“This nation will remain the land of the free only so long as it is the home of the brave.”
Remembering our Fallen Heroes - November

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“Courage is almost a contradiction in terms. It means a strong desire to live taking the form of readiness to die.”
G.K. Chesterton, English writer, 1874-1936.
Clean-up at the Memorial - September 28, 2013

Thanks to all the volunteers who donated their time and energy - Fred Elliott, Dave Freundschuh, Val Gatto, Brian Macaluso, Chuck Macaluso, Jeffrey Macaluso, Jack Madigan, Dick Oleksyn, Ralph Pascale, Joe Peck, Ron Trovato, Bruce VanApeldoorn, Rose Rossi-Williams, and Grant Wideman from the County.
Vietnam -- The “Different” War

By Ira Cooperman

This month’s observance of Veterans Day causes my thoughts to turn to the Vietnam War -- the central event of my life, and the lives of so many Vietnam vets. It was, to paraphrase several historians, an epic event -- not only for us, but for millions of others.

Vietnam was both the longest single war and the most sustained revolutionary effort of the 20th century, lasting for the Vietnamese people from 1945 to 1975, ending only when Ho Chi Minh’s forces entered Saigon on April 30th.

The cost of human suffering was monumental. The war produced millions of displaced persons -- estimated at one-third of Vietnam’s population.

In the United States, a different kind of disorientation was experienced, for the Vietnam War had a powerful impact on American life. It also was the most challenging military experience in U.S. history.

Only now, after decades of avoidance and silence, as well as our experiences in Iraq and Afghanistan, are Americans coming to terms with Vietnam, a war that deeply divided the country.

In fact, it wasn’t even called a “war.” Most memorials in state capitals which contain lists of the casualties of America’s military actions use expressions such as the “Vietnam Era” or the “Viet Nam Conflict” on its monuments.

No such euphemisms are possible for Vietnam vets, or for the more than 58,000 Americans who died, or the two million Vietnamese, 200,000 Cambodians, and 100,000 Laotians who were killed in a war that for America lasted over a dozen years.

Whatever history books call it, you and I know it was war. But it’s important to note that Vietnam was a different war. Politically, militarily, and in its outcome, Vietnam did not resemble what I learned in school about America’s other military conflicts.

In Vietnam, the U.S. triumphed over no evil empires, and the troops did not receive a joyous homecoming. Most of us went to Vietnam ignorant of the people and cultures of Southeast Asia and came back more confused than ever.

During the war, our civilian government and military establishment manufactured disinformation, disseminating it at daily news briefings in downtown Saigon sarcastically known as the “Five o’clock Follies.”

Bloody events, which included such diverse occurrences as the coordinated attacks that took place throughout Vietnam as part of the Tet/New Year Offensive of 1968, and the Kent State shootings in 1970, also contributed to making Vietnam a different war.

Another significant difference was the media coverage; this was the first war the American public was forced-fed through television. The staging of the war in living rooms throughout the world did not guarantee any less bias or more realism than any other selected or censored versions.

If anything, TV may have made the Vietnam War still less real than other wars, seen as it was, in full color but small scale, wedged between the dominant cultures’ other fictions, competing with war movies and sitcoms.

As vets are aware, Vietnam also was a different war “in-country” -- for those of us stationed in Vietnam. Different in the cities, the villages, the field and in the rear. Different in a helicopter, or an F-4 jet fighter, or a B-52 bomber, or on an aircraft carrier on Yankee Station. Different in the Delta, the Highlands, the DMZ, in Laos or Cambodia. Different on the rivers, in the mud, in the hospitals.

It was a different war for women -- for the more than 7,000 American women who volunteered for Vietnam, the millions at home waiting for their men, and the millions of Vietnamese women. For women serving in Vietnam, and most were nurses, it was a question of survival. Never forget the names of the eight American women who are on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, who died while trying to help guys like us.

Today, once again, it is a different war in its physical and emotional aftermath:

- For the Vietnamese still dying from unexploded ordnance left behind.
- For the Americans and Vietnamese suffering the effects of Agent Orange and other toxic chemicals absorbed decades ago.
- For refugees -- for those boat people who survived, and for those who did not.
- And for all who served and were afflicted with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).
Finally, it is seen as a different war today than it was 40 or 50 years ago -- for those who cannot forget it, whether they were in Vietnam or not; for those who cannot remember it because they were too young; and for those of all ages who look at Vietnam through the lens of current events.

