Day of Hope

December 9, 2012
Many Chapter 20 members helped with the Day of Hope

President Valentino Gatto helping out on the airwaves

Legends 102.7 announces on the Day of Hope

Ron Trovato got a chance at the mike

Alan Frisa, Valentino Gatto watch as Rich Isaman takes his turn at the mike
Valentino Gatto, Jim McDermott, KB Cooper, Joe Peck and Alan Frisa

Valentino Gatto with Cheryl Dinolfo Monroe County Clerk

Valentino talking with Rich Ide

Chapter 20 members (L-R) Mike General, Jim McDermott, Valentino Gatto, Joe Peck and Alan Frisa
Chapter 20 Members honoring KB Cooper

Autographed sweatshirt donated by Bill Cosby

An emotional KB Cooper

Mitch and Rich Ide

Joe Peck, KB Cooper, Val Gatto

Joe Peck, Mitch Ide, Val Gatto
A message from KB Cooper – Legends 102.7

Legends' Day of Hope 2013 was the radio station's biggest and best fundraiser yet...and we have you to thank!! It's the Vietnam Vets who gave this community a reason to turn out on December 6th and 7th at Dick Ide Honda in Penfield. From patriotic music offerings by Danny B and Joe Brucato to a cappella numbers by the U of R Yellowjackets and barbershop quartets, to choral "candy" from the Greece-Athena Show Choir, it was an amazing 24 hours...and all I did was sit on the sidelines (on Dick Ide's roof!). While I weathered an extremely mild stint on my backside atop scaffolding rigged up by one of your fellow 'Nam vets Jeff Fannis, there was a silent auction going on in the Ide showroom beneath me. I watched entertainers from Absolutely Magic Entertainment come and go, the Redwings' mascot Spikes, and dancers from the Fred Astaire studio arriving to demonstrate their floor moves for those who stopped by. We held a live auction as well, for which Bill Cosby donated sweatshirts and veteran Gary Lewis (of the Playboys) donated a diamond ring. It was a treat to have him stop by with an update on his recent west coast trip, also vet-related. One of my favorite parts of the event was the outpouring of support we received from Chapter 20. Your reps were there in uniform from beginning to end to welcome our audience, to answer questions from vets interested in membership...and even to chat on-air. Monroe County Clerk Cheryl Dinolfo gave out info and answered questions about the Veterans Discount Card.

Our 17th Annual Day of Hope was the first when we asked exclusively for cash donations, and our listeners responded in grand fashion. Those who couldn't give monetarily, rolled up their sleeves and gave blood, and the donations were matched in cash by Dr. Ted Eckermann, a dentist in Greece. Altogether, more than $8500 came in! I especially appreciate the generosity of Bob Conley, owner of Light the Heavens, who provided a skytracker that could be seen for towns around, and Danny and Donna B, who arrived with sound equipment to guarantee that the on-air quality of our live music broadcasts would be top-notch. Legends' meteorologist Josh Nichols dropped my jaw with his rendition of "God Bless America"...the guy can sing!!

I would be remiss if I didn't highlight the sacrifice of our Day of Hope hosts, Rich and Mitch and the Dick Ide dealership staff. They made every allowance possible, from moving cars out of one whole showroom and relocating vehicles from a chunk of the parking lot, to clearing things out for a blood drive at the Mazda dealership (!), to signing a $1000 check payable to the VVA! And beyond the time, money and manpower hours they gave, they made a video capturing the spirit of the day, which is still viewable at our website, legends1027.com.

And so we settle into a new year, and (from time to time!) winter weather here, we are remembering our partnership and your support. My deeper gratitude is reserved for the sacrifice you made to our country years ago. Both inspire me. Thank you for your continuing service.

KB Cooper
Mornings/Promotions Legends 102.7
Happy Valentine’s Day

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Realtor and chapter member Larry Mastrella donates part of his commission to Chapter 20

Chapter 20’s Donation

December 14, 2012 – Jim McDermott & Robin Johnson, Director of Voluntary Services, Canandaigua VA Hospital
Jerry McDermott with VA Staff Members
Ms. Tansia Spencer and Ms. Shirleen Bennett
who were there to speak on the health
programs within the VA System.

Jerry McDermott and Bill Auble working
the Chapter 20 table.

