis, Minnesota was a pilot of a single seat Douglas A-1H Skyraider. On April 11, 1965 LT Swanson launched from the deck of the USS Ranger as second aircraft in a flight of two on a late morning armed reconnaissance mission against the Ho Chi Minh Trail near the Lao/North Vietnamese border. Twenty minutes into their mission the Skyraiders encountered heavy anti-aircraft artillery (AAA) fire coming from the dense jungle. LT Swanson’s aircraft was struck by ground fire and began to trail smoke. The second aircraft observed LT Swanson’s aircraft slowly descending and continued to radio him advising him that he had been hit but could not make contact before the aircraft crashed into the dense jungle below. Aerial search and rescue operations were immediately initiated but found no trace of the downed pilot. Because the area was under total enemy control, no ground search was possible. LT William E. Swanson was listed Killed in Action/Body not Recovered. His remains were located near Khammouan province, Laos and returned on July 29, 2010. He was identified on January 20th and accounted for on February 4, 2012.

**LT Dennis William Peterson**, US Navy from Huntington Park, California was a pilot of a Sikorsky SH-3A Sea King Helicopter with a crew of 3 when they went on a rescue mission on July 19, 1967. They were attempting to rescue a downed pilot that they had radio contact with on a Karst hill in the Ha Nam province in North Vietnam. The North Vietnamese troops were closing in on this pilot with a large number of ground forces as well as AAA."
Another Annual Dinner is behind Chapter 20 and the daily commitment, dedication and efforts of service and advocacy continue. Many were honored with recognition awards at the VVA Chapter 20 2012 Annual Dinner:

**Community Service Award**  
Rochester Honor Flight

**Veteran Service Award**  
Lyn Gursslin  
Bill Auble  
Valentino Gatto

**Roger Robach Award**  
Mary Ann O’Coin

**The Don And Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award**  
Fred Elliott

**Special Recognition**  
Dan Wilmont

**Presidents Choice Award**  
Rich Isaman

**VVA Nation Achievement Award**  
Chuck Macaluso

Several “cub” photographers were on duty and deserve a huge THANK YOU as our routine photographers were unavailable that evening. Thanks to Dan Corona and Barb Gezelman for their photographic submissions!
4. Don And Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award – Fred Elliott
5. Veterans Service Award – Lyn Gursslin
6. Community Service Award – Honor Flight
7. Roger Robach Award - Mary Ann O’Coin
8. President’s Choice Award – Rich Isaman
9. Veterans Service Award – Bill Auble
10. POW Table
The Fourth Annual Fit Vet Challenge is over, and the weight is off, literally. Yes indeed - for the second year in a row, the same bunch of losers (well, not losers in the slang sense of the word, not this group anyway) won the Challenge. Coincidence?

Congratulations are in order for our brother and sister veterans of the US Navy. Anchors Aweigh, or at the very least … off go the pounds!

Good, hard, concerted efforts during the four-month Challenge resulted in a slimmer group of 49 Chapter #20 members at the end of this event. Congratulations also to everyone who participated this year. As for the Army, Air Force and Coastie Chapter #20 vets, we can always look to next year. Since the Marine Corps vets won the first two years and the Navy these last two years, the bragging rights are not moving around too much. Army, Air Force and Coasties need to get moving on this for next year!

But, even though there is no weigh in until our next Fit Vet Challenge, all of us can take what we learned and individually think about keeping in shape. After all, the swim suit season is almost here and there is still time to buff up, move more and eat less to get those six-pack abs for the pool or beach. No, not the keg tummy, abs darn it!

I want to especially thank Vito Scarpetta, Jon Phelps for helping get all the participants on and off the scales, and Ms. Kathy Gleason for her record-keeping, “official” tabulations of the results.

Thanks again to all! Stay healthy!
Honoring Chapter 20 Members
Respectfully presented by Joe Peck

On Memorial Day, May 28th 2012, we honored all of those who served and gave their lives for this great Nation. At this time we want to also honor those Chapter 20 members who served and have passed from our ranks. They are our brothers forever.