Vietnam offered no great battles and no clearly defined enemy. Its casualties included Americans’ sense of trust in our government and the broad national consensus that had defined American foreign policy since World War II. This has made just about any discussion of the war inherently polarizing.

On this month’s Veterans Day, let’s Welcome Home all veterans who have ever served our country. That’s the least we and they deserve.

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Corning Museum of Glass

As a Thank You to all our Veterans, the Museum is offering FREE admission to Veterans, with ID on November 10 % 11. All other adults in your party will receive a 15% discount off admission. Save 20% off non-sale items at the GlassMarket, November 11-15. The Museum also offers a 15% discount off admission to all active and retired military all year long.

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First of all, I would like to take a minute to thank all those who attended this year’s candle light vigil at the memorial on September 14th. Especially the members from the Patriot Guard who stood vigilantly and proudly holding the flags during the reading of the names. We all realize over the years that many of us have gotten a little older and sometimes it is hard to read the names and of course to brave the cold of night but I am sure that our POW/MIA’s and their families appreciate our dedication to remember those who are still missing amongst us.

There have been new 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 that 2 more missing have been identified and accounted for. (The total number of Americans missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War now stands at 1642.) They are:

**Col. Francis Jay McGouldrick Jr.,** US Air Force from New Haven, Connecticut was the co-pilot of a B57B Canberra aircraft from Phan Rang Airbase, South Vietnam. On December 13, 1968 while on a night mission to destroy any enemy truck convoys spotted by low flying C123k aircrafts along routes 911 and 912 on the Ho Chi Minh trail, Col McGouldrick’s aircraft, which was about 30 miles from Ban Karai Pass in Laos, crashed into a C-130 (FAC) Forward Air Control aircraft while on its descent into the bombing run and then bumped into the low flying C123k aircraft that was guiding the bomb mission below them. Speculation on what caused the B57B to hit the FAC aircraft, was that it could have been enemy ground fire or a mechanical failure that caused the fatal crash. Search and recover efforts were attempted but terminated when no trace of the missing could be found. A ground search was impossible because of the rugged terrain and total control by enemy forces in the area so all recovery efforts ended by December 15th. Col. McGouldrick with the pilot of this aircraft was listed as missing in action. The remains of Col. Francis Jay McGouldrick were recovered and returned on May 22, 2012. He was positively identified on August 28, 2013 and accounted for on September 6, 2013. Funeral date and location will be announced at a later date.

**SSG. Lawrence Woods**, US Army from Clarksville, Tennessee was a member of the 5th Special Forces group as a cook and a medic and was a passenger onboard a Fairchild C123 “Provider” which departed Na
Trang on October 24, 1964. That mission was an aerial resupply for ground forces operating near the border of South Vietnam and Cambodia. The aircraft came under heavy enemy fire and crashed near the resupply point as ground forces looked on in horror. The aircraft was completely destroyed by fire except for the tail section. A search of the area indicated that there were no parachutes deployed and resulted in the recovery and accounting of 7 of the 8 individuals onboard the aircraft. Only SSgt. Woods was reported as MIA. The remains of SSgt. Lawrence Woods were recently located and recovered. He was returned April 13, 2010 and identified Sept 13, 2013. He was officially accounted for September 27, 2013 and will be laid to rest with full military honors early in 2014.

A recent news release from the DPMO reported that US Airmen Maj. James E. Sizemore and Maj. Howard V. Andre Jr. (June Issue of the BTL) were finally laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on Sept. 23, 2013.

