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Remembering our Fallen Heroes - November

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

(H) 585-225-8288
chuckmac66@yahoo.com

Friends of the Memorial

To be placed on the volunteer contact list:
Contact – Chuck Macaluso
585-225-8288 (h)
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VETERANS WALK COMMITTEE
154 Mendota Drive
Rochester, New York 14626

From:
Name: ________________________
Address: ______________________
City/Zip: ______________________
Phone: ________________________

Sample Brick

PFC John Doe
US Army
65-67 Vietnam

The Veterans Walk Committee of Chapter 20, VVA wants to thank you for your purchase of a personalized, engraved paver brick.

Each paver brick (4" x 8") can have from one to three lines of engraved information. The cost will be $50.00 per brick. Make checks or money order payable to:

VVA Chapter 20, Veterans Walk

The engraved line(s) can include any of the following information:

Full name
Branch of service, rank
Dates of service (1967-1969, etc.)
Conflict (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, etc.)

Please print the information you would like engraved on the brick below. (Maximum of 14 letters/numbers, including spaces per line).

1. ______________________
2. ______________________
3. ______________________

Return the completed form to the - Veterans Walk Committee, c/o Chuck Macaluso, 154 Mendota Drive, Rochester, New York 14626.
Include: Payment and "Proof of Service" for above recipient.

Please Note: Engraved bricks will be installed prior to Memorial Day and Veterans Day (twice annually).
Questions please call Chuck or Joan Macaluso as 585-225-8288
Currently there have been no 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 this month. The total number of Americans missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War still stands at 1640.

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

- Staff Sgt. John E. Copeland and Tech Sgt. Hugh F. Moore, US Army Air Force were lost April 10, 1944 in Papua, New Guinea. They were accounted for on August 2 and September 5, 2014 respectively. They will be laid to rest with full military honors at a later date.

- Staff Sgt Maurice J. Fevold, US Army Air Force was lost December 23, 1944 in Germany. He was accounted for on September 17, 2014. He will be laid to rest with full military honors.

For our men and women who have served our country honorably and who never came home, we will never stop searching nor give up hope that someday you will be returned to your families and your brothers in arms.

You will not be forgotten.
This past April I received a phone call from Norm Richards who is an American historian for his dad’s WWII Division (90th Division). He has operated his own military research business since 2006. His team in France found my Dad’s WWII dog tag. It was returned to me on June 30th with a copy of a newspaper article in English and French. There was a ceremony held near Metz France either on June 11 or 12th (I cannot read French) to present the dog tag to Mr. Richards, who then returned it to me. It was covered by the French TV and newspapers. The name of the article was “The Human Story Behind a Scrap of Metal”. Two “dog tags”, military ID tags, were presented to an American citizen (Mr. Richards) at Sillegny, in a ceremony marked by memory and the spirit of brotherhood. One was Dad’s dog tag who was captured and the other for an American soldier who was wounded, and after convalescing in Europe, returned home to the U.S.

I have a copy of the article that was written in English and also in French. My Dad was a resident of Rochester and was a WWII POW. He suffered from the bad treatment he received at Stalag 2B at Hammerstein in Pomerania (today known as Poland). It was a very tough POW camp, yet he was able to survive. When he got off the train in the U.S., his own mother did not recognize him.

My Dad lost his dog tag in the battle of 1944. The other soldier was not a POW, but his dog tag was also found with my Dad’s, and also returned by Mr. Richards to his daughter.

My Dad was a hero. He did not speak about his time in the POW camp until in later years. I cannot even begin to imagine the horrible atrocities he endured. He could have come back from the war an angry and bitter man, but he was not like that. He taught me to accept everyone no matter what their race, religious beliefs, political beliefs, sexual preference, and color. I am so proud to have my Dad’s dog tag and hold it in my hand. It is a precious gift that I will always treasure.

Mr. Norm Richards is a wonderful man and I cannot thank him enough for returning Dad’s dog tag. If you would like to know more about him, he lives in Saint Charles, Missouri, and if he would give me permission to do so, I have his home address and phone number (that will be his decision to release that information). He is honoring our veterans and their families every day, and should be thanked and appreciated by all of us. I know I can never repay him for his kindness.

Sue Douglas
Heroes with Hearing Loss
Free event at St. Paul’s Episcopal Church – Noon to 1pm
Park at the George Eastman House – the Church is across the street
For more info call (585)266-7890 or hlaa-rochester-ny.org

Saturday November 8th
Free veterans Day Salute Brunch at the Palmyra VFW
4306 Route 31 in Palmyra
RSVP (315)331-3783 or betsy.americo@redcross.org

Sunday November 9th
RIT Veterans Day Race
Registration ($20) begins at 7:30am – Race begins at 9:30am

Tuesday November 11th
Ceremony at the Highland Park Vietnam Veterans Memorial – 6pm

Thursday November 13th
Chapter Membership Meeting – 6:30pm

Happy 239th Birthday to the Marines!

Happy Birthday to Dave Kolchuk on November 20th!
WE’RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEMBERS

Mike General, Chairman, Membership Affairs

Chapter 20 membership is currently at 579 members and AVVA is at 46 members as of 9/30/14. Membership is dropping mainly due to members not renewing.

Please Renew Your Membership!

If you are renewing as a “Life Member”, please remember to include a copy of your DD-214 with your application. PLEASE NOTE: Time payment option for Life Membership has been dropped by National.

When your address changes, please notify Mike General so we can keep our roster up to date.

We Need Your Help in Recruiting New Members

Chapter 20 membership is open to U.S. Veterans who served on active duty (other than for 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.

Membership includes a subscription to our award-winning newspaper, Between the Lines, and The VVA Veteran, bringing you updates on issues and legislation affecting veterans, as well as unique articles on the people, places, and history of the Vietnam experience.

Membership in the Associate of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA) is open to anyone; you do not need to be a veteran.

We need new members! Membership applications are available on our Website, in this newsletter, or by contacting me, Mike General (mwgeneral@aol.com).

New member in October, Air Force veteran (1969-70), Bob Kuzmicki. Welcome Home Bob!
Highlights of the October Membership Meeting

Member Thomas Pratt attends his first meeting in a long while

Air Force vet John Callaghan attends as a guest

Air Force vet Nadine Fountain attends as a guest

Chapter member John Gretzinger spoke about his experience with Honor Flight

Nell Ruedin spoke about the Library's Oral History Project

106 PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE!

Barb Kier won the 50/50 drawing!

Dick Douglas won the flag drawing!
President Gatto presents a $1,000 donation to the Vets’ Court Program

Katie Jividen and Eve Moses talk about Lifespan and the services available

David and Barb Ackroyd of Rochester

David and Michelle Ackroyd of the United Kingdom

David and Michelle were in the U.S. on vacation and stopped in Rochester to visit with David and Barb to explore the possibility of a family connection. Their son, Joshua, wanted to meet some Vietnam Veterans to get some questions answered so they came to our meeting.

15 year old Joshua Ackroyd of the United Kingdom

It’s not clear if Linda is explaining American Pizza to Josh or what it was like to be a woman in the Air Force during the Vietnam War.
Hearing Loss Association of America
Rochester Chapter

Welcomes
HEROES with HEARING LOSS

Master Sergeant Sean Lehman, USAF, Ret.

Introduction by Major General Norbert Rappl, USA, Ret.

Tuesday November 4, 2014
Noon-1:00pm

Free and open to the public!

St. Paul’s Episcopal Church
Corner of East Avenue at 25 Westminster Road,
across from George Eastman House
Parking available at George Eastman House

For more information:
Phone: 585-266-7890 or Visit: hlaa-rochester-ny.org

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HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF VETERANS

Volunteer Drivers Needed at the Canandaigua VA and Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic

The Canandaigua VA Medical Center and Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic are looking for drivers for the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) transportation program. All DAV van drivers are volunteers.

Requirements are:
- Must have a valid NY Driver’s License and insurance card.
- Complete a Defensive Drivers course.
- Complete a VA approved Driver Physical.

The DAV Transportation Network provides transportation for Veterans to VA Medical Centers and Clinics. The DAV has donated the vans for the program. Chapter 20 also helped donate a van for the Rochester program.

If you would like more information on the DAV transportation system in Canandaigua or Rochester, please contact Voluntary Services at (585)-393-7761 or http://www.visn2.va.gov/vet/volunteer.asp

(You do NOT need to be a member of the DAV to volunteer as a driver.)

