Local Boy Scouts place flags on veterans' graves at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery – May 23rd.

The members of Troop 195 did just that Thursday evening. They say their former assistant scoutmaster Mike Civiletti and his son had the idea. Mike Civiletti never got to see it happen. He died in 2006.

Several groups helped the troop raise enough money to buy flags for more than 5,000 veterans' graves this year. The flags will stay up through Flag Day which is June 14. Then they'll be stored for next year so the project can continue.
L to R  Joe Peck, Lynn Gursslin, Larry Camp, Ed Kier, Larry Kindler, Mike General, Jim McDermott, Chuck Macaluso

Memorial Tree Planting - Saturday, May 25, 2013
Greece Olympia High School

Chapter 20 Honor Guard Posting Colors
Group picture with Gary Beikirch

Top Row
Bill Wickum, Dave Sturm, Bruce VanApeldoorn, Dick Oleksyn, Jerry McDermott, Mike General, Hank Wallace, Lynn Gursslin, Val Gatto, Jack Madigan

Bottom Row
Joe Peck, Dave Cook, Chuck Macaluso, Gary Beikirch, Ray Melens, Larry Camp, Ed Kier
Olympia’s Fallen Heroes

USMC

Richard Dunham
Greece Olympia
Class of 1963

Donald Graves
Greece Olympia
Class of 1964

USMC

William Gearing Jr.
Greece Olympia
Class of 1967

Army

Greece Olympia
Class of 1967

Air Force

James Alan Hockridge
Greece Olympia
Class of 1962

USMC

Donald Jacques
Greece Olympia
Class of 1965

USMC

Thomas Ekwell
Greece Olympia
Class of 1966
Jeffery Bruce  
Greece Olympia  
Class of 1966

David Crane  
Greece Olympia  
Class of 1966

Brian K. Schramm  
Greece Olympia  
Class of 2001

“Some Gave All”
Trot with the Troops
May 26th
Memorial Day - May 27th

Downtown Parade
Memorial Day Ceremony
Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Reading of Names
Every Memorial Day Chapter 20 members and friends read the names of the 280 Veterans whose bollards are located in the Walk of Honor at the Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Rifle Squad
Presenting honors during ceremony.
This photo was submitted by Jerry McDermott who was listening to the Kimberly & Beck Show and they mentioned a photo that one of their listeners took of their daughter at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park during the Lilac Festival and Jerry wishes to share this photo with all of you.
MEMORIAL REPORT

Website  [http://rochestervietnammemorial.org/](http://rochestervietnammemorial.org/)

Remembering our Fallen Heroes – July

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Memorial Tours & Presentations

Persons interested in onsite tours or presentations at schools or organizations, contact: Chuck Macaluso

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[chuckmac66@yahoo.com](mailto:chuckmac66@yahoo.com)
At the Chapter meeting, President Valentino Gatto introduced new member Joseph Marinaccia.

Realtor and chapter member Larry Mastrella donates part of his commission to Chapter 20.
At the Chapter meeting (June 13), Hank Wallace brought in a birthday cake to celebrate the 238th birthday of the Army. Thank you, Hank. The cake was delicious.


Happy Birthday
Joan Macaluso & Val Gatto
July 29th.
The current reports 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 indicate that two more missing Americans has been recovered and recently accounted for. The total number of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War is now at 1645.

**Spec 5 John Lawrence Burgess**, US Army from Kingsley, Michigan was the crew chief of a UH1H Helicopter with 4 other members, on a command and control mission. On June 30, 1970 in Phuoc long Province, South Vietnam the aircraft was struck by enemy ground fire and crashed. 3 members of the crew died along with Spec 5 Burgess. There was only 1 survivor who was a door gunner and was thrown from the aircraft when it crashed. A search and recovery team located the survivor at the crash site and secured the aircraft wreckage. They also recovered the remains of 3 members of the crew. Spec 5 Burgess was never found and was listed as dead/ body not recovered. The remains of John L. Burgess was finally located at the crash site in Phuoc long Province and returned on April 10, 2012 and identified on September 26, 2012. He was officially accounted for on May 15, 2013.

