Happy Easter – April 5th

April 7th is National Beer Day
Yes, there really is a National Beer Day. It is an unofficial holiday celebrated on April 7th every year. The day celebrates the end of prohibition which effectively began on April 7, 1933. On that day people were again allowed to buy and sell beer as long as it was less than 3.2%.

The Chapter’s Annual Meeting and Elections are April 9th. Come out and vote for the candidates for Director.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month – see The Clothesline Project flyer inside on page 23.
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The Annual Meeting & Elections will be held April 9, 2015 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 from the stone quarry, next to the Eagles Club and the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

From the East: Heading westbound on 490, exit at Mt. Read Blvd and turn left. Southbound on Mt. Read Blvd to Buffalo Road traffic circle, turn right (westbound) on Buffalo Road. Continue 1.4 miles to 1250 Buffalo Road on the right (North) side.

From the West: Heading eastbound on 490, take exit 33 eastbound (Buffalo Road – Gates Center). Continue eastbound on Buffalo Road. Cross Howard Road and continue about ½ mile to 1250 Buffalo Road on the left (North) side.

Positions for nominations:

- Three Board positions (Directors)
- 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 BTL.
- 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 the previous fiscal year are eligible to vote. (For example – 28 February 2014 to vote April 2015.)
- 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 until 7:30 PM, after which no new ballots will be taken and votes will be tabulated.
- According to the VVA National 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 in the March and April BTL issues.)

Any member interested in running for any of the above mentioned positions, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee members: Chuck Macaluso 585-225-8288 or Dan Corona 585-406-6108.
I am a 68 year old USMC Vietnam veteran, who served “in country” between December of 1966 to January 1968. I was a radio operator most of time in Nam but had a Combat Engineers’ MOS. During my time in Nam I was in the 1st Marine Division and my Unit supported the 7th Marine Regiment and I was usually attached to the 3rd Battalion. The first half of my tour I spent pulling Ops around the Chu Lai area. The second half of my tour I spent in the Da Nang area pulling Ops there.

I was discharged from the Marine Corp in May of 1968 and returned to my hometown Rochester, N.Y. I worked as a machinist apprentice at the D&C and the Times Union, a Gannett newspaper. I didn’t care to work nights and inside work all the time, so I applied for a construction electrical apprenticeship and was accepted. I remained an Electrician until my retirement in 2005.

Prior to my retirement I had been active in my American Legion Post # 1830 serving on various committees, Board of Directors and was instrumental in getting a NYS grant for an electronic sign so our Post could advertise our various functions, which helped raised monies for our charitable contributions, to our members and our surrounding community.

About seven years ago I was appointed the Legislative Chairman for Monroe County American Legion and have been active informing the County legionnaires about the current Federal and State legislation that affects our Veteran community. I also serve on the Monroe County American Legion Executive Committee.

After my retirement I wanted to become more involved with the Veteran community in our area and in the latter part of 2008 there was a call out to the Veteran community for Mentors in a newly founding Veterans Treatment Court with Judge Patricia Marks as the sitting Judge. The majority of mentors that were serving in the beginning of the Court were members of VVA Chapter #20 and I was impressed with them and was invited to attend a few meeting. Shortly thereafter I became a member of the Chapter.

Once I became a member I was invited to help at the trailer that we have at various fairs and carnivals and enjoyed spending time with my fellow members and informing those Vet that stopped by of the benefits they were entitled to through the VA. It is surprising how many Nam Vet who are suffering from some of the presumptive diseases associated with Agent Orange exposure don’t know of the coverage they have through the health system of the VA. I have served at numerous Veterans Benefits fair throughout the years for both the Chapter and the Monroe County Veterans Services.

I recently became a hospice Veteran volunteer for Lifetime Care and joined the many Chapter members who visit a very special group of Veterans in our area. If you were to ask any of us that serve them, I am sure that we would all tell how meaningful it is to have them in our lives and serve them and their families at life’s end.

It is my commitment to our Veteran community that I want bring to our Chapter’s Board of Directors and to share whatever life skills and experiences that I have acquired. I hope that you will entrust me with the responsibilities of being a Chapter Board Member with your vote in April.
DAN CORONA CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR

This will be my 24th year with Chapter #20. I have been a member of the Marching unit for as long, and have been with the Honor Guard for several years. I am running for the Board of Directors to continue the work of this great Chapter. Over the years I have been a member of the LLC Board for the thrift store and car donation business, currently oversee the Chapter web site, member of the Finance Committee, and the Election Committee. I have gone to several VVA conventions to represent the Chapter. Participated in many events such as the 20th anniversary of the Wall in Washington D.C., two visits to the area of the Moving Wall, represent the Chapter at Armed Forces Day. I am married to Diane, have two grown boys and one granddaughter, oh yeah, and a cat.

GEORGE SANFORD CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR

Lifetime member Vietnam Veterans of America.

Married to Charlotte Sanford 33 years, four children and six grandchildren.


Active Duty Bases Lackland AFB TX, Kelly AFB TX, Ft Monmouth NJ, Cam Ranh Bay RVN, Mildenhall UK.


