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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.)

Each candidate will address the membership at the March meeting stating their reasons for seeking an elected position.

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.
Remembering Our Fallen Heroes in February

Richard Francis Dunham 2-1-1945
William Frederick Marasco 2-4-1949
Frederick Carl Webber 2-5-1947
Robert Waldron Forbus, Jr. 2-5-1948
Rocky August Burns 2-5-1951
Michael Gordon Hoff 2-9-1945
Ronald James Fegan 2-11-1941
John Bigelow Moore 2-12-1937
James Thacker 2-12-1938
Richard Albert Smith 2-12-1945
Ernest Joseph Grassi 2-13-1947
Graham Hughes 2-13-1949
Russell B. Luker 2-17-1933
Elmer Edward Ellsworth 2-18-1948
Peter David Matarazzo 2-20-1949
Albert Leroy French 2-23-1928
Paul Richard Fusco 2-23-1947
Cornelius William Strassner 2-24-1947
Richard Eugene Colburn 2-24-1950
George Warren Fischer, Jr. 2-25-1945
John Harden 2-26-1945
George Alfred Marks, Jr. 2-27-1945
John Robert Marsh 2-27-1949
James Richard Dennison 2-28-1934

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

Friends of the Memorial
To be placed on the volunteer contact list, contact: Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com
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
Canal View Elementary invites you to…. 
“Valentines for Veterans”

**Who:**  Military Men and Women

**Where:** Canal View Elementary School
1 Ranger Road
Spencerport, NY 14559

Canal View Cafeteria

**When:**  Friday, February 13\(^{th}\), 2015
9:00 -9:15 am – Coffee/Bagels
9:30 - 10:30am - Assembly/Classrooms

**Why:** In appreciation of all of the brave men and women that have and continue to serve our country and protect our freedoms.

**RSVP:** Please contact by 2/ 9/15 – Thank you!
sremillard@spencerportschools.org
There has been a new report from the Defense Prisoner of War* Missing Personnel Office (DPMO), the Joint Prisoners of War, Missing in Action (JPAC) and the National League of Families that another missing American has been located and returned to his family this month. The total number of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War still stands unofficially at 1637.

**Col. William Earl Cooper**, US Air Force from Albany, Georgia was an F105D pilot. On April 24, 1966, Col. Cooper who was the Squadron commander and also commander of the mission departed Korat Airbase in Thailand with 3 other F105D Thunder chief fighter jets(Nicknamed “Thud”)each carrying six 750lb on a strike mission known as Rolling Thunder. Their target was the Bac Giang Bridge, a highway-railroad bridge located 35 miles northeast of Hanoi. This was a vital link between North Vietnam and China and was well defended by Surface to Air Missiles (SAM) and Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) emplacements. Col. Cooper’s code name was Oak 1. As Col. Cooper’s plane approached the target area at about 9000 ft. Col. Cooper’s jet was struck by a SAM, broke in half and was consumed by a large fire ball. Witnesses did not see a parachute deploy and believed that he went down with the aircraft. In 1997, investigator with the Joint Task Force, interviewed local farmers and was told that the remains of Col. Cooper were recovered in a rice patty after the crash and buried alongside a river bed near the crash site. Over the years, the remains were possibly moved 3 separate times. The remains of Col. Cooper were returned to the US on January 16, 1998 and Identified on December 4, 2014. Col. William Earl Cooper was officially accounted for on December 22, 2014. Information on his burial is unavailable at this time but he will definitely be buried with full military honors.
There are also reports of the recoveries and identifications of individuals from the following wars:

- Cpl. Abie L. Apodace, US Army was lost February 14, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on November 13, 2014 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

- SFC. Earl E. Hilgenburg, US Army was lost November 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on November 17, 2014 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

- Sgt. Gilberto L. Sanchez, US Army was lost December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on November 25, 2014 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

- Cpl. Donald A. Therkelsen, US Army was lost July 17, 1953 in North Korea. He was accounted for on December 2, 2014 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

- SFC. Gordon L. Hannah, US Army was lost January 28, 1951 near Wonju, South Korea. He was reported to have been captured and died of dysentery at Susan Bean Camp in North Korea early in 1951. He was accounted for on December 3, 2014 and was laid to rest with full military honors on January 7, 2015.

- Pfc. Anthony Massey Jr., US Army was lost on November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on December 5, 2014 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

- Cpl. Francis D. Knobel, US Army was lost on December 12, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on December 10, 2014 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

- Cpl. Robert Higgins, US Army was lost February 13, 1951 in South Korea. He was accounted for on January 6, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

- Pvt. Jack M. Redman, US Marine Corps was lost November 29, 1943 in Tarawa. He was accounted for on December 20, 2014 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

- Sgt. Joseph M. Snock Jr., US Army was lost on November 30, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on January 5, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

To all of these men, we welcome you home brothers. We never gave up hope or prayers until the day you were found and returned to your families and to a grateful Nation. Rest in Peace brothers.
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 45 members as of 12/31/14. 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).
I would like to take this opportunity to THANK all of you who have bought flag tickets at our monthly meetings. I am happy to say that you all did an outstanding job supporting Chapter 20. All the flag money I collect goes right back to the Chapter. And because State Senator Joe Robach has donated the flags again this year, we have an additional $798 in donations for the Chapter. To all of you, who make a donation but don’t take a ticket, THANK YOU also.