Patroit Guard Members (l-r) Walt Gurney,
Bill Hamilton and Jerry Lamb

Pat Pudetti and Fawn Mattice from the
Veterans Service Agency

Gold Star Mother, Mary Ellen Schramm

Peggy Coppernall and Carlos Maisonet from the VA
**Vietnam History**

For a decade now, I have been giving tours at our Vietnam Veterans Memorial. When first approached as to becoming a docent, I suddenly realized how little I knew about Vietnam. Before joining the Marines, I didn’t pay much attention to what was in the news about Vietnam. While serving, the only access we had to news was in the “Stars and Stripes” and after discharge you just wanted to put the entire experience behind you. Bottom line – I didn’t know much about this “experience” that was a major part of my life. In the next few issues, I am going to pull together some historical information on Vietnam. Hopefully, it will be interesting reading. For me, it is a means to increase my understanding of what took place and pass on this information to future generations. Following is a quick overview.

The U.S. government viewed involvement in the war as a way to prevent a communist takeover of South Vietnam as part of their wider strategy of containment. The North Vietnamese government and Viet Cong viewed the conflict as a colonial war, fought initially against France, backed by the U.S., and later against South Vietnam, which it regarded as a U.S. puppet state. American military advisors arrived in what was then French Indochina beginning in 1950. U.S. involvement escalated in the early 1960s, with troop levels tripling in 1961 and tripling again in 1962. U.S. combat units were deployed beginning in 1965. Operations spanned international borders, with Laos and Cambodia heavily bombed. American involvement in the war peaked in 1968, at the time of the Tet Offensive. After this, U.S. ground forces were gradually withdrawn as part of a policy known as Vietnamization. Despite the Paris Peace Accords, signed by all parties in January 1973, fighting continued.

U.S. military involvement ended on 15 August 1973 as a result of the Case–Church Amendment passed by the U.S. Congress. The capture of Saigon by the Vietnam People's Army in April 1975 marked the end of the war, and North and South Vietnam were reunified the following year. The war exacted a huge human cost in terms of fatalities (see Vietnam War casualties). Estimates of the number of Vietnamese soldiers and civilians killed vary from fewer than one million to more than three million. Some 200,000–300,000 Cambodians, 20,000–200,000 Laotians, and 58,220 U.S. service members also died in the conflict.

In our next issue, I will detail the events leading up to the U.S. commitment to South Vietnam.

Chuck Macaluso
Nominating Committee
By Chuck Macaluso, Chair

The Annual Meeting & Elections will be held April 11, 2013 at 6:00 PM –

Location: Italian American Sports Club – 1250 Buffalo Road

Driving Directions - The Club is located on Buffalo Road close to the intersection of Howard Road. Directly across the Stone quarry. Next to the Eagles Club and the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

From the East. Heading West bound on 490, exit Mount Read Blvd and turn left. South bound on Mt. Read to Buffalo Road circle, turn right West bound on Buffalo Road. 1.4 miles West bound on the right side North is 1250 Buffalo Rd.

From the West: Heading East bound on 490, exit 33 East bound, Buffalo Road (Gates Center). Head East bound on Buffalo Road. Pass Howard Road 1250 will be on the left North side about .5 miles.

Positions for nominations – Five (5) Board of Director

The “new” Nominating Committee will also be elected by the membership that evening. A “to date” slate of candidates will be finalized by February 15th and published in the March issue.

● 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 2013 to vote April 2013).

● 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.

● According to the National VVA Constitution, “Additional persons may be nominated by any member at the Annual Meeting.” These candidates will fall under the category of Floor Nominations.

● Floor nominated candidates can only receive votes from members present at Annual Meeting. (A “Special Note” stating such will be placed March and April BTL issues.) Each candidate will address the membership at the March meeting stating their reasons for seeking an elected position.