A very interesting and historical fact about Spec 5 John L. Burgess is that John was born Larry Waukazoo, an Ottawa Indian, in the Indian village of Peshawbestown in Michigan in 1949. He was adopted and raised by the Burgess family. It was noted by a family researcher, but never known to John, that his grandfather, Ed Waukazoo was a veteran of WW1. His great-grandfather, Joseph Waukazoo, was shot while fighting with an all Indian Company in the 1st Michigan Sharpshooters between Washington, DC and Richmond, Virginia during the Civil War and his great-great-grandfather, Pen-dun-wan, Chief Peter Waukazoo, played a vital role in 1840 in preserving the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians to its present day tribal status. For whatever reason, it was a shame that John never knew the importance of his Native American background and military history.

**Maj. Louis Fulda Guillermin**, US Air Force from West Chester, Pennsylvania was the navigator of an A26A aircraft on April 30, 1968 during a Counter Insurgency and bombing mission in Savannakhet Province, Laos when his aircraft was shot down by enemy forces. The last known location was about 10 miles east of the city of Ban Muong Sen. No other information about this mission is available. In 1994 the crash site was located but because of unexploded ordnance, the plans for excavation were temporarily abandoned. The site was finally excavated and the remains of Maj. Guillermin were recovered on February 14, 2006 and identified on May 7, 2013. He was officially accounted for on May 28th. Maj. Louis Fulda Guillermin will be laid to rest later this year with full Military Honors in Broomall, Pennsylvania.
There are also reports of the recoveries and identifications of individuals from the following wars:

- **PFC. Marvin E. Omans**, US Army was lost on December 3, 1950 near Sinhung-ri, North Korea. He was accounted for on May 21, 2013. He will be buried with full Military Honors on June 24, 2013 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

- **CPL. Donald V. Maclean**, US Army was lost December 2, 1950 near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on May 22, 2013. He will be buried with full Military Honors in the summer of 2013 in Cary, Illinois.

These families now have the peace of mind as to where their loved one now rest. Not in foreign lands or in foreign seas but here on American soil. We have waited and prayed for our brothers and now we welcome you home.

“Rest in Peace, and let it be known that you were never forgotten”.

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Aid & Attendance: If you’ve applied for the Aid and Attendance benefit from Department of Veterans Affairs — which can provide as much as $2,019 monthly for a veteran and spouse for care giving expenses — then you are all too familiar with some of the reasons for the typical 8-to-18-month delays in getting an answer from the V.A. The V.A. and its overseers say there is a special contributor to the backlog of A&A claims: the need to deter so-called pension poachers. “The system is being clogged by pension poachers who are preying on veterans, who are submitting thousands of applications for people for whom this benefit was not intended,” Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR) said in an e-mail. Along with Senator Richard Burr, Republican of North Carolina and a ranking member of the Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee, Mr. Wyden introduced a bill last month aiming to help cap bogus claims.

So who are these pension poachers? According to the Federal Trade Commission, and according to the findings of an undercover operation by the GAO, hundreds of financial and estate-planning professionals claim to help veterans obtain the A&A benefit. In fact, they mostly charge fees (as much as $10,000) to sell annuities and to set up trusts in other people’s names. Why? To hide a veteran’s assets, so that he or she may qualify for the benefit. The money can be used to pay for assisted living; sometimes potential residents are referred to these services by assisted living facilities. But here’s the catch: Technically, it does not violate V.A. rules to transfer assets into annuities or trusts — even the day before you apply for A&A. Medicaid will “look back” at assets for 60 months to see who qualifies for its nursing home aid, but the V.A. does not have such a policy. The bill by Mr. Wyden and Mr. Burr would mandate a three-year “look back” on assets by the V.A. “The sooner legislation is enacted to discourage these abuses, the sooner the application backlog can be eliminated,” said Mr. Wyden in an e-mail.

Schemes for transferring and hiding assets can backfire. If the A&A application is denied, as so many are, the vet may not be able to touch the money he has put into annuities and trusts for decades without huge penalties. Further, such transfers of assets could prevent a veteran from later qualifying for Medicaid, which tracks assets and transfers for the previous five years. And given the high cost of nursing homes and assisted living, Medicaid may be the only way for many with limited resources to pay for long-term care. Then there is the matter of ethics. Though it may be technically legal to move assets to hide savings, the A&A benefit was not created to enable veterans to save money for heirs. It exists for veterans and their families who are unable to pay for the care they need now. Some believe the department helped create the “poaching” problem itself by being silent for so long about the A&A benefit. And the V.A. may be perpetuating it by prohibiting veterans from paying for legitimate expert help to begin the application process.