Look for me by the front door, I’ll be selling the Air Force blue tickets!

Kenny Alloco
President Gatto informed us of a donation being made to the Chapter from the staff at Chatfield Engineers. Chatfield President Paul Chatfield presents the check to President Gatto on January 14th.

Dave Duncan won the 50/50 drawing.

Dick Oleksyn won the flag drawing.

Thanks to Barb Stifter & MaryEllen Kier for the brownies and to Michelle for the pastries! And to Hank for the Oreos!

The 7th Annual Fit Vet Challenge started with its first weigh-in.
VVA Incarcerated Chapter #190 in Atmore, Alabama just celebrated their 29th anniversary. They were chartered in February 1985 just ahead of Chapter #205 at the Auburn Correctional Facility. Chapter #190 and Craig McLaren, who was recently transferred to another facility, continue to put out their newsletter “The Eagle Speaks” and coordinate NIVN, the National Incarcerated Veterans Network which provides information to incarcerated veterans throughout the US........The Attica Veterans Group had a Veterans Day Appreciation Event but we were unable to attend due to a change in our registered volunteer status at that facility. Ken Moore and I have sent our 20 page updates back to volunteer services there but so far have not heard back on our status. I want to thank Jack Michel of Chapter #20 who lives in the Buffalo area for going in to see the men there as well as Sgt. Mark Schieffer, the intrepid staff advisor at Attica. Phil Glazier from the vets group there keeps in contact and they recently completed 100 hats and scarves for needy children in the area. This is no small achievement at Attica and I want to thank Jack for distributing them as well as those Chapter 20 folks who constantly donate yarn for the vets there. The anger, substance abuse and PTSD programs continue at Attica and a VA reentry specialist was due to visit in December to assist those close to parole........Haven’t heard anything from Chapter #205 at Auburn and not sure at all what has been going on there recently........I visited the Canandaigua VA on 12/18 to help deliver Christmas gifts and good cheer to the vets there and as always, it was time well spent. Contrary to what Fred Elliott said, the patients did not rip out their hearing aids when I sang carols to them. They merely covered their watches so as not to have the crystals broken.

I have been spending more time with hospice which I have made part of this committee only because it turned out that way. Nancy Van Apledooorn has been providing all the veteran volunteers with lap blankets and they are a huge hit with the vets in hospice as well as their families. Ironic that on a new case I was given that the sister of the veteran in hospice was also one of the ladies that makes the lap blankets. She was visiting her brother when I arrived with an Army lap blanket and it was so nice to see her work come full circle. There is a bigger hand in this than ours. My veterans bereavement group sponsored by Lifetime Care has been going well and meets the second and fourth Mondays each month at their location at 3111 S. Winton Rd. They have a number of bereavement groups for other non vets and I have found myself referring family members to them frequently. Anyone looking for information on these groups which meet in a variety of locations can call me or Lifetime Care (214-1000)........I want to thank the membership for funding my committee for another year and for the support they have given me personally. Also want to thank all the Chapter #20 members who have volunteered for this hospice work. Indeed it is not easy but it is so worthwhile. Lastly, I want to ask members to get more involved with the committees and consider running for Board/Officer positions. It’s very rewarding to be a part of a “cause” so to speak and you will find out a lot about yourself, most of it good.

I give up, Life Has No Meaning, There is no Hope Department by Ron Trovato

While reading the news this morning I came across an article regarding the emotional needs of chickens. No, not the Howard Dean type chickens but rather the feathered kind. Apparently in California the emotional needs of chickens trump cash strapped folks who are trying to make ends meet. A new regulation took effect January 1st requiring the space allotted for every egg producing chicken to be increased by 70%. This time share lifestyle of living for chickens probably does not concern the San Francisco quiche set but will no doubt drive up the price of eggs, a staple of those working stiffs trying to feed their families. A computer click away was an article by an aggrieved feminist on the horrors of “manspreading”. This hate crime occurs when a man sits with his legs apart on subway trains, thereby denying space to women who can’t afford to drive a Prius and bring home their overpriced boneless chickens from Trader Joes. This dagger of inequity pointed at both the cause of and solution to most of men’s problems will be the subject of a new public service ad campaign in New York City. Good luck with that.
COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
The community Service Award recognizes a group, organization or individual who has demonstrated a strong sense of community service and who favorably recognizes and relates to the Vietnam Veterans issues.
My nomination for this award is________________________ Because ______________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