There are reports of the recoveries and identifications of individuals from the following wars:

- Cpl. Robert J. Tait, US Army was lost December 6, 1950 near the Chosin Reservoir, North Korea. He was accounted for on September 10, 2013. He will be laid to rest with full military honors October 5th in Bar Harbor, Maine.
- PFC. Norman P. Dufresne, US Army was lost July 30, 1950 near Chinju, South Korea. He was accounted for on September 19, 2013. He will be laid to rest with full military honors October 19th in Leominster, Massachusetts.
- Cpl. Harold A. Evans, US Army was lost December 13, 1950 near Sinhung-ri, North Korea. He was accounted for on September 26, 2013. He will be laid to rest with full military honors October 12th in Thief River Falls, Minnesota.
- Tech. 5 (Corp). Oneal Rush, US Army was lost August 19, 1944 in an Aircraft crash in Burma. He was accounted for September 26, 2013. He will be laid to rest with full military honors October 26, 2013 in Galivants Ferry, South Carolina.

These families now have the peace of mind as to where their loved ones 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.

“Never give in – never, never, never, never, in nothing great or small, large or petty, never give in except to convictions of honor and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy.” Winston Churchill, British Prime Minister, 1874 – 1965.
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Join the Marines!

At the November meeting our Marines will celebrate their 238th Birthday with Chapter members. Come celebrate and have a piece of cake.

Hosted by - Bruce VanApeldoorn & Brother & Sister Marines

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Saturday, April 26, 2014
Chapter 20’s Annual Dinner
Health Affairs Committee Chairperson, Jerry McDermott

VA Claim Tips Update 03  ► Secondary Service Connection Claims

Most veterans know that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides disability benefits to vets who suffered an injury or illness directly connected to their service. They also know that the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) provides disability benefits to vets who suffered an injury or illness directly connected to their service. However, these same veterans may not know that the VA also provides benefits for conditions caused or worsened by the initial service-connected disability. These are known as secondary service-connected impairments. Secondary service connection may be established for an illness or impairment which was caused or worsened by an existing service-connected disability. The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) says "A disability which is proximately due to, or the result of a service-connected disease or injury, shall be service connected, and shall be considered part of the original service-connected condition."

Although the VA promises such benefits to disabled veterans, actually receiving them may not be easy. Proving that your new condition was the result of your service-connected impairment or that your existing condition was made worse by your service-connected impairment may require extensive medical evidence and visits to doctors. For example, if you injured your left knee in service, you may be entitled to service-connected benefits for the left knee. However, what if the injury to your left knee caused an alteration to your gait, forcing you to deal with the pain in your left knee by putting more weight on your right knee? If you later develop a problem in your right knee, you may be entitled to disability compensation for the right knee as secondary to the left knee. Other examples of secondary service connected disabilities are the many conditions that result from diabetes, which the VA has presumed to be related to exposure to Agent Orange and other toxic substances. Veterans with a diabetes diagnosis due to chemical exposure may be eligible for secondary claims based on:

- Peripheral artery disease
- Ischemic heart disease
- Carotid artery disease
- Stroke
- Kidney disease
- Hypertension
- Diseases of the eye

Other examples of secondary service connection include:

- Back pain resulting from a hip condition.
- Medication for PTSD that causes erectile dysfunction.
- Tinnitus that accompanies service-connected hearing loss.
• Depression or other mental illness resulting from losses caused by service-connected injuries, such as traumatic brain injury, hearing loss and other life-changing injuries.
• Heart disease arising from service-connected hypertension.
• Heart disease resulting from certain service-connected amputations

Things To Remember When Seeking Benefits for Secondary Service Connection

Some claims for VA disability benefits are relatively straightforward. Others, however, can be complex. There are some things to keep in mind when seeking VA disability benefits for a secondary service connection:

- Be sure you have good evidence that the new disability was the result of an accepted service-connected disability.
- It is likely that you will need an expert medical opinion about the cause and effect relationship of your service-connected disability and your new condition.
- Your primary, or first, service-connected condition must be on record.
- It is important that your medical records show diagnosis and treatment of the secondary condition.

An advocate or claims agent knowledgeable about this type of VA disability claim can help you. Numerous ones can be found on the internet, however, many of these charge fees after a free consultation. Veterans can contact the DAV Chapter, Department or National Service Officers nearest them to file a claim without paying any fees. To locate one refer to http://www.dav.org/veterans/find-your-local-office/.

“In war, there are no unwounded soldiers.”
Jose Narosky, Argentinian writer.