Reserve Bases Youngstown ARB OH, Cryptographic Depot ESC TX, Shaw AFB SC, Ft Meade MD, NSA Special assignment.

AF Civilian Service, 1975-2003 WG -12 Communication Equipment Specialist, GS 12 Civilian Personnel Officer, GS 13 Classification Specialist, GS 12 Communication Manager, Chief Communications Plans Tyndall AFB FL F-22 Bed Down Communications Infrastructure, $7 Million annual Budget.

Other interests Game Bird Propagation, Hunting Guide, Shooting, Fishing, Weight lifting, Certified District Lay Stewart Genesee Valley United Methodist Church, Assistant Football Coach Charles Finney HS. Rush Henrietta Young Life Committee member and Substitute High School Teacher.
I will be 73 in August. Born in Athens, GA but raised in Jacksonville, FL. After college, I was commissioned in the Army (Infantry). During my four years, I served in Colorado, Kansas and Florida. I spent one of those years in Vietnam in the 2d Batt., 503\textsuperscript{rd}Inf., a part of the 173\textsuperscript{rd} Airborne. After the service, I got a master’s degree in business using the GI Bill, from SUNY Binghamton. Since graduating in ’72 I have worked primarily as a college teacher, primarily teaching accounting at RIT’s Deaf program. As a CPA, I do taxes, mainly personal forms. I joined Chapter 20 in 2007 after the death of my wife. I have served Chapter 20 in various positions, most importantly on the Board of Directors and as Commander of the Marching Unit. If re-elected to the Board or not, I will continue to do my best to support the Chapter and my fellow members in a positive manner.

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The methodology and reporting has changed for March and April numbers. The total gain/loss will be an aggregate accumulation of all the months gains and losses.

AIR FORCE - Congratulations to Tom Puff for an aggregate loss of 6.9 pounds and Mick Cole for a loss of 5.6 pounds to date!

ARMY - Congratulations to Jon Phelps for an aggregate loss of 10.7 pounds, and Lynn Gursslin, Jesse Clemons, and George Cooper for a loss of 3 pounds each to date!

NAVY - Congratulations to Bob Harradine for an aggregate loss of 3.6 pounds and Vito Scarpetta for a loss of 2.2 pounds to date!

MARINES - Congratulations to Jack Madigan for an aggregate loss of 10 pounds and Ed Williams for a loss of 5.8 pounds, and Rose Rossi-Wiliams for a loss of 5 pounds!
**MEMORIAL REPORT**

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

Remembering Our Fallen Heroes in April

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**Friends of the Memorial**
To be placed on the volunteer contact list, contact: Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com

**Memorial Tours & Presentations**
Persons interested in onsite tours or presentations at schools or organizations, contact: Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com
*** United Way Donors Please Note ***

Temporary Cancellation of Memorial by United Way

On February 25, 2015 I received a call from a donor as to not being able to find the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Greater Rochester (option 2457) listed on their website “Donor Options List” for 2015. I contacted United Way and left message asking reason Memorial was removed. Following is recorded message left on my service “We were advised by Barry Culhane to remove this Memorial from our donor choice because he said Memorial is responsibility of Monroe County which uses endowment fund (pause) and funding is finished and is just a matter now of them maintaining it. That is why we, effective in 2015 were advised by the President of United Way to remove from our brochure (pause) 2014 dollars getting (pause) in 2015 no longer eligible.” I called the United Way and informed them Barry Culhane does not have any authority to advise their president to drop our organization. I also informed them the Memorial Board was never notified of United Way’s decision to remove our eligibility and also asked if proper internal procedures were followed. Received call from Vice-President stating an internal “mistake” was made and we would immediately be placed back on the website list. Another call from President stating pretty much same and did not want to discuss how this happened only that it was corrected.

The building up of our endowment is crucial to maintaining Memorial when Vietnam Veterans are no longer around to oversee and help. Thanks to our large volunteer base and many expenses being picked up by Chapter 20, we have been able to prevent draining this fund.

You will need to locate a 2014 Donor Option booklet to get Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Greater Rochester option number (2457) OR find online Donor Option List 2015 having an update date of 3/5/15.

Please pass word to friends and fellow employees that United Way donations will continue to be accepted.

Memorial Spring Clean-up

Date: May 7, Thursday

Time: 8:00 AM till about 1:00 PM

Bring: Safety glasses, gloves, rakes, line trimmers, blowers, shovels, wheelbarrow if you can transport.

Note: Clean-up will not be held on Day-of-Caring (May 14th) since date is after start of Lilac Festival (May 8-17th).
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).

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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
The Don & Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award

Chapter 20 has been presenting the Don & Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award since 2004 to worthy individuals who have demonstrated a genuine desire to help veterans of all eras. Unfortunately, many of our current Chapter members and readers of the BTL may not know who Don & Rori are and why the award is named in their honor. Therefore, we now introduce them to you by way of the below articles written by Ron Trovato.

**Don Murrell: A Salute Forward Observer Vol 6 No 1 (Winter 1987)**

The best way to describe Don Murrell is that he is the type of guy that could light one of his cigars in an elevator and people would be thanking him as they stepped out.