VVA CHAPTER 20 MEMORIAL
Honoring our brothers who have passed – Let us not forget them.

Bob Behnke
Donald B. Maclean
Larry P. Davenport
David T. Hilbert
Don Murrell
Clyde Saxon
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Robert L. Novgrod
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We need your help to make sure we have an updated list. If you know of a Chapter 20 member who has passed, and do not see their name on our list, please contact Joe Peck or Mike General (contact information on the inside back page of each issue of Between the Lines). If a name is missing from this list please know it is certainly an oversight. We value each of these members highly. Thanks for your cooperation.
The Ken Moore Era is over at Chapter 20, a page has been turned and the very capable Valentino Gatto has taken over the reins. Ken Moore ruled with an iron fist over a period of unprecedented growth and activity while pushing Chapter 20 to the forefront of VVA. However, behind the scenes much went on that the membership was blissfully unaware of, but was well documented in Chapter correspondence. Using the Freedom of Information Act, contacts I have with those commies at WikiLeaks, and the fact that I wrote most of these letters myself, I submit the following to give you a more “fair and balanced” view of the Ken Moore years. These documents are not for the faint of heart, and the reader is advised that a strong drink is probably in order before proceeding but the air must be cleared...

To: L. Ken Moore
VVA Chapter 20
Rochester, New York
September 24, 2011
Dear Mr. Moore,
This is to remind you that the extra room charges incurred at our hotel during your recent Reno Convention have not been forthcoming. The hostesses sent to your room, Melissa Mounds and Lila LaRue, have also indicated that Mr. Trovato’s third party unemployment check bounced.
Additionally, Chapter 20’s VVA line of credit barely covered the room damage from the constantly overflowing toilet.
Please remit said monies as soon as possible to avoid our mob-connected collection agency.
Most sincerely,
Rocco Dimaria
The Legacy Hotel
Reno, Nevada

From: Mr. JC Watts
L.A.R.D. (Lose and Retain Dignity) Weight Loss Program
Hollywood, California
To: President Ken Moore
VVA Chapter #20
Rochester, New York
10/23/09
Dear Mr. Moore,
We have been inundated with your weight loss suggestions which we find degrading, demeaning and totally without merit. To wit:
• Your “Green Diet” wherein you remove all the green from the victims’ wallets so they are unable to buy food;
• Your “Cheap Personal Attacks Diet” where you criticize the person until they lose their self-esteem which you claim is worth 30 lbs;
• Your “Don Knotts” Diet for which we have absolutely no response.
Please do not contact us again. In fact I’m so upset I’m going to eat a gallon of ice cream!
JC Watts

Mr. Ken Moore
Vietnam Veterans of America
Rochester, NY, USA
January 8, 2008

Dear Insolent Capitalist Imperialist,
Please find enclosed a Restraining Order issued against your running dog Comrade Ronald Trovato issued 12/11/07 by the Most Glorious Peoples Court of Justice and Retribution. It orders Comrade Trovato to cease and desist making all telephone calls, sending e-mails and/or Facebook entries, Twitter, letter mail, texts and Morse Code to the Democratic Peoples Republic of Vietnam in an attempt to locate one bar-girl, Betty Mai, and his wallet.
Incidentally, the wallet in question contained only a Two Guys credit card, a smudged photograph of Joan Collins that was obviously signed by Mr. Trovato himself, and some S&H Green Stamps.
Thank you for your anticipated cooperation in this matter.
Mr. Ping Pong
Ministry of Justice and Pain
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Mr. Ken Moore, VVA #20
PO Box 12580
Rochester, NY 14612
Re: Claim # 231-524-403

April 28, 2012

Dear Mr. Moore,

We have the results of the CAT Scan you requested regarding the veteran Ron Trovato. Much to our astonishment, our analysis has disclosed that Mr. Trovato’s brain is actually disconnected from his brain stem, ergo it is just floating around in his head. This would certainly explain his constant drooling at Board Meetings, his preoccupation with the Three Stooges, incessant calls to the Carol Channing sex hotline and clothing malfunctions.