VETERAN SERVICE AWARD
The Veteran Service Award recognizes and individual who demonstrated outstanding dedication in improving the conditions of the Vietnam Veterans and /or the Community. (There may be up to 3 awards presented annually).
My nomination for this award is________________________ Because ______________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

THE ROGER ROBACH AWARD
The Roger Robach Award is given to an individual who has spent a minimum of ten years working for the betterment of all veterans in New York State.
My nomination for this award is________________________ Because ______________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

DON AND RORI MURRELL HUMANITARIAN AWARD
The Don and Murrell Humanitarian Award is given to an individual who has accomplished and extraordinary effort on behalf of active duty personnel and /or veterans and their families. (All individuals are to be considered for this award regardless of Chapter or veteran affiliation).
My nomination for this award is________________________ Because ______________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Special Recognition Award
The Special Recognition award is given to an individual, group or organization that through their single or continuous actions has favorably benefited Vietnam or other Veteran issues.
My nomination for this award is________________________ Because ______________________________________
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Please consider nominating those who you feel go above and beyond their normal duties and submit your nominations to the Secretary, Joe Peck at jpeck2@rochester.rr.com  You can also email Fred Elliott at felliott@rochester.rr.com for an electronic version of these nomination forms. Deadline for all nominations is March 14th 2015.
February 7 – Vietcong guerrillas launch attacks on a U.S. outpost at Camp Holloway, Pleiku. In retaliation, U.S. warplanes strike several targets in North Vietnam. MACV orders the withdrawal of all U.S. dependents from South Vietnam.


February 13 – President Johnson authorizes Operation Rolling Thunder, a program of sustained and gradually increasing air attacks against North Vietnam.

February 19 – Twenty-four B-57 Canberra bombers attack enemy targets in South Vietnam. This is the first time such an attack has been carried out in South Vietnam.

February 24 – A company of South Vietnamese Rangers and a company of Civilian Irregular Defense Group (CIDG) soldiers, along with a U.S. Special Forces A-Team are trapped in an enemy ambush near the Mang Yang Pass between An Khe and Pleiku. Twenty-four F-100 Super Sabres with B-57 Canberra Bombers and helicopter gunships attack the ambush site while U.S. Army troop-carrying helicopters extract the Vietnamese and U.S. Troops without a single loss. The Vietcong suffered the loss of 150 men.

February 25 – Korea sends a 600-man engineer unit to assist the South Vietnamese in civic action projects such as road and bridge repair.

February 26 – President Johnson approves General Westmoreland’s request for a battalion of U.S. Marines to guard the air base at Da Nang. President Johnson stresses that these troops are to have a limited defensive role.
The President of the United States in the name of The Congress
takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to

Donlon, Roger Hugh C.


Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while defending a U.S. military installation against a fierce attack by hostile forces. Capt. Donlon was serving as the commanding officer of the U.S. Army Special Forces Detachment A-726 at Camp Nam Dong when a reinforced Viet Cong battalion suddenly launched a full-scale, predawn attack on the camp. During the violent battle that ensued, lasting 5 hours and resulting in heavy casualties on both sides, Capt. Donlon directed the defense operations in the midst of an enemy barrage of mortar shells, falling grenades, and extremely heavy gunfire. Upon the initial onslaught, he swiftly marshaled his forces and ordered the removal of the needed ammunition from a blazing building. He then dashed through a hail of small arms and exploding hand grenades to abort a breach of the main gate. Enroute to this position he detected an enemy demolition team of 3 in the proximity of the main gate and quickly annihilated them. Although exposed to the intense grenade attack, he then succeeded in reaching a 60mm mortar position despite sustaining a severe stomach wound as he was within 5 yards of the gun pit. When he discovered that most of the men in this gun pit were also wounded, he completely disregarded his own injury, directed their withdrawal to a location 30 meters away, and again risked his life by remaining behind and covering the movement with the utmost effectiveness. Noticing that his team sergeant was unable to evacuate the gun pit he crawled toward him and, while dragging the fallen soldier out of the gunpit, an enemy mortar exploded and inflicted a wound in Capt. Donlon's left shoulder. Although suffering from multiple wounds, he carried the abandoned 60mm mortar weapon to a new location 30 meters away where he found 3 wounded defenders. After administering first aid and encouragement to these men, he left the weapon with them, headed toward another position, and retrieved a 57mm recoilless rifle. Then with great courage and coolness under fire, he returned to the abandoned gun pit, evacuated ammunition for the 2 weapons, and while crawling and dragging the urgently needed ammunition, received a third wound on his leg by an enemy hand grenade. Despite his critical physical condition, he again crawled 175 meters to an 81mm mortar position and directed firing operations which protected the seriously threatened east sector of the camp. He then moved to an eastern 60mm mortar position and upon determining that the vicious enemy assault had weakened, crawled back to the gun pit with the 60mm mortar, set it up for defensive operations, and turned it over to 2 defenders with minor wounds. Without hesitation, he left this sheltered position, and moved from position to position around the beleaguered perimeter while hurling hand grenades at the enemy and inspiring his men to superhuