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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
First of all, I’d like to personally thank everyone who attended and participated in this year’s candle light vigil on the evening of September 13th at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park. The weather again was in our favor and the ceremony was performed as always with dignity and honor. Maggie Brookes had contacted me about a week ago and had requested if she could also help with reading the names. It was an honor to have her and many others read the names of our missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War each followed by the solemn tone of the POW/MIA bell.

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 is still at 1640.

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

- Pfc. Bernard Gavrin, US Army was lost on June 15, 1944 in Saipan. He was accounted for on July 25, 2014 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- 1st Lt. Herbert V. Young Jr., Sgt. Charles A. Gardner and Tech Sgt. Charles L. Johnston, US Army Air Force was lost April 10, 1944 in Papua, New Guinea. They were accounted for August 19, July 31, and August 21, 2014 respectively. They will be laid to rest with full military honors at a later date.
- Pvt. Robert J. McConachie, US Marine Corps was lost June 15, 1945 in Okinawa, Japan. He was accounted for on August 19, 2014. He will be laid to rest with full military honors.
• Sgt. Lee H. Manning, US Army war lost December 1, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on August 26, 2014. He will be laid to rest with full military honors.
• 1st Lt. William Cook and Sgt. Eric M. Honeywell, US Army Air Force was lost December 23, 1944 in Germany. They were accounted for on August 27 and August 28, 2014, respectively. They will both be laid to rest with full military honors.
• Pfc. Richard N. Bean, US Army was lost June 15, 1944 in Saipan. He was accounted for on September 4, 2014. He will be laid to rest with full military honors.

We will never forget those who are still missing. Until they are all home, our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families.

A POW/MIA Candlelight Vigil was held by the Chapter on September 13th
SAVE THE DATES!

Thursday October 9th, 2014
Chapter Membership Meeting – 6:30pm

Sunday October 19th, 2014
Honor Flight Returns – 11am

Sunday November 9th, 2014
USMC Birthday Celebration

Happy 239th Birthday to all our members who served in the United States Navy!

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Happy Birthday to Chuck Macaluso on October 5th!
Happy Anniversary to Chuck & Joan Macaluso on October 18th!

Jerry McDermott presents NY State Council President, Ned Foote, a $1,000 check from Chapter 20 for the NYSC Service Officer Program.
FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS
Canandaigua VA Medical Center and Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic

Starting on September 29 thru October 31, 2014, the Canandaigua VA Medical Center and Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic will offer flu shots to Veterans. No appointment is needed.

Flu Shots will be available:

- **Canandaigua VA Medical Center**: Monday - Friday, 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m., Building 1 ground floor Room 9 (past the MyHealthVet Resource Area).

- **Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic**: Monday - Friday, 9 - 11 a.m. and 1 – 3 p.m. (by the Veteran’s Service Center).

Please wear a short sleeved shirt and have your VA Health Care ID.

**There is no cost for Veterans. Veterans that are not enrolled in VA Heath Care are asked to bring their DD214 form.**

The Canandaigua VA Medical Center is located at 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424. (585) 394-2000

The Rochester VA Outpatient is located at 465 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14620. (585) 463-2600

Check the Canandaigua VA Medical Center News Room @ [http://www.canandaigua.va.gov/newsroom/cannewsroom.asp](http://www.canandaigua.va.gov/newsroom/cannewsroom.asp) for more upcoming events.

Visit the Canandaigua VA Facebook Page @ [http://www.facebook.com/VACanandaigua](http://www.facebook.com/VACanandaigua)

And while you are getting your free flu shot, why not schedule an Agent Orange examination if you haven’t had one yet. It’s never too late.
Highlights of the September Membership Meeting

New Member – Jack Haden – US Navy

Charlie Phillips presented a check to the Chapter from the Probation Officers’ Association Golf Tournament

New Member - Bob Kuzmick

Ken Moore talking about an upcoming fund raiser for the Vets’ Court Program
Bill Wickum won a special drawing

Beth Ludwig presented the Chapter with a donation

Ken Allocco leads the AF Vets in song
In Memory

William “Bill” Ludwig
December 27, 1944
September 1, 2014
Vietnam Veteran
The Chapter participated in the annual POW/MIA Ceremony at Ontario Beach Park
A Chance Encounter Between Veterans
Roger “Burky” Burkhart and “Al Gore”

We went to the North Rim of the Grand Canyon which is not commercialized. There no motels, just campgrounds in the national park. The road is closed in the winter as it is 8800 feet high and they get snow there. You go into the park from Utah and then cross over into Arizona. We parked and walked the scenic trails around the main lodge. We went up to the lodge and on the stone patio about 5 guys were standing. My girlfriend Joan Means pointed to one of the guys and he smiled and we walked up to him. Joan said "Aren't you the governor of Arizona?". He said "No, we have a lady governor". He said jokingly, "I am Al Gore". Of course it was Arizona Senator John McCain. I had a Navy hat on that I wore to my Navy Patrol Squadron 22 reunion in Las Vegas a few days before. He had a Navy hat on also. He thanked me for my service and I thanked him also but told him that my service was nothing compared to what he went through. One of his secret service guys with a gun and handcuffs on his belt took the picture. He came with a forest ranger in a 4 door forest service pickup truck along with 3 secret service guys. Very few people even saw him there. He was only there a few minutes and left. I talked to a ranger later and he did not even know that Senator McCain was even there. An accidental meeting that I am glad happened.
In September, Marie and I attended my first ever unit reunion. This was for the 2nd battalion, 4th Artillery, of the 9th Infantry Division. This is the unit I went to Basic with, advanced training (at Fort Sill) with, and went overseas with. My primary reason for attending the reunion was to see someone I haven’t seen since 1967. My friend, Doug Henry of Missouri and his wife attended the reunion and we hung out for all three days. It was great! We may have aged, gotten some gray hair and put on a few pounds but it was like we just saw each other the week before. And we did it in a wonderful city, Indianapolis, Indiana.