It is eminently fitting that Don Murrell, associate member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, was chosen to initiate and oversee the *Forward Observer* for the past five years. Veterans’ newspapers have come and gone while Don has made the *Forward Observer* something very special to the Veterans Outreach Center, the VVA and the volunteer staff involved in the effort. It takes an unusual person to accomplish what Don has done with the *Forward Observer*, and we are in debt as he steps down as editor. Don has remained the one constant in an endeavor that has been anything but stable. He brought two indispensable qualities to the *Forward Observer* which were vital for the continuance of the all-volunteer effort. The first was outstanding organizational abilities and the second was a personality that people find it hard to say no to.

Don Murrell, age 49, served in the U.S. Army from 1955 to 1958 and received a Bachelors Degree in Liberal Arts from the University of Rochester in 1963. While completing his studies at the U of R, Don met his wife Rori, who is currently employed as a counselor at the Outreach Center. From 1966 to 1968, Don attended the College of Law at the University of Toledo, and after a year and a half decided that law was not his calling. At the tender age of 40, Don returned to college at the Rochester Institute of Technology and received his Masters Degree in Business Administration in 1978. He is currently working for the City of Rochester as the Manager, Financial Information Systems.

Don Murrell’s involvement with the VOC/VVA dates back to 1981. Don and Rori heard an announcement regarding a veterans rally downtown at the Liberty Pole and decided to attend. They were told that the Outreach Center (the VVA Chapter was just then being formed) was holding the first annual dinner dance, and in June, 1981 Don joined the VVA as an Associate Member. There was basically one reason for Don becoming involved in the VVA and subsequently donating a substantial time and energy over the years. He has always had an interest in and concern for veterans’ affairs and the most natural outlet for this awareness was his volunteering to help at the VOC. Don’s odyssey with the *Forward Observer* officially began in September, 1981 with his appointment as Editor during a meeting at the VOC with Rori Murrell, Neil Stein, Doug Brooks, and Ron Trovato. Fourteen issues and fourteen hundred cigars later, the *Forward Observer* has been fine-tuned and Bruce McDaniel has assumed Don’s responsibilities as Editor of the paper.
The coordination of an all-volunteer effort over a five year period with the results that Don achieved was no easy matter. In addition to donating ever-increasing amounts of personal time, the logistics involved required a greater number of volunteer writers and staff. There never was a shortage of volunteers and it is to Don’s credit that they have been utilized in such a way as to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the Forward Observer. Many issues were organized and produced against a background of intermittent funding, yet the Forward Observer remained solvent throughout.

The cranking out of each issue was the culmination of the volunteer effort and contained several steps. First, a meeting with the newspaper staff would be scheduled and discussions held while articles were assigned by Don and deadlines for completion set. Printers were lined up and at times changed as Don sought out the most reasonable price for quality publication. Articles were eventually submitted, edited, at times rewritten by Don, and finally retyped by Brenda Teachout. Don would then arrange for the typesetting and layout of the forthcoming issue and the printing galleys would be proofread. An ever-increasing number of cartoons, illustrations, and photographs were utilized and placed where most appropriate. Finally, with all systems go, the Forward Observer would be printed and dropped off at the VOC. Nick DeLeo, who helped immeasurably with each mailing, would supervise the sorting of the Forward Observer as volunteers would assemble to help with the mailing. (Circulation of the Forward Observer is currently 2,800-3,000, with 1,800 copies mailed and the rest distributed through various local agencies and organizations.) Within a day or two, the Forward Observer would be taken to the Post Office ready for delivery to the membership and Don would light up one of his ever-present cigars. The time had come to begin the process anew.

The editorial duties and nuts and bolts operation of the Forward Observer have been transferred to the very capable Bruce McDaniel and we wish him well in his new position. Don Murrell is currently expanding his involvement with the proposed Vietnam Veterans Memorial and will continue to write for the Forward Observer. We thank him for his extraordinary efforts and perseverance in maintaining the Forward Observer and for the chunks of time he has donated to the Outreach Center. If you have the good fortune to work with Don and can take a little cigar smoke, you’ve got a good friend.

Rori Murrell, a Grand Lady of Chapter #20

Here I am trying to reintroduce Life Associate Member Rori Murrell to the Chapter. Yes, that’s right, Rori Murrell of the Don and Rori Murrell Humanitarian Award. That Don and Rori. It is impossible for me not to think of them as a couple as they were always together. Don and Rori, Rori and Don. They were a huge part of Chapter #20 in the early days and they were a big part of my life. They were wild days, the chapter forming around Medal of Honor recipient Gary Beikirch and all of us so young and focused on the impact the war had on us and our families. There was a general feeling that we had really been betrayed, not just by the indifference of the country to our sacrifice but the very real medical implications of Agent Orange. Don was the Editor of the Forward Observer and he favorably compared me to Hemingway. At least the drinking part. He always thought big and he didn’t want a newsletter, he wanted a magazine. Don and Rori both wrote articles for the Forward Observer and opened their home up to meetings and extraordinary dinners. Don enjoyed a glass of wine and a good cigar before it was a felony to smoke one. He was totally committed to raising money for a Vietnam Veterans Memorial which I didn’t think had a chance in hell of happening. “We’re going to raise a million dollars and build a memorial”, Don excitedly told me one night. Yeah, right Don. Rori was counseling vets on the effects of PTSD before it was even in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual. She was a saint helping out so many of us that were so lost back then. Every time I was with her, which was often in those days, I used to think, “She must know I’m crazy.” She never let on. They were so much fun to be around because they were so in love with each other and their love of life was only exceeded by their love of Vietnam vets, a segment of the population not exactly revered by the country at the time.