The Oral History Project at the Rochester Rundel Memorial Library

If you were interviewed for the Oral History Project at the Library and you would like to submit a picture to be used on the website, contact Nell Ruedin at nruedin@libraryweb.org
The Marine Corps League is conducting the 2014 Toys for Tots campaign. We are seeking new, unwrapped toys or monetary donations to provide toys to needy children in the Greater Rochester and surrounding rural counties. Scott VanGrol (a member of Chapter 20) from the Genesee Valley Detachment is this year’s Local Community Organizer and will have a collection box at the Chapter 20 November meeting.

If you would like to volunteer to work in the warehouse, set out or pick up collection boxes please go to the following web address: [http://rochester-ny.toysfortots.org](http://rochester-ny.toysfortots.org) or call Scott at (585) 737-9174 to sign up.
Who: Cooper Marine American Legion Post #603
What: Nov. Monthly Dinner Meeting
Where: Dakota Grill on Route 18, Hamlin.

When: Tuesday, 11 November 2014. at 1700 Hours.
Why: So you can meet the Cooper Marines and have a piece of Marine Corps Birthday Cake.

YES! I’ll call Bob Miller at 585 247-4807 by Thursday 6 Nov. 2014 and tell him I’m coming.

Semper Fi Marines!
**ODDS N’ ENDS**

A page written by Chapter member Fred Elliott. The opinions and/or positions expressed on this page are in no way the opinions or positions 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.

Okay, Ron Trovato convinced me to be a volunteer for Lifetime Care’s Vet-to-Vet Hospice Program. I have completed the training and will be making my first visit with a veteran very soon. Some people think this is a program of the Chapter but it is not. It is wholly a program of Lifetime Care that some Chapter members have chosen to participate in as volunteers.

I’m sure you have noticed a new page in the BTL, “What’s Inside”. I created this page to hopefully generate interest in reading the whole newsletter by letting the reader know what’s in each issue.

November is a busy month for veterans and the Chapter. Everyone wants to hold an event to honor veterans on Veterans Day. Check out the “Save the Date” page and find an event to attend this month that appeals to you.

In mid-October, Marie and I went to Hyde Park, NY, the home of Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Presidential Library and childhood home. We came away from there with a new-found respect for his tenure as President. Of course, we were inspired by the Ken Burns series on FDR that aired on public television just recently.

Nothing new to report on the plans to build a new VA clinic to replace the Westfall Road site. The VA would have us believe it’s going to happen on time just like they keep telling us, but I have my doubts.

I hope you’re all registered and go vote on November 4th. This is our one opportunity to have a direct say in who will next tell us how good we have it and how they made it possible. No matter who you support, you need to get to the polls and cast your vote. Otherwise how can you complain about or applaud the job they are doing if you didn’t vote? Isn’t this one of the freedoms we fought for? As they say in Chicago, vote early and vote often!
Standing Tall

A Lifetime Care bereavement support group facilitated by Veterans for Veterans.

Starting November 10
In honor of Veterans Day

This group is for any Veteran who has lost a loved one.

Join support group facilitators
Ron Trovato and Stergios Skatharoudis on
the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month at the
The David H. Klein Center for Compassion and Healing
3111 Winton Road South
Rochester, NY 14623
1-2:30PM

Please call 585-475-8800 with any questions.
LIGHTS OF HONOR
TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

BLUE STAR MOTHERS OF
ROCHESTER, NEW YORK CHAPTER 8

Please join us in honoring our past and present military personnel

When: December 6, 2014

Where: International Arrivals Hall
Greater Rochester International Airport

Time: 10:00 am

What: During the ceremony, each service branch and combat era will be honored by a representative placing an ornament of a military person on the tree. At the end of the ceremony, you will be invited to place your own service person’s ornament there.

How: Use this form to submit your pictures for the ornament to be prepared ahead of time. Additional copies are available on our website:
www.BlueStarMomsROC.com

LIGHTS OF HONOR
Tree Lighting Ceremony
December 6, 2014 — 10:00 am

The Blue Star Mothers will provide, at no cost to you, the original photo ornament. This ornament will be displayed annually on the Lights of Honor tree at the airport. To order keepsake duplicate ornaments, mail a check for $15 each to the address below.

Please mail or e-mail the following information:

Your name
Address
E-mail
Phone #

To Honor (name)

Branch of Service

Era/Dates of Service
(Revolutionary War, WWI, Korea, Afghanistan, etc)

Underline the appropriate status for this person:
SILVER: wounded in the line of duty
GOLD: died in the line of duty
BLACK: Missing in Action or Prisoner of War
BLUE: all other service members

Please underline medals awarded:
Medal of Honor, Purple Heart, Silver Star, Bronze Star

Number of keepsake ornaments requested_______

E-mail digital (jpg format) photos to:
mark_hartman@rochester.rr.com
or
Mail actual photos which we will scan and return to you to:
Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., NY Chapter 8
459 South Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620.