“When you leave people who are in crisis to get care in the dark so that the only people with info have a hidden agenda, you set up the perfect storm for these people to come in and sell you whatever,” said Patty Servaes, founder of Servaes Consulting Group, who helps clients determine eligibility for the A&A benefit. Bottom line: If you are looking for help in applying for or appealing a decision on the A&A benefit, avoid people who start talking about annuities and trusts instead of looking at your real income and expenses and assets to see if you legitimately qualify. The V.A.’s
prohibition against paying for expert help dates back to the Civil War and ostensibly began to protect the veterans from ambulance-chasing lawyers who would make the application process adversarial. But those restrictions may have produced the opposite results. It can make the V.A. itself seem the adversary, rather than an organization created to help veterans. [Source: The New York Times | Susan Seliger | 23 May 2013 ++]

Also, a new and dedicated Women’s Veteran Hot Line has been established “solely” for Women Veterans to use to obtain any information. Staffed by women, for women veterans who may want to obtain information pertaining to any issue, health care, homelessness, education, job training, other benefits. The service is designed to allow our women veterans to obtain a “very user friendly” way to ask questions and receive guidance and directions to obtain answers to their questions. This new exclusive service and staffing for was started in late April 2013 for all women veterans to use. The phone number is...
“1-855-VA WOMEN” or 1-855-829-6636

Food for thought! If you find that you have some extra time on your hands, really does anyone have extra time, but if you do consider this.
Ask your self...how can I be of service? And don’t forget what some of our grandmothers used to say...giving has its own reward, especially your time!

New benefits available for Agent Orange illnesses

*Added to the list of presumptive conditions from exposure to Agent Orange-- the diseases include B-cell leukemias such as hairy-cell leukemia, Parkinson’s disease and ischemic heart disease, bringing a total of 14 conditions assumed to be associated with Agent Orange.*
The Attica Active Veterans Group has had elections and Charles Thibeault has been elected President, Phil Glazier VP and Mike Burkhardt Treasurer, all for three year terms. The veterans at the Attica Correctional Facility hope to continue the self help programs there that deal with anger/violence and substance abuse. Although these courses are no longer accepted for the Family Reunion Program, certificates will still be put in the veterans file and will help with the Parole Board. On 6/9 Ken Moore, Pat Pudetti and myself went to Attica where we met Jack Michel from Chapter 77 and Sgt. Mark Schieffer, the staff advisor there. Close to 70 vets attended the Veterans Picnic and the guys cooked chicken, sausage and hot dogs. We shared a great day together of real comraderie and a special call out is in order to Sgt. Schieffer and to Phil Glazier for all the work they put into this get together which was held outside in an open area of the facility.

The Veterans Group of Auburn held their Memorial Day Vigil on 5/27 in the chapel at the Auburn Correctional facility. VGOA President Dennis Conway arranged for speakers and socializing afterwards. The VGOA has come out with their own newsletter and a recent one had a nice article about Dan Waters and Shirley Martinez who live in Auburn and go into the prison there regularly as outside contacts for the vets there. In other news, Carl Macedonia has been transferred from Attica to the Shawangunk Correctional Facility in Wallkill, NY and has been elected President of a newly formed veterans organization there named “Veterans In Progress”. According to Carl, there are 23 vets there and they have 16 active members. Hopefully, we can send the guys there a US and POW flag.

On 6/3 I attended the Rochester Veterans Court graduation where 11 veterans successfully completed the program. There have been 90 graduates since 2009 and all of our vets mentors from Chapter 20 have much to be proud of. Judge John R. Schwartz was given the Don and Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award by Val Gatto and the keynote speaker was Col. Gary Yaple from the Veterans Outreach Center. The courtroom was filled with family and friends as well as with representatives from veterans groups and the criminal justice system. The grads were all given the opportunity to speak and they did so with heartfelt thanks to those who walked with them every step of the way. Chapter 20’s own Ray Melens was inducted into the NY State Veterans Hall of Fame at the ceremony and we congratulate him on this well-deserved honor.

In closing I want to thank Valentino and the guys from the marching unit that did such a nice job at the Memorial Day Service at the Vietnam Memorial in Highland Park on 5/27. The picnic afterwards was fun and great food for all that went. And finally, I want to thank the Chapter for awarding me the Roger Robach Award which was indeed a surprise. I remember Roger from the time he held the legislative breakfasts in the 80’s and what an advocate he was for all veterans when it was not popular to do so. That means so much to me. Thank you!
MEMBERSHIP UPDATE – Mike General, Membership Chair

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 559 Members and AVVA is at 47 Members as of 05/31/13. Thanks to all who made this possible by recruiting new members.