Don was an Army vet having served as an engineer from 1955 to 1958. He had been stationed in France during the Cold War and went to college after his discharge on the GI Bill at the University of Rochester. That is where he met Rori who had served during the same years in Army Intelligence. Ft. Holabird in Baltimore is closed now but it used to be
where the US Army Intelligence School was located. I went there for three months in 1968 and I can tell you there were no women in Army Intel when I cycled through. Rori was on the cutting edge in that regard too. In 1963, after finishing college, Rori applied for a commission in the Air Force with the intent of serving in a place called Vietnam which was heating up. She started officers training but became ill, ended up in the Lackland Air Force Base hospital, and was discharged honorably. After her discharge from the Army in 1958 she attended Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa for a year and then went to the U of R where she and Don graduated together. Rori Struczewski met Don Murrell in the U of R student union and sparks were flying. The wrong kind. Don was at a table with some mutual friends when Rori came over. Roris’ military experience was brought up and Don made a remark about “Polack guards” and immediately was stricken from the Struczewski Christmas card list. Several days later Don saw Rori back in the student union and he asked her if he could join her. Rori coyly answered “Suit yourself” and Don tactically withdrew. But Don was nothing if not persistent and again he spied Rori sitting with friends in the student union and he sat down with what today would be described as ones soul mate. The rest as they say was history and as a couple they helped provide a wise, deliberate and steady hand in the early days of the chapter and an example of how good ones life could be.

Rori was the original token woman vet in the marching unit before the spit and polish days. I took my wife Wendy and my boys to the Memorial Day parade in 1986. A contingent of Vietnam vets was marching by and they were a ragtag bunch. I was standing at the curb when I heard Rori yell out and motion for me to join the group. I hesitated big time. Wendy told me to go and to take Jimmy, who was five, with me. It was one of the proudest moments of my life keeping up. Even more astounding was the smattering of applause. During this period Rori helped out so many veterans and their families as Clinical Director at the VOC. She smiled every time I saw her there. Or anywhere for that matter. Don was a fixture at Chapter 20 meetings and worked diligently on the Forward Observer while raising money for the Memorial. In addition he worked at the Finance Department for the City of Rochester. Sadly, we lost Don in 1996, the same year the Vietnam Veterans Memorial was dedicated in Highland Park. He had suffered a stroke and I can still see him in his wheelchair with his flags flying from the handles. Chapter #20 helped raise money for a van and a ramp to make Don’s home more accessible. It was not only Roris’ heart that was broken when he died.

In 1997 Rori Murrell left the VOC after working there 18 years. Four clinical staff positions were cut when the VOC eliminated PTSD and readjustment counseling and clients were left scrambling to find another place to go. She was at work making referrals for veterans to get counseling at other agencies when she was told to clean out her desk and escorted out of the building. She has never returned. My wife and I took her out to dinner one night after this happened and she was so sad. So were we. It was the only time I ever saw her with a forced smile. A couple of years later she lost her mother so in a very short period of time she had lost her husband, her mother and her job. The financial struggle from the aftermath of Dons’ medical care and not working lasted for awhile but Rori was eventually hired at the VA Vet Center. At the time the Vet Center was located on St. Paul Street near Cumberland Street in a neighborhood charitably described as rough. The Vet Center was run at the time by two employees, Rori and a secretary, and Rori did both the monumental administrative work the government requires as well as counseling. In a display of gratitude, the VA acknowledged her survival instincts by issuing a certificate of appreciation as well as a check for $700. After a couple of years there, the Vet Center moved to the location on Mt. Hope Avenue where I went and from which Rori retired in
2003. Their present location on South Winton Road is just beautiful and Dr. Peter Ziarnowski still works there helping a whole new generation of young veterans put their lives back together. I think Rori would really like the new place.

I had not seen Rori since the last Annual Dinner and I went to her home to interview her for this story. The memories of the Murrell home came flooding back as soon as I went inside. We went to her “museum room” which is her living room and I found it to be somewhat misnamed. Rori had recently painted the room and she did a beautiful job. It was actually very bright, very sunny and very alive. That made me feel really good. There were several pictures of her and Don as well as a wealth of history books and awards on display. Don and I shared a love of reading and history and that may have been the reason he gave me the benefit of the doubt on most of the articles I gave him. He was really good to me. Well, they both were. Just before I left, Rori mentioned again about how she had been unceremoniously evicted by the VOC and that one day not long after, a staff member came to her door with a box of her personal belongings and asked to come in. She told him, “You have dishonored me at the Center. I will not allow you to dishonor me in my home.” That’s the Rori Murrell I remember!.................I mean the Don and Rori Murrell.