Submit pictures no later than Veteran’s Day, Nov 11, 2014
IN MEMORY DONATIONS

When the simple act of placing flowers on a casket or placing stones on a headstone does not seem to be enough to honor the memory of a special someone who has passed away, one may choose to make a donation in his or her honor to commemorate the values and beliefs of the deceased. Chapter 20 VVA is committed to recognizing the sacrifices made by all military personnel in every branch of the armed forces. The memory of the deceased veteran is honored in the continuous work and service carried out by the dedicated Chapter members and associates. The monetary donations sent by individuals help make it possible to continue serving veterans and their families. The combined efforts of donors, lawmakers, members, and associates have far-reaching effects on the quality of all our lives.

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:

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 20
P.O. Box 12580
Rochester, NY 14612
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20

Name: ____________________________________  Date of Birth: _________________ Sex ( )M ( )F

Address: ____________________________________

City: _____________________________________  Home Phone: ( 555 )________________________

Zip: ___________  County: ____________________  Work Phone: ( 555 )________________________

Email Address: _________________________

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

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

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

VVA is a non-profit veterans service organization. Programs and services are funded by member dues and public donations.

BETWEEN THE LINES:
Between the Lines is published monthly by Chapter 20, Vietnam Veterans of America. The views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of Chapter 20 or the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., its Officers, Board of Directors, or the General Membership. Between the Lines can be viewed on the Chapter 20 website at www.vva20.org.

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 felliott@rochester.rr.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 10th of the preceding month. Exceptions may be granted by contacting the Editor.
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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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Italian American Sports Club
1250 Buffalo Rd.
Rochester, NY 14624
(585)464-9160

Denis Gurnett, Instructor

Get Gun Smart.com
Professional Private Firearms Training
Important Dates in November:

1st (1963) – South Vietnam President Diem is killed in a military coup

3rd (1921) – Actor & WWII Army Air Force aerial gunner Charles Bronson’s Birthday – he received a Purple Heart

4th (1862) – The Gatling Gun is patented

(1918) – Actor & WWII Army veteran (wounded at Normandy) Art (Ed Norton) Carney’s Birthday

(1979) – the U.S. Embassy in Iran is stormed – 52 Americans are taken captive for 444 days

10th (1775) – The U.S. Marine Corps is established as part of the Navy – becomes a separate unit on July 11, 1789

11th (1918) – WWII ends between the Allies and the Central Powers at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month – now known as Veterans Day

13th (2014) – Chapter meeting

19th (1863) – President Lincoln delivers his “Gettysburg Address”

20th (1962) – The Cuban Missile Crisis concludes

22nd (1963) – President Kennedy is assassinated in Dallas by Lee Harvey Oswald


26th (1922) – Cartoonist (Peanuts) & WWII veteran Charles Schulz’s Birthday
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 Vet Benefits – Stan Patykiewicz  SNMPATYK@rochester.rr.com  247-4830 h
 Veterans Walk – C. Macaluso  chuckmac66@yahoo.com  225-8288 h
 Women’s Affairs – Rosemary Rossi-Williams  peprose@gmail.com  738-6138 c

WEB SITES / EMAIL ADDRESSES

NYS Department of Labor  www.labor.ny.gov/vets/vetintropage.shtm
NYS Department of Health  www.health.state.ny.us/nysvets
Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park  www.rochestervietnammemorial.org/The_Memorial
Operation Welcome Home  www.operationwelcomehome.org
VVA New York State Council  www.nyvietnamvets.org
Honor Flight  www.HonorFlightRochester.org

Miscellaneous
VVA Vehicle Donations  738-2870
VVA Chapter 20 info@vva20.org  482-7396

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VETERANS ORGANIZATIONS AND INFORMATION

Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial  753-7275
(Veterans Memorial Fund)
VA Outpatient Clinic  465 Westfall Rd  463-2600
Veterans Outreach Center  459 South Avenue  546-1081
VA Vet Center  232-7040
Veterans Administration
Monroe County Veterans Service Agency  753-6040
National League of Families
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
Crisis Hotline  800-273-8255