Any member interested in running for any of the above mentioned positions, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee members:
Chuck Macaluso 225-8288, Dan Corona 406-6108, Pat Pudetti 753-6040
MEMORIAL REPORT

Website  http://rochestervietnammemorial.org/

The Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial held their Annual Election on January 15, 2013. Following are the results:

Officers:
  President – Chuck Macaluso
  Vice President – Dan Wilmot
  Treasurer – Ray Melens
  Secretary – Ken Moore

Directors:
  Ron Trovato
  Fred Elliott
  Mark Quinn
  Paul Cordy
  Jim Smith
  Valentino Gatto – Chapter 20

Legislative Liaisons:
  Richard (Dick) Yolevich  Monroe County Legislator
  Willie J. Lightfoot  Monroe County Legislator

Board Advisors:
  Carolyn Penner  Monroe County Office
  Larry Staub  Monroe County Parks
  T.C. Pellett  Monroe County Parks
  Kevin Knapp  Monroe County Office

Memorial Tours & Presentations
Persons interested in onsite tours or presentations at schools or organizations, contact:  Chuck Macaluso
(H) 585-225-8288
Chuckmac66@yahoo.com
Remembering our Fallen Heroes – February

Richard Francis Dunham  2/1/1945
William Frederick Marasco  2/4/1949
Frederick Carl Webber  2/5/1947
Robert Waldron Forbush Jr.  2/5/1948
Rocky August Burns  2/5/1951
Michael Gordon Hoff  2/9/1945
Ronald James Fegan  2/11/1941
John Bigelow Moore  2/12/1937
James Thacker  2/12/1938
Richard Albert Smith  2/12/1945
Ernest Joseph Grassi  2/13/1947
Graham Hughes  2/13/1949
Russell B. Luker  2/17/1933
Elmer Edward Elsworth  2/18/1948
Peter David Matarazzo  2/20/1949
Albert Leroy French  2/23/1928
Paul Richard Fusco  2/23/1947
Cornelius William Strassner  2/24/1947
Richard Eugene Colburn  2/24/1950
George Warren Fischer Jr.  2/25/1945
John Harden  2/26/1945
George Alfred Marks Jr.  2/27/1945
John Robert Marsh  2/27/1949
James Richard Dennison  2/28/1934

To be placed on Volunteer Contact List – Contact: Chuck Macaluso
(H) 585-225-8288
Chuckmac66@yahoo.com

Upcoming Events

Day-of-Caring   May 9, 2013
Lilac Festival   May 10-19, 2013
Memorial Day Ceremony  May 27, 2013
Unfortunately during the holiday months, there has been no recent reports received from the Defense Prisoner of War* Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), the Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action (JPAC) and the National League of Families on any recoveries of missing Americans from the Vietnam war. The current number of Americans still missing presently stands at 1654.

There are no other reports of the recovery and identification from any other wars.

**CURRENT U.S. POW/MIA STATISTICS**

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A brief note of explanation:
US Navy, JO3 Raul Antonio Guerra went missing on October 8, 1967 and whose remains were recovered and identified with 4 other crew members in June of 2007 has still not been removed from the unaccounted for list on the DPMO web site. After an inquiry about this matter, I received a letter from Robert Goeke CIV, OSD-DPMO in July 2011 stated that although they have recovered and identified remains associated with him, they have yet to locate a family member to brief them so they can accept the identification. The DPMO does not consider a service member accounted for until the family has been briefed and accepts the identification. Although the current number of missing Americans listed in the DPMO web site is at 1655, the true number including JO3 Guerra is 1654 and will be acknowledged so in future numbers. Although his name is still listed as unaccounted for, he is indeed home on American soil.

We welcome you home brother. Rest in Peace for you will never be forgotten.
Health Affairs Committeee Chairperson,
Jerry McDermott

Just a brief observation about the recent Veteran’s Benefit Outreach, held Saturday, 01/12/2013 by the Monroe County Veterans Service Agency and the VA. Yes, Chapter # 20 was invited to attend and provide information to all veterans, spouses and families who came to the MCC campus in Brighton to learn what their honorable service to our country may have earned them. Hundreds of people attended. By all accounts, this event was one of the most successful “one stop source” for information dedicated to veterans within our community in recent memory. Yes, people had to be self-motivated to attend. All anyone had to do was invest the time to learn what “earned” veteran benefits there were available and what eligibility requirements were needed. I believe that a great many veterans were pleased that they came to this event. Many had questions and could get answers from VA representatives, or our county veteran agency right on the spot. Sure beats waiting on the phone, on hold any day. To be able to ask the questions important to you in person was a huge plus. I want to personally thank some Chapter # 20 members for all the help and volunteering time needed to staff the table, answer questions, pass out valuable Agent Orange literature, and other information. These very dedicated Chapter # 20 members are Bill Auble, Jon Phelps, Vito Scarpetta, Jim McDermott, and Board member Mike General. I believe that these volunteers would agree that events such as Saturday’s are extremely worthwhile. That Chapter # 20 should be involve to spread the word about veteran health issues, services, and membership opportunities as frequently as possible, on Saturday we did just that! Welcome Home!