We have enclosed a list of Department of Veterans Affairs approved skilled nursing facilities in your area for your convenience.

Sincerely,
Dr. Gupta Nidal
Buffalo Regional DVA Office

BETWEEN THE LINES

To: Keith Olberman
MSNBC News
New York, New York 10012

February 21, 2011

Dear Keith,

I can’t believe you won’t have me on your wiener TV show. Yet you have egghead, overpaid, underworked, taxpayer bloat, pantywaist hippie college professors who find fault with America wherever their limp wrists point. Get rid of these inadequate, sissy tools of the Albany-Washington-Moscow establishment who clamor for the wussification of this country and put on a guy like me that can debate with facts!

Very truly yours,
Ron Trovato
C/o Rochester Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic
Rochester, New York 14620

Mr. Ken Moore
President VVA Chapter #20
Rochester, New York 14612

May 10, 2012

Dear Kenny,

Thank you for all your generous service to Chapter 20 and for all you did to keep the Chapter solvent during some really challenging times. We were definitely a chapter in decline when you took over and I want to thank you for all the hard work and extra effort that you so willingly gave to keep us moving forward. The numbers that attend our membership meetings are a real reflection of all you have accomplished and proof that Chapter 20 is alive and well. You have much to be proud of. Most of all thanks for being such a good friend!

Ron Trovato
Maj. Joseph Christiano, Navigator; TSgt. William K. B. Jeffords, pilot; Capt. Dennis L. Eilers, co-pilot; Spooky 21. On December 24, 1965, Lt Col. Derrel Blackburn Jeffords, from Rochester, New York, US Air Force from Fayetteville, Arkansas was the bombardier and navigator on a 2-man crew of a F4D Phantom jet assigned to the 433rd Tactical Fighter Squadron. On March 1, 1969 Capt. Meroney and the pilot were sent on a combat mission near Laos. Near the Ban Karai Pass in the mountain regions bordering Laos and Vietnam, this aircraft was hit by hostile fire and crashed. No parachutes were seen and no emergency beeper signals were heard. Both Capt. Meroney and the pilot were listed as MIA. The remains of Capt. Virgil Kersh Meroney III were recovered and identified from the crash site in North Vietnam and accounted for on March 30, 2012.

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Col. Joseph Christiano, from Rochester, New York

Col. Derrell Blackburn Jeffords, from Phoenix, Arizona

Lt. Col. Dennis Lee Eilers, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Chief MSgt. William Kevin Colwell, from Glen Cove, New York