DON AND RORI MURRELL
HUMANITARIAN AWARD

Presented to

A Deserving Individual

In appreciation for your dedicated service to active duty military personnel, veterans, their families, community and America

From

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA,
CHAPTER 20

April 2012
This month’s topic is compensation thru the Department of veteran’s affairs. Compensation is a monetary benefit paid for injury in service or for illness made worse from military service.

To receive an award for compensation you need three things for a claim. First you need proof of the in-service injury. Many times you can find this proof in the veteran’s service records. For example if the veterans entrance exam shows the veteran entered service with no disabilities or illness shown and then on the discharge it shows a condition that the veteran has then the assumption is that the condition was a result of military service. For example if the veteran enters service and the exam shows hearing in normal limits and then when they are discharged the hearing test shows loss of hearing then the assumption is that the hearing loss was a result of service. Some conditions are considered presumptive for example a veteran who served in Vietnam during the war is considered exposed to Agent Orange and today there are 43 conditions that are recognized being the result of that exposure. Today there are some of these conditions that are more common than the others such as diabetes II, prostate cancer and ischemic heart condition. So what that means is if you served in country Vietnam and have one of these 43 conditions today the claim will be approved, the percentage of the award will be based on how bad the condition is. Claims for disability may also have secondary conditions, for example diabetes claims the veteran may also have neuropathy in hands and feet and this will add to the award percentage.

The second thing you need is the condition exists today, for this you would need a current diagnosis from your doctor either private or VA. This also holds true to the secondary conditions claimed.

The last thing you need is a nexus showing how the condition existed from discharge to today.

Another compensation benefit is called employability; this is a benefit that will pay a veteran at the rate of 100% if the veteran can’t work because of the service connected disability. The veteran must have either one rating at 60% or a combination totaling 70% with one being 40% or more to qualify for IU.

Compensation today ranges at 10% at $130.94 to at 100% at around $3000. Depending on dependents and this money is totally free from State and Federal tax.

For help in filing your claim please call us for an appointment at 585-753-6040 this is a FREE service to veterans.

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POW – MIA

JOE PECK - CHAIRMAN

With the ongoing POW/MIA reorganization, the new DPAA has reported the largest list of officially accounted for MIA’s this month than ever before and has presented its new web site (www.dpaa.mil). There have been a few errors in its contents and the web functions but it is still being updated and hopefully will be a valuable tool to the families and the public on the fate of our missing Americans.

There are new reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and the National League of Families that 7 more missing Americans from the Vietnam War have been located, accounted for and returned to their families this month. Several of those named serve as examples of how remains repatriated many years ago can now be identified using contemporary science that was not available in earlier years. The total number of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War stands unofficially at 1628.

SSG. Bunyan Durant Price Jr., US Army from Belmont, North Carolina. On May 2, 1970, SSG Bunyan Price was a member of a team of 8 from the 34th Armor, 25th Infantry Division and a flight crew from the 1st Air Cavalry Division on board a UH1H helicopter on a mission attempt to stop North Vietnamese forces from gaining strongholds in Cambodia. During this mission, the aircraft was hit by enemy ground fire and forced to land near the city of Memot, Cambodia just over the boarder of South Vietnam. All those on board survived the crash but only had 30-40 seconds to decide what to do. They all attempted to evade each in different directions. One made his lines while several were captured by North Vietnamese and Viet Cong possibly the Khmer forces. Several other members such as SSG Price were Those who had survived their captivity had assumed that they had possibly killed. There was a search and rescue attempt made shortly after the crash found at the site. SSG Price was officially listed as a POW/MIA for many years. The remains of SSG Price were recovered in a grave just about a mile from the original crash site on April 3, 2014 and were identified on January 27, 2015. He was officially accounted for on February 25, 2015. The family plans to have SSG Bunyan D. Price Jr. laid to rest with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery.

CM Sgt. Edwin Everton Morgan, US Air Force from Salisbury, North Carolina was a load master on board a Douglas AC47D code named Spooky 73. On March 13, 1966 the 7 man crew of this gunship departed from the DaNang airfield at 0300 hours reconnaissance mission along route 92 that ran along the dense jungle Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam. This was supposed to be a 3 hour mission but when the fuel on board, if the aircraft crashed it would have exploded and burned. All crew members listed as missing in action. In 1997, the remnants of this aircraft had been located in the remote mountainous area east of Laman, Laos. This site was investigated and excavated for many years. Some remains were located and returned to the U.S. on November 19, 2011. In May of 2014 the dog tags of Edwin E. Morgan were located. With this information and new DNA testing, the remains were identified as Chief Master Sgt. Edwin E. Morgan on January 15, 2015 and he was accounted for on March 4, 2015. His family was officially notified and even went to Hawaii to review the official findings. CM Sgt. Edwin E. Morgan will be laid to rest with full military honors in June of 2015 at Rockwell, North Carolina.
LTJG Richard Champ Clark, US Navy from Tacoma, Washington was a 2 man crew of a F4B Phantom jet from the USS Coral Sea (CVA-43). On Clark’s aircraft was the lead in a section of a two plane formation that was (MIG Combat Air Patrol) mission over Vinh Phu Province, North Vietnam. They were conducting their mission Northwest of Hanoi and west of Thud Ridge, to-air (SAM) missiles were fired hitting both Phantoms seconds apart. Both the southern side of Tam Dao Mountain which is Northwest of Hanoi. The densely populated and heavily defended due to its strategic importance to effort. It was reported from other aircraft that 3 of the 4 parachutes were survivors were captured by North Vietnamese forces and sent to Hanoi prisons. It was reported from other aircraft that 3 of the 4 parachutes were survivors were captured by North Vietnamese forces and sent to Hanoi prisons. The whereabouts of Lt. Richard Clark was unknown. It was presumed that he died during the crash but was still listed as a POW with the other 3 officers, one of which who was released in August 1969 and the other two who were eventually released in March of 1973. In 1988 a US team traveled to Tam Dao Mountain to investigate and interview witnesses concerning the fate of Lt. Clark. In December of 1990 another team had located the F4B crash site and on January 17, 1991, the Vietnamese repatriated remains they identified as belonging to Lt Richard Clark. He was officially identified with DNA testing on November 4, 2014 and finally accounted for. Information concerning his military burial has not been released at this present time.