Other FYI about Heath issues for veterans, spouses and families...

Web Sites useful for Fit Vet Challenge info...
Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Healthy Living www.cdc.gov/healthyliving

Staying Motivated for the Fit Vet Challenge...

1. Have fun! It really helps to make any goal enjoyable...do something that is difficult, and reward your efforts with fun, not food.
2. Try and push yourself. Set a goal, meet it, and set another one, keep repeating the “ladder step” approach to your goal.
3. Don’t forget to ask for support and encouragement, ask your spouse, friends, family members to give you support and encouragement too!
Health Affairs Committee – Vet Challenge (continued)

It’s been said that given a set of data, you can make it say anything you want. You can skew it in your favor, or more importantly against another party. The results from January’s initial Fit Vet Challenge for the New Year are listed below. There were a total of 50 vets and spouses that braved the scales. For some, it was an eye-opening task. A multitude of grimaces, gripes and groans were overheard, along with a lot of excuses. Some chose to leave sweaters, jackets and shoes on so their initial weight would be higher and subsequent weights would have a better chance of showing a loss. When one Army vet stepped on the scale and the read-out showed the error code of E, he laughed and proposed that E stood for Empty. Other choices were immediately offered - Exempt or Excellent!

The challenge is on – it’s a tiebreaker year. Both the Marines and the Navy have won twice. And back to the original sentence that you can make the data say anything you want. Here it is – what’s your spin? February’s meeting will be the 2nd of our four month campaign to step up and weigh in toward a more health conscious and overall awareness for moving more and eating less! Stay the course! Keep up the efforts and the bragging rights will be yours at the end of the Fit Vet Challenge 5th edition in April. Thank you all for your participation, and keep moving...

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Pearl Harbor Ceremony
December 7, 2012
Rochester Yacht Club

HG Members (Left to Right)
Chuck Macaluso
Bruce VanApeldoorn
Hank Wallace
Jack Madigan
Bill Wickum
Alan Frisa
Ed Kier
Val Gatto
Larry Camp
Mike General
Larry Kindler
Rodger Burkhart

Coast Guard Members

American Legion Rifle Squad
Air Force Cadet Color Guard

“A Day That Will Live In Infamy”

Pictures by
Chapter 20 Photographer
Glenn Peck
ANNUAL STEAK ROAST
Sunday, February 10, 2013
(Serving from 1 pm – 4:30 pm)
Cost: Steak $12 and Spaghetti $6
At Ira Jacobson Legion Post 474
90 St. John’s Park (near River Street/Lake Avenue)

For Reservations Please Call: Tony Ferrarese at 865-4262
Tickets may be picked up at the door
Fundraiser for VFW Post 16

SHOW YOUR PRIDE
Vietnam Veterans of America
3” Car Window (Outside) Decals

$3.00 each
Available at all membership meetings
Or contact Joe Peck at ~ Jpeck2@rochester.rr.com
Attention – AVVA Members

At our meeting on April 11, 2013, we will hold an AVVA Chapter Representative Election. For those that are interested in becoming our elected chapter representative, please send your letter of intent to Suzanne Oleksyn via email (soleksyn@yahoo.com) or at the Chapter address (VVA Chapter 20, P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612). Your letter of intent must be sent or postmarked 30 days before the April 11th meeting. To be eligible for qualification as the chapter representative you must be an AVVA member in good standing, be 18 years of age and be an active participant in Chapter 20. Please include your AVVA Membership Number in your letter of intent. The voting will take place prior to the Chapter 20 elections on April 11, 2013. The ballots will be handed out by Suzanne Oleksyn who is our AVVA Election Representative.

For more information regarding the AVVA election process, please go their website www:AVVA.org/elections

Birthday & Anniversary Recognition

Attention Members:

If you would like your birthday or anniversary noted in our monthly issues please send in dates and name(s) for either and we will include in appropriate issue.

Marie ~ mdavias@rochester.rr.com
With our Annual Dinner coming up in April, it’s 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 above and beyond their normal duties to serve our veterans. Consider those around you and nominate them for one or more of the following 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 the Vietnam Veterans issues.