Chief MSgt. Arden Keith Hassenger, from Lebanon, Oregon

Chief MSgt. Larry C. Thornton, from Idaho Falls, Idaho

All six of these US Air Force members comprised the crew of an AC47D Gunship code named, Spooky 21. On December 24, 1965, Lt Col. Derrel B. Jeffords, pilot; Capt. Dennis L. Eilers, co-pilot; Maj. Joseph Christiano, Navigator; TSgt. William K. Colwell, flight engineer; MSGt. Larry C. Thornton and SSgt. Arden K. Hassenger, aerial gunners, departed from DaNang Airfield, South Vietnam on an armed reconnaissance/strike mission over the panhandle of Laos. Their mission was to monitor enemy activity moving through this region known to contain several arteries of the infamous Ho Chi Minh Trail. Spooky 21 was directed by airborne command and control aircraft to its primary target that was located Northeast of Saravane City, Laos. As the gunship made its way westward, it was diverted to a second location east-northeast of Saravane. Shortly before all contact was lost with the gunship, one of the crew members broadcast, “Mayday, Mayday, Mayday, Spooky 21” over the UHF emergency frequency. The crew of two separate aircraft that were operating in this sector heard the gunship’s final radio transmission. An extensive search and rescue (SAR) operation was initiated at the potential crash site in the rugged and densely forested mountain regions somewhere near Ban Sopou, Un Tai and Saravane all of which are west of the Laos/South Vietnam border. During the entire search effort, SAR aircraft were subjected to intense enemy groundfire emanating from the jungle below. Termination of all search and rescue activities was initiated after no traces of the aircraft or crew were found. All crewmembers were declared missing in action. In January of 1995, an initial investigation was made including interviews with local villagers about what they had seen or witnessed involving the downing of a US aircraft in 1965. Continued interviews were made in November of 1999 and again in January 2001. In November 2010, recovery teams began excavating the determined crash site and continued until July of 2011. All remains of the aircraft had all been dismantled and removed over the years, but 95 small, fragmented remains were recovered as well as some personal effects. Preliminary reports indicate that all of the remains were that of the crewmembers and were recovered from the crash site in Laos on February 18, 2010, except for MSgt. Arden K. Hassenger who was recovered on April 4, 2011. A positive identification on his remains was made. All of these men were accounted for on and about March 5, 2012. They will finally be laid to rest on American soil as a group in the presence of their family, friends and honored by the US Air Force Honor Guard in Arlington National Cemetery on July 9, 2012. Representatives of Chapter 20 will be present to welcome our brother, Joseph Christiano, home. After 47 years, Joseph has finally been returned to his family and our ranks. He and all of the other MIAs were never forgotten. We will provide more on the repatriation of Joseph Christiano in our next issue of BTL.

There were reports of the recovery and identification of the following from other conflicts:

Pfc. Gerald W. Kight, US Army was lost Sept. 28, 1944 near Groesbeek, Netherlands. He was accounted for on Apr. 19, 2012.

SFC. Richard L. Harris, US Army was captured Nov. 30, 1950 and died Jan. 1951 in a POW camp in North Korea. He was accounted for on Feb. 26, 2012.

Master Sgt. Elwood Green, US Army was captured Nov. 28, 1950 and died in 1951 in a POW camp in North Korea. He was accounted for on March 1, 2012.

PFC. Nelson E. Young, US Army was captured Dec. 2, 1950 near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea and died in late 1950 or early 1951. He was accounted for on March 30, 2012.

Cpl. Clyde E. Anderson, US Army was lost on Nov. 28, 1950 near Kaljon-ri, North Korea. He was accounted for on April 13, 2012.

Cpl. David L. Catlin, US Army was lost Dec. 2, 1950 near the Chosin Reservoir in North Korea. He was accounted for on Apr. 16, 2012.

As our missing Americans are finally brought home to their families and Country, let us not forget the sacrifices that these and other men have made for our freedom and our way of life. This is what we as Americans are made of. We finally have you and welcome you home brothers and may you all rest in Peace.

For those who are still missing, we will never stop searching and will never forget, until we bring you all home.
Letter of Thanks

[Except]
Hi Kathy,

My husband, Raymond Thomas (AKA “Tom”!) Holmes is a Life Member of Chapter 20 and also Post 412 VFW and the 114th Aviation Company Association. He flew helicopters in Vietnam in 1964. The military knows him as “Raymond” – the rest of the world calls him “Tom”...

We attended the Chapter 20 Annual Dinner last evening and it was very well done. Thank you to all who made it such an inspiring and meaningful evening. Golden Ponds Restaurant was an excellent choice, also – the food and service were excellent. Tom is recovering from a major lumbar discectomy and titanium rods placement in his lumbar spine, but I hope we might be able to attend the Chapter meeting on May 10.

We also want to say special thanks to Valentino Gatto for his help in getting needed work done at our home before Tom’s returning from Strong Hospital after his surgery on March 26, 2012. He was immensely helpful and we are both very grateful! Another thank you for the great fruit basket delivered from Rockcastle Florist from Chapter 20! Tom enjoyed the fruit very much – and it was a lovely presentation!

Thanks again for all the work you do.