LTJG Neil Brooks Taylor, US Navy from Rangeley, Maine was a pilot of an A4C Sky Hawk on September 14, 1965 while on a mission in the Kien Giang province in the South Vietnam. His aircraft was reportedly hit and destroyed by enemy other information available on the nature of his mission or anything else remains were located in South Vietnam, returned on June 24, 2013 and November 25, 2014. Information concerning his military burial has not present time.

CW3 James Larry Phipps, US Army from Mattoon, Illinois (Aircraft Commander) CW3 Ranier Sylvester Ramos, US Army from Bellingham, Washington (Pilot) and SSgt. Warren Emory Newton, US Army from Canby, Ohio (Door Gunner) all were 3 of the 4 crewmembers on board a Bell UH1 Huey. On January 9, 1968 this crew took part on a gunship cover mission operating as the killer aircraft in a two-aircraft “Hunter-Killer” team. Their job was to scout for any enemy activity in the team’s area of operation, then notify the killer aircraft of the enemies position and strength for the gunship to attack. As the team flew low over the rolling jungle covered mountains west of the densely populated Rue Son Valley, Chief Warrant officer James L. Phipps reported that his aircraft was hit by automatic weapons fire and they were going down fast. There was smoke trailing from the vehicle until the crash followed by an explosion. The other Huey circled around looking for survivors. The crash site was northwest of Phu Binh in the Quang Tin Province of South Vietnam. The Senior Ranking Officer (SRO) of the troop arrived in another Huey shortly after the loss and proceeded flying over the burning wreckage searching for any signs of his men. This Huey began taking heavy automatic weapons fire from enemy positions hidden in the dense jungle and had to retreat. It was witnessed that the continuous explosions and fire inside the fuselage was due to the heavy ordinance that the aircraft carried. On January 20th a search and recovery team (SAR) as well as a security detachment was inserted into the crash area. The main portion of the Huey was located and remains of one of the 2 door gunner’s (Sp4 Fred J. Secrist) was located and identified. No other remains were located and the search was terminated. James Phipps, Ranier Ramos and Warren Newton were listed as missing in action. The remains of all 3 of these men were finally returned on September 8, 2011 and all identified on May 30, 2014. James L. Phipps and Warren E. Newton were official accounted for on July 15, 2014 and Ranier S. Ramos was accounted for on July 31, 2014. Information concerning their military burial has not been released at this present time.
There are also reports of the recoveries and identifications of individuals from the following wars:

- Cpl. Lindsey C. Lockett, US Army was lost on December 1, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for January 26, 2015 and will be buried with full military honors.
- 2nd Lt. Alvin Beethe, US Army Air Force was lost December 26, 1944 in Germany. He was accounted for on January 28, 2015 and will be buried with full military honors.
- Sgt. Arnold V. Andring, US Army was lost February 4, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on January 28, 2015 and will be buried with full military honors.
- 2nd Lt. Stephen V. Biezis, US Army Air Force was lost December 23, 1944 in Germany. He was accounted for on February 3, 2015 and will be buried with full military honors.
- 2nd Lt. John W. Herb, US Army Air Force was lost April 13, 1945 in Germany. He was accounted for on February 19, 2015 and will be buried with full military honors.
- Pfc. John R. Bowers, US Army was lost February 14, 1951 at POW Camp #5 near Pyokdong, in North Korea. He was accounted for on February 20, 2015 and was buried with full military honors on March 21 in Piedmont, South Carolina.
- Pfc. Lotchie J.R. Jones, US Army was lost February 28, 1951 in POW Camp #5 near Pyokdong in North Korea. He was accounted for on February 26, 2015 and was buried with full military honors on March 6, 2015 in Chattanooga, Tennessee.
- Sgt. Floyd J.R. Jackson, US Army was lost on December 12, 1950 in a POW camp in North Korea. He was accounted for on January 27, 2015 and was buried with full military honors on March 7, 2015 in Littleton, Colorado.
- 2nd Lt. Edward F. Barker, US Army Air Force was lost September 30, 1944 in Papua, New Guinea. He was accounted for on March 4, 2015 and will be buried with full military honors.
- Sgt. Wallace J. Dawson, US Army was lost February 14, 1951 in South Korea. He was accounted for on March 7, 2015 and will be buried with full military honors.
- 2nd Lt. Harry B. McGuire, US Army Air Force was lost January 30, 1944 in Italy. He was accounted for on March 10, 2015 and will be buried with full military honors.