My nomination for this award is_________________________ because _____________________
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**VETERAN SERVICE AWARD**
The Veteran Service Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated outstanding dedication in improving the conditions of the Vietnam Veterans and/or the Community. (There may be up to 3 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 Murrell Humanitarian Award is given to an individual who has accomplished an extraordinary effort on behalf of active duty personnel and/or veterans and their families. (All individuals are to be considered for this award regardless of Chapter or veteran affiliation).

My nomination for this award is________________________ because ______________________
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Please consider nominating those who you feel go above and beyond their normal duties and submit your nominations to the Secretary, Joe Peck at jpeck2@rochester.rr.com
You can also email Marie Elliott at mdavias@rochester.rr.com for an electronic version of these nomination forms. Deadline for all nominations is March 14th 2013.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20

Name: ______________________________________
Address: ____________________________________
City: ____________________________ Zip: ________
County ________________

I am not a Vietnam Vet, but I want to help Vietnam Veterans and their families. Please accept my donation: ____________________
( ) $10 ( ) $20 ( ) $50 ( ) Other ($__________)

Term: ( ) 1 year: $20 ( ) 3 years $50
( ) Life Membership:
   $200 (ages 56-60),
   $175 (ages 61-65),
   $150 (ages 66-71),
   $100 (ages 72+)

Date of Birth: _______________ Sex ( ) M ( ) F
Home Phone: ( ) ____________________
Work Phone: ( ) ____________________
Email Address: _____________________
Sponsor: __________________________

Payment Options: ( ) Check ( ) Money Order

Return this application, along with a copy of your DD214 to:

Chapter 20, Vietnam Veterans of America
P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612
Attn: Membership

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We welcome letters to the editor, poetry, original articles and suggestions. Submissions should include name and phone number and can be sent to Between the Lines, P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612 or emailed to chuckmac66@yahoo.com. We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity and to not use materials we think inappropriate for the publication. Deadline for submissions for each issue is the 5th of the preceding month. Exceptions may be granted by contacting the editor.

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Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park: www.rochester.vietnamveterans.org/The_Memorial.html
Operation Welcome Home: www.operationwelcomehome.org
VVA New York State Council: www.nyyvets.org
National League of Families:
MIA/POW Updates…………………………202-223-6846
Richards House at VOC…………………………506-9060
The Resource Center at VOC…………………………546-4250
Stars & Stripes the Flag Store……………………….546-3524
Persian Gulf Vets, Inc.…………………………385-4087
Operation Welcome Home…………………………234-4694
National Caregivers Support Line………………………1-855-260-3274
Homeless Hotline…………………………877-424-3838
Suicide Hotline…………………………800-273-8255

MISCELLANEOUS
VVA Vehicle Donations………………………www.nyvietnamvets.org
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Veterans Outreach Center………………………………………546-1081
Vet Center……………………………………………………525-6040
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………………………………….607-666-4000
Vietnam Veterans of America National Office ………….800-VVA-1316
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund “The Wall”………………202-393-0090
National League of Families
MIA/POW Updates…………………………202-223-6846
Richards House at VOC…………………………506-9060
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National Caregivers Support Line………………………1-855-260-3274
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WEB SITES/E-MAIL ADDRESSES
Vets Widows International Network: members@aol.com/vetwidows
NYS Department of Health: www.health.state.ny.us/nyvets
Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park: www.rochester.vietnamveterans.org/The_Memorial.html
Operation Welcome Home: www.operationwelcomehome.org
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VVA Vehicle Donations………………………www.nyvietnamvets.org
VVA Chapter 20…………………………..info@vva20.org ~ 482-7396

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Italian American Sports Club

1250 Buffalo Rd
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Monthly Membership Meetings start at 6:30 pm
At the Italian American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road, Rochester

Driving Directions to the Italian American Sports Club:

The Club is located at 1250 Buffalo Road close to the intersection of Howard Road, directly across from the stone quarry, next to the Eagles Club and the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

From the East: Heading west on 490, exit Mt. Read Blvd. and turn left; south on Mt. Read to Buffalo Road circle, turn right, west on Buffalo Road, 1.4 miles, the Italian-American Sports Club is on the right side.

From the West: Heading east on 490, exit 33 east, Buffalo Road (Gates Center); head east on Buffalo Road; continue past Howard Road; the Italian-American Sports Club will be on the left side in about .5 mile.
### Upcoming Events (2013):

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