Warmest Regards,
Mary Lou Holmes

FREE FIRE ZONE

Bereavement Focus Group

Second Wednesday of Every Month
6:30 - 7:30 pm
Army Strong Community Center
2035 Goodman St. North, Suite 103
Rochester, NY 14609

RSVP and for more info contact:
Marianne Sernoffsky at 585-339-3308
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(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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Women Veterans Program Manager

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### Parade Schedule

**JUNE**

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For details on meeting place, time to meet, general questions, etc. please contact Hank Wallace or Valentino Gatto. Changes will be communicated via email.
Volunteers are needed to for the annual VOC Flag Day Fundraiser! We are trying to staff over 50 locations throughout the area, so there is likely one close by you. Times are available for June 9, June 10 and on Flag Day, June 14.

Please contact the VOC at 585-546-1081 or email Alexis Ganter at alexis.ganter@veteransoutreachcenter.org.
• New locations will be considered for the Rochester Outreach Clinic on Westfall Road as the need for consolidation of services at one location and the continued increase of services provided to veterans is growing. A target date of some lease space near the current location on Westfall Rd is what is desired by all interested parties.

• Road constructions for the next several weeks will hamper travel times coming to and going from the Westfall Road Clinic so please plan accordingly.

• There are two locations for “adult day care” that all veterans in the greater Rochester area can access. With the help of two (2) American Legion Posts, veteran care providers can take advantage of time during the day to run errands, do shopping or make personal appointments while veterans are cared for by trained VA staff. Recreational activities and other programs are made available at these locations. Each American Legion Post location has a specific day of the week, each and every week to provide the “adult day care” mobile van services.

The locations are:

• In Greece: American Legion Post 468, 344 Dorsey Rd., each Thursday.
• In Webster: American Legion Post 942, 818 Ridge Rd., each Tuesday

• For more information, call Ms. Nina Mottern, 585-393-7514 at the Canandaigua VA MC.

• Information was also presented by the Veterans Service Center detailing increased veteran enrollments for the 2nd Quarter with 401 veterans, making this fiscal year’s total 870 veterans enrolled. The vast majority were veterans who attended our February 25, 2012 Kodak retiree benefits seminar.

• The VA Audiology Department is testing a new method for assisting veterans with hearing aid needs, something along the lines of “telehealth” links so that proper instructions can be provided to hearing assisted veterans.

• The Golden Ages Games are coming up in St. Louis, Missouri from 5-30-2012 through 6-06-2012. Veterans from the Canandaigua VA Medical Center will be attending. Chapter 20’s Jim McDermott will be part of the competition and group from our area attending the Games.
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The_Memorial.html
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JUNE/JULY 2012

2 SAT  • Mendon Firemen's Parade
3 SUN  • Bike Run to the Dakota – Dakota Grill, Hilton
        • 25th Annual National Cancer Survivors Day
        • Battle of Midway began, 1942
4 MON  • Board of Directors, 7:00 pm
6 WED  • D-Day Anniversary - Allied invasion of Europe, 1944
7 THU  • Spencerport Firemen's Parade
14 THU  • Membership Meeting, Meeting starts at 6:30 pm (Italian American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road)
        • Flag Day - Anniversary of adopting the flag in 1777.
        • Happy Birthday, US Army! (United States Army founded, 1775)
17 SUN  • Happy Father's Day!
20 WED  • Barnard Firemen's Parade
25 MON  • Korean War began, 1950
28 THU  • The Versailles Treaty - Officially ends World War I
29 FRI  • First U. S. ground forces arrived in Korea, 1950
2 MON  • Board of Directors, 7:00 pm
4 WED  • U. S. Army Air Corps established, 1926
12 THU  • Membership Meeting, Meeting starts at 6:30 pm (Italian American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road)
        • Irondequoit 4th of July Parade
13 FRI  • Kendall Firemen's Parade
26 THU  • Webster Firemen's Parade
27 FRI  • Korean War Veterans' Armistice Day - Truce was signed that ended the Korean War, 1953

MEETINGS

BOD
June 4, July 2, August 6, September 10, October 1, November 5, December 3

NYSC Meetings
June 16, September 29

Membership
Now starting at 6:30 pm!
June 14, July 12, August 9, September 13, October 11, November 8, December 13