For all of these men, you have finally been returned to your families and to a great full Nation. We have prayed for your return over the years and now you can finally Rest in Peace for they no longer have you.

“Welcome Home Brothers”

The Oral History Project at the Rundel Memorial Library – 70 interviews have been done so far and they are looking for more people to interview – new equipment is being purchased to make the interviews more easily accessible to the public – interviews have been added to the RochesterVoices.org website – a display of items from the Vietnam War is being assembled in seven cases at the Library – they are asking people to loan them items for this display which will open on June 7th for the summer – contact Michelle Finn at 585-428-8368 or michellefinn@libraryweb.org
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Dave Alley won the 50/50 drawing.

111 People Were in Attendance!

Skip O’Brien won the flag drawing.

Steve Nash won a drawing for a blanket donated by the “Lap Robes for Veterans Project”

Mike SanFilippo presented Nancy with $150 from the Chili VFW for her Lap Robes for Veterans Project.

Guest – Rich Brook – US Army

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Chris Sortino of the Greece Rotary spoke about the upcoming pancake breakfast

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Michelle Finn, PhD, Deputy City Historian, spoke about the project to display Vietnam War memorabilia at the Rundel Library
WE’RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEMBERS

MIKE GENERAL, CHAIRMAN, MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS

Chapter 20 membership is currently at 589 members and AVVA is at 44 members as of 2/28/15. 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: We are offering an “Honorary Membership” to Chapter 20 to all spouses whose husbands have passed away. If you know of someone who has lost their loved one, please contact Mike General.
Jack Michel is a member of Chapter #20 who lives in the Buffalo area and goes into the Attica Correctional Facility regularly. He is also part of an ad hoc group of guys in that area that help veterans with mobility issues make their homes wheelchair accessible. Jack is presently helping organize the third annual “Kites For Vets” fundraiser for homeless vets. Professional kite flyers entertain folks to raise money and provide kites for people to use. In the first two years over $15,000 has been raised through sponsors and donations and 100% of the proceeds are donated. The Attica Active Veterans Group at the Correctional Facility helps by making hand painted kites which have brought in $450 of this sum. On 3/14 Jack went into Attica and picked up several of the kites. He was also able to bring in a bunch of yarn, some books on veterans benefits and crochet instruction books. Check out the website at (www.kitesforvets.com) for more information. This free event is scheduled for Saturday May 31st at Gratwick Riverside Park in North Tonawanda New York. Jack is also a volunteer at the Vets Court in Buffalo and he has been a friend for several years. Kind of a testimony for what one man can do too.

The Attica Active Veterans Group met on January 10th and has begun a new 16 week cycle for substance abuse, anger/violence and PTSD. They are cranking out hats and scarves for next winter and I just sent them in my last batch of yarn. Any yarn donations are welcome and colors I can’t get into the prison will be donated to Nancy VanApeldoorn for making hospice lap blankets. The Attica picnic is scheduled for Fathers Day this year June 21st and hopefully Kenny and I will be able to attend........I helped out recently on a training at Lifetime Care for new hospice volunteers and I was sorry to see there were no new veteran volunteers. I still facilitate a bereavement group for veterans at Lifetime Care, 3111 S. Winton Road the second and fourth Monday of each month from 1:00-2:30pm. If you are a veteran and have lost a loved one you are more than welcome to join us. If you are not a veteran but would like to get involved with a group, Lifetime Care has many throughout the community so feel free to contact me and I’ll send you a list........Finally, I recently received a letter from Joseph Dorn from the Collins Correctional Facility. He is the Vice President of the Veterans 2 Self Help Program there. Ken Moore and I used to visit Collins regularly years ago and it was good to reestablish contact with the guys there. I called the facility and talked to their staff advisor and I am making arrangements to send in a small donation from Chapter #20 to help with the groups expenses.
April 2 – The U.S. announces it intends to send several thousand more combat troops to Vietnam.

April 7 – President Johnson offers a $1 Billion aid program to develop the Mekong Delta region and Southeast Asia if North Vietnam will cease infiltrating the South.

April 11 – North Vietnamese leaders denounce President Johnson’s offer to negotiate a peaceful settlement.

April 14 – General Westmoreland provides the 3rd and 9th Marine Expeditionary Brigades with a four-phase concept of operations.

April 20 – U.S. Marines begin patrols around Da Nang and Phu Bai as far as 6 miles in front of their former positions. These extended patrols result in the first firefights with the Vietcong.

April 20 – A high level conference of military leaders (held in Hawaii) recommends that 42,000 troops (including 5,000 Marines) be deployed to Vietnam to meet an anticipated attack.