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

If you change your email address, let us know so we can be sure you keep receiving the BTL and other Chapter mailings. Email Fred at felliott@rochester.rr.com or Marie at mdavias@rochester.rr.com.
Thanks to tour guides - Geno Lenyk, Chuck Macaluso, Jerry McDermott, Dick Oleksyn, and Bruce VanApeldoorn
WE Need New Members!

Mike General, Membership Chair

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 558 members and AVVA is at 47 members as of 09/30/13.

Chapter 20 Coin: One coin is given to each new member. If you lose the coin there is a $5.00 charge for a new one.

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 anyone, you do not need to be a Veteran.

Membership Applications are available in every issue of the BTL, on our Website or by contacting me. (mwgeneral@aol.com)

Thank-You for your support in this matter!

Curley Gavin

Bill Hennessy

“A man good enough to shed his blood for his country, is good enough to receive a square deal afterwards ... “
Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States.
Chapter 20's Honor Guard pays respect to a returning Honor Flight exemplifying VVA's motto - “Never Again Shall One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another”
Annual Blue Star Moms ROC Army vs. Navy Football Party

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A new page, written by Chapter member Fred Elliott. The opinions and/or positions expressed on this page are in no way the opinion or position of Chapter 20. The author accepts full responsibility for the expression of his opinions and positions on the various items written about on this page. (Although it may be his medication that makes him say these things.)

A Shift in Policy at VVA National?

The September/October 2013 issue of The VVA Veteran, on page 28, in an article written by Adam Weidman and Tom Berger titled, Impact of the Affordable Care Act, a new and disturbing idea is being brought forth. The authors have proposed a method to help fix the VA health care system. They believe that the VA is unlikely to receive the funding it needs therefore they are suggesting that low-income veterans who are currently using the VA be rolled into other systems such as Medicaid (not to be confused with Medicare). I can’t argue that the VA needs fixing; but I don’t think the way to fix it is by removing Veterans from the system. Veterans have earned the right to access the VA health care system by virtue of their service to this nation and should not be sent elsewhere because Congress isn’t holding up their end of the bargain between the Veteran and this government. Hopefully, the VVA National Board of Directors will take up this issue and show Mr. Weidman and Mr. Berger the error of their ways.

Budget Cuts Ground Planes

According to a September 23rd article on FoxNews.com, two U.S. Air Force pilots who were shot down in 1969 over Laos were laid to rest at Arlington National Cemetery without the benefit of a traditional flyover. The Air Force said they couldn’t provide a flyover because of “limited flying hours and budget cuts”. Fortunately, eight volunteer civilian pilots from Warrior Flight Team (www.warrioraviation.org) agreed to perform the flyover in their own planes at their cost. I find it hard to believe that the U.S.A.F. couldn’t find the $25,000 to $30,000 in its $154 billion dollar budget to provide the flyover.

You Gotta Love Tammy

In the June 26th edition of the Army Times blog, Outside The Wire, Iraq veteran and Congressional representative from Illinois, Tammy Duckworth, took an IRS contractor to task. Representative Duckworth lost her legs and the use of her right arm as a helicopter pilot in Iraq in 2004. During a House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform meeting, Representative Duckworth questioned Braulio Castillo who owns a technology business certified as a service-disabled, veteran-owned company eligible for government set aside contracts. Mr. Castillo broke his foot in a prep school injury at the U.S. Military Preparatory School, which he attended for nine months before playing football in college.

Ms. Duckworth read from a letter sent to the VA by Mr. Castillo in which Castillo stated, “These are crosses that I bear due to my service to our great country and I would do it again to protect this great country”. After a pause, Rep. Duckworth said, “I’m so glad that you would be willing to play football in prep school again to protect this great country. Shame on you, Mr. Castillo. Shame on you. You may not have broken any laws .... But you certainly broke the trust of this great nation. You broke the trust of veterans”.
You've Heard the Rumors, Here are the Facts ………..

On Wednesday, October 2nd, there was an informational meeting at the Forty & Eight on University Avenue. Susan Schutz, Manager of the VA Rochester Outpatient Clinic (ROPC) on Westfall Road spoke to the members of DAV Chapter 15 and guests about the future of the ROPC in Monroe County.

Chapter 20 members Bill Auble, Mike Belle-Isle, Fred Elliott, Dick Lewandowski, Jerry McDermott, Ken Moore, Rene Vanmulem, Ed Williams, and Rose Rossi-Williams were all in attendance. Also in attendance was a representative from Congresswoman Louise Slaughter.

Ms. Schutz told us:

- Congressional approval was received in 2012 for the project
- The current lease for the property on Westfall Road ends in October 2016
- A new two story facility is being planned – bordered on the North by Elmwood Avenue, on the South by the NYS Thruway, on the East by Route 590, and on the West by West Henrietta Road – the site will be comprised of +/- 14 acres – 125,000 gross square feet building with +/- 600 parking spaces (180 staff)
- Bidding for the project will be public, competitive, and confidential
- It will take 3-5 more months to complete the design concept
- In 6 – 8 months, Ms. Schutz will be able to answer questions with more detail
- Multiple building entrances are desired for veterans to access the facility
- The location has NOT been decided yet; transportation options will be considered
- ROPC sees twice as many outpatients as the Canandaigua VAMC (currently 12,000 to 18,000 veterans)
- Services available at Clinton Crossings would come into the new facility
- Homeless staff would return to the ROPC
- Day Treatment center will remain off-site
- Two operating rooms are planned to be included at the new facility
- It is possible the Ear, Nose & Throat and Acupuncture services will be relocated from Canandaigua to the new facility
- Will be able to accommodate victims of Military Sexual Trauma (MST)
- Wi-Fi will be available throughout the new building
- There will be an area for volunteers
- There will be no emergency department or urgent care available

Ms. Schutz may be reached at susan.schutz2@va.gov or through her secretary, Norma Cook at 463-2651.
Chapter Fundraiser

Wreaths may be ordered by phone 585-482-7396 or 585-738-6138. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Chapter 20 and sent to the Chapter at P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612. Delivery will be before Thanksgiving.

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Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20 offers several ways of commemorating a special person. One of those ways is the Memorial Walk at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Walk is a pathway of bricks inscribed with the names of individuals who have served their country with valor. Their names will forever remain a reminder of the dedication and tenacity demonstrated by the thousands of men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

If you wish to make a monetary donation directly to Chapter 20 in support of all the functions and services they provide to veterans and their families, send your check or money order payable to Chapter 20, VVA:

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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.

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**Save the Date!**

**Saturday, April 26, 2014**

**Chapter 20’s Annual Dinner**
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www.rochestervietnammemorial.org/The_Memorial

Operation Welcome Home  
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VVA New York State Council  
www.nyvietnammemorial.org

Honor Flight  
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VA Outpatient Clinic  
465 Westfall Rd  
463-2600

Veterans Outreach Center  
459 South Avenue  
546-1081

VA Vet Center  
232-5040

Veterans Administration  
800-827-1000

Monroe County Veterans Service Agency  
753-6040

POW/MIA 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.  
385-4097

Operation Welcome Home  
234-4694

National Caregivers Support Line  
855-260-3274

Homeless Hotline  
877-424-3838

Suicide Hotline  
800-273-8255

Women’s Veteran Hotline  
855-829-6636

**Miscellaneous**

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224-8484

VVA Chapter 20  
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Upcoming Events (November 2013):

7th (Thursday) – 10am Penfield, Veterans Seminar at the Community Center on Baird Rd. Lunch will be provided for veterans and their spouses.

9th (Saturday) – 9:15am Chili Senior Center, 3235 Chili Ave., 7th Annual Veterans’ Celebration, Brunch will be provided, Entertainment provided by “The Rat Pack”, Contact Mary Anne Sears if you will be attending (889-6185 or masears@townofchili.org

11th (Monday) – 9:30am Rochester War Memorial Annual Veterans Day Ceremony

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11th (Monday) – 6pm Chapter Ceremony in Highland Park at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

14th (Thursday) – 6:30pm Chapter Meeting

16th (Saturday) – 7pm Honor Flight Fundraiser at the Barnard Exempt, 360 Maiden Lane; Tickets are $12p/p and may be purchased at the Greece Post on Dorsey Rd, the Barnard Exempt, or Karen Gerrish (467-9002); Door prizes, 50/50 raffle, Elvis impersonator; Food & Beverages available for purchase; Doors open at 5:30pm

28th (Thursday) – Thanksgiving Day