CANANDAIGUA VAMC TOWN HALL MEETING – September 24 – The meeting was facilitated by Craig Howard, the Director of the Canandaigua VAMC and the Rochester Outpatient Clinic (ROPC). Jerry McDermott, Marie and I were there on behalf of the Chapter, Rosemary Rossi-Williams was there as a rep of the Marine Corps League and a 19 year volunteer at the VA, also present were Laura Stradley, Director of the Monroe County Veterans Service Agency, Tom Nelson of DAV Chapter 15, Paul Cordy, Vice Chair of the Monroe County Executive’s Veterans Advisory Committee, and many other veterans. In no particular order, the following were discussed:

- Town Hall meetings will be held more frequently (maybe quarterly)
- Replacement of a retiring or transferring caregiver is a lengthy process because the VA cannot always compete financially with the private sector and once an individual has been found it takes time for that person to close out their current patient load.
- Buildings at the Canandaigua Campus are being torn down to make way for a $330 million project that will provide 10 units for nursing home care, a domiciliary and ambulatory care.
- There was much discussion about the new, lower water temperature in the swimming pool and how it has had a negative impact on the veterans who were using the pool. Director Howard has promised to re-open this issue and review the entire issue.
• If you have been waiting an unacceptable length of time for an appointment at the Canandaigua or Rochester clinic, arrange to see Director Howard and he will personally see to it that you get an appointment.

• Director Howard attended a two-day training session on scheduling and learned that the scheduling system is convoluted and a patchwork of systems – he said it is being fixed – it currently takes 25 days for a new patient appointment; 20 days for a specialty care appointment; and 8 – 10 days for a behavioral health appointment.

• Final reviews are being conducted for the proposed new ROPC; no location has been selected yet; groundbreaking is expected to be in the summer of 2015.

• The golf course at Canandaigua VAMC has remained closed because no one has stepped up to manage it.

• The sign-in kiosks should only request your social security number if you do not sign in with your VA card or the machine does not properly read the card.

• It was pointed out to Director Howard that there is an effort to put together a Mental Health Council composed of veteran clients and community professionals to advise on the behavioral health services available at Canandaigua and Rochester – in light of that, why not also form a council for the physical health side of the house? He agreed it might be a good idea.

• They are currently working on a method to prevent veterans from being sent to Buffalo, Syracuse, or Albany for acute behavioral health care (it is 14 months away).

• An internal VA group is working on a plan to allow for the hiring of more veterans at the VA.

• Service-connected, disabled veterans are no longer being reimbursed for referral visits (I did not understand the reasoning behind this change) but after hearing from the audience, Director Howard said he will review that situation.

• Each Doctor at the ROPC has about 1,800 to 1,900 patients.

• The VA agrees that more shelters are needed in the Rochester area for female veterans but a community provider is necessary to provide the shelters for which they can be reimbursed by the VA.

In general, everyone agreed that after all is said and done veterans and their families do receive good care in Canandaigua and Rochester and that the staff at both facilities is dedicated to providing good care to veterans.
239th USMC Birthday Celebration / Luncheon

WHEN: Sunday, November 9, 2014

WHERE: Wishing Well Party House
1190 Chili Avenue
Rochester, N.Y. 14624

COST: $22.00 per person

AGENDA
- Cocktails/Sea Stories  1200 - 1300
- Guest Seating  1300 - 1315
- Opening Ceremony  1315 - 1325
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- Lunch / Door Prizes  1345 - 1500

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Name: ________________________________

YES, I plan on attending on November 9th. Number of tickets needed: ____________

Note: Tickets will be issued at the door upon your arrival

Please enclose this form and your check made payable to: Genesee Valley Detachment, MCL

Send to: Gordon H. Williams
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For More Information, Please Contact: Scott VanGrol: (585) 737-9174
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SEATING IS LIMITED SO

Please Make Reservation no later than October 31, 2014

“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”
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.
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: ____________________________________ Home Phone: ( 555 )________________________

City: _____________________________________ Work Phone: ( 555 )________________________

Zip: ___________ County: ____________________ Email Address: ____________________________

I am not a Vietnam Veteran, but I want to help Vietnam Veterans and their families. Sponsor: _______________________________

Please accept my donation: (  ) $10 (  ) $20 (  ) $50 Other ($__________)

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$150 (ages 66-71),
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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.
Important Dates in October:

8th (1918) – Sergeant Alvin York earns the Medal of Honor

9th (2014) – Chapter meeting

10th (1973) – Vice President Spiro Agnew resigns his office

13th (1775) – U.S. Navy’s Birthday

18th (1935) – Actor & Navy veteran Peter (Everybody Loves Raymond) Boyle’s Birthday

20th (1944) – General Douglas MacArthur returns to the Philippines

21st (1967) – Thousands of anti-war protestors storm the Pentagon

23rd (1983) – 241 Marines die in Beirut, Lebanon barracks bombing


26th (1955) – Ngo Dinh Diem declares South Vietnam a republic

28th (1886) – the Statue of Liberty is dedicated

(1944) – Actor & Vietnam Army veteran Dennis Franz’s Birthday

31st (1968) – President Lyndon Johnson halts the bombing of North Vietnam
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