April 22 – A Marine patrol from Company D, 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion, accompanied by 38 Army of the Republic of Viet Nam (ARVN) troops, encounters a 105-man Vietcong force near the village of Binh Thai, 9 miles southwest of Da Nang.

April 24 – An undetermined-sized force of Vietcong attacks a Marine Reconnaissance platoon near Phu Bai. The Marines kill two Vietcong and suffer two dead themselves in the firefight.

April 25 – President Johnson approves the landing of additional Marines at Chu Lai for the construction of an airfield there.
The President of the United States
 in the name of The Congress
 takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to

Versace, Humbert Roque


Citation:
For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while a prisoner of war during the period of 29 October 1963 to 26 September 1965 in the Republic of Vietnam. While accompanying a Civilian Irregular Defense Group patrol engaged in combat operations in Thoi Binh District, An Xuyen Province, Republic of Vietnam on 29 October 1963, Captain Versace and the CIDG assault force were caught in an ambush from intense mortar, automatic weapons, and small arms fire from elements of a reinforced enemy Main Force battalion. As the battle raged, Captain Versace fought valiantly and encouraged his CIDG patrol to return fire against overwhelming enemy forces. He provided covering fire from an exposed position to enable friendly forces to withdraw from the killing zone when it was apparent that their position would be overrun, and was severely wounded in the knee and back from automatic weapons fire and shrapnel. He stubbornly resisted capture with the last full measure of his strength and ammunition. Taken prisoner by the Viet Cong, he demonstrated exceptional leadership and resolute adherence to the tenants of the Code of Conduct from the time he entered into a prisoner of war status. Captain Versace assumed command of his fellow American prisoners, and despite being kept locked in irons in an isolation box, raised their morale by singing messages to popular songs of the day, and leaving inspiring messages at the latrine. Within three weeks of captivity, and despite the severity of his untreated wounds, he attempted the first of four escape attempts by dragging himself on his hands and knees out of the camp through dense swamp and forbidding vegetation to freedom. Crawling at a very slow pace due to his weakened condition, the guards quickly discovered him outside the camp and recaptured him. Captain Versace scorned the enemy’s exhaustive interrogation and indoctrination efforts, and inspired his fellow prisoners to resist to the best of their ability. When he used his Vietnamese language skills to protest improper treatment of the American prisoners by the guards, he was put into leg irons and gagged to keep his protestations out of earshot of the other American prisoners in the camp. The last time that any of his fellow prisoners heard from him, Captain Versace was singing God Bless America at the top of his voice from his isolation box. Unable to break his indomitable will, his faith in God, and his trust in the United States of America and his fellow prisoners, Captain Versace was executed by the Viet Cong on 26 September 1965. Captain Versace's extraordinary heroism, self-sacrifice, and personal bravery involving conspicuous risk of life above and beyond the call of duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Army, and reflect great credit to himself and the U.S. Armed Force.
April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month
in Honor
Rochester VA is Hosting the Clothesline Project

Clothesline Project Display April 30th, 10:30-3:00
Artist Reception 9:00 – 10:00 am

Displayed internationally the Clothesline Project is a testimonial of shirts created by those whose lives have been affected by MST, intimate partner violence, sexual assault and abuse. If you choose your shirt will be displayed. Drop in any one location to create a shirt about your own experience and connect with your peers.

Shirts, Supplies & Snacks Provided

Rochester Outpatient Clinic  April 17th, 1:00-4:00 pm  room 204
Canandaigua Medical Center  April 7th, 9:00-11:00 am  to be determined
Rochester Vet Center  RSVP 585-232-5040
Veteran Outreach Center  RSVP 585-295-7836

PROJECT POINT OF CONTACTS:
MST Coordinator: Debra Hoffman  (585) 393-7929
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Vet Center: Patricia Bennett  (585) 232-5040
Women’s Veteran Programs: Tammy Franklin  (585) 393-7621
Peer Support: Mandy Olevnik  (585-463-2753)
Veterans Outreach Center: Jennifer DeLucia (585) 295-7836

Mary Ellen, Ed, and Barbara volunteer with the Lap Robes for Veterans Project!
Welcome Home

A Thank You Salute and Welcome Back to Our Veterans and Military

Saturday April 11, 2015

Red Wings Opening Day vs. Buffalo Blue Jays

At Frontier Field
333 Plymouth Ave. N., Rochester, NY

Gates open at 12:00 Noon
Game Time 1:35 PM

(Register at the VA Table by the Main Gate)

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- Pre Game Festivities
- Veteran Service Information

For Admission Tickets, Questions, and other Details Contact:
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Transition & Care Management (OEF/OIF/OND)
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No matter how you stack it…

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Pancakes for
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WHEN: Saturday, May 16, 2015, 9:00am – 11:30am
WHERE: Barnard Restaurant & Party House
360 Maiden Lane, Rochester, NY
COST: $6/person or Family 4 Pack for $20 (in advance)
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Children under the age of 3 eat FREE!
There will be pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee & tea.
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Proceeds benefit
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: ____________________________________________

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I am not a Vietnam Veteran, but I want to help Vietnam Veterans and their families.
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Return this application, along with a copy of your DD214 to:

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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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