Renewing your Membership: Please renew your membership when you get the notice from National. This way you will be kept on the Membership Roster, otherwise you will be dropped from membership. If you do not receive a renewal notice, please contact me.

Chapter 20 Membership is open to U.S. Veterans who served active duty (other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961 and May 07, 1975, or any duty location between August 05, 1964 and May 07, 1975.

Associate Membership is open to any one, you do not need to be a Veteran.

I am asking all members of Chapter 20 and AVVA to keep in mind, when you meet people to ask them to join us. Membership Applications are available on our Website or by contacting me.

Chapter 20 Trailer Events are always in need of volunteers to staff the Trailer. Please consider signing-up, a couple hours of your time is all that is needed.

If you do not receive your emailed copy of the BTL by the end of the first week (each month) go to Chapter 20 website vva20.org and download from that site.

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| JULY | THURS | 4 Town of Irondequoit | 11 AM       | Irondequoit Plaza Area                                                        |
|      | THURS | 11 Webster Firemen’s  | 6:30 PM     | Park@ Fair Area, Bus to Rt.404 at Phillips Rd.                                |
|      | FRI.  | 12 Kendall Firemen’s  | 7 PM        | Rt. 237 Just North of RT. 18                                                   |
|      | THURS | 25 Hilton Firemen’s   | 7 PM        | Near FD Hq on Old Hojack Lane                                                  |

| AUGUST | SAT | 10 Hamlin Firemen’s  | 7 PM        | RT. 19 at the VFW Post (N. of Rt. 104)                                         |
|         | SAT | 17 TORONTO           | NOT VVA 20 Event | Contact Tim p51flyer_3@yahoo.com |

| OCTOBER | Columbus Day Parade | TBA | Liberty Pole Vicinity | MAY NOT HAPPEN |

**NOTE: LISTED ARE START TIMES.**

PLEASE PLAN TO BE AT FORMATION APPROX. 45-60 MINUTES PRIOR TO THE START TIME LISTED

Happy Anniversary
Bruce and Nancy VanApeldoorn
July 19, 1968
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund’s In Memory program honors those who died as a result of the Vietnam War, but whose deaths do not fit the Department of Defense criteria for inclusion upon the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C.

The Vietnam War was the most controversial and longest conflict in American history. From 1959 to 1975, many American soldiers and nurses lost their lives in Southeast Asia. As these brave service men and women began returning home they were met with anger and indifference on the part of the American public. Many of these veterans tried to forget about their experience in Vietnam, while they and their families struggled with the emotional and physical toll of the war. It was not until 1982, when The Wall was dedicated, that the veterans and their families were able to begin a healing process that was long overdue. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, the organization that funded the construction of The Wall, wanted to have a place where veterans who had been ignored or embarrassed by their service could stand proud and where the public could embrace the sacrifices these soldiers made.

While The Wall shows the names of those soldiers who died in the war, veterans who suffered from medical issues caused by their service in Vietnam – exposure to defoliant spray and psychological wounds – absent from The Wall. VVMF believes that all those who serve should be honored in a similar way. Therefore, the In Memory program began in an effort to acknowledge the hardships these veterans and their families went through and the strengths they possessed after the war ended. The In Memory program honors the sacrifices these veterans and their families made. The In Memory Day ceremony has become a place where families who faced similar hardships gather and help each other begin or continue their healing processes.

HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the In Memory 2013 Program please click here to fill out an application online.

OR

Download the In Memory application.

OR

Contact VVMF at (202) 393-0090 or via e-mail at inmemory@vvmf.org.

To have a loved one considered for the In Memory program in 2013, you must submit your application to VVMF by April 12th, 2013. Instructions for what to include and where to send the completed application are outlined on the application form.
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Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20

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Email Address: _______________________
Sponsor: _______________________________

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

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Attn: Membership

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**Monthly Membership Meetings start at 6:30 pm**
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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):

August 11  Sock Hop (details to follow)
August 14-17 National Convention in Jacksonville, FL.
September 14 Agent Orange Town Hall Meeting Chapter 77 (details to follow)
September 21 NYS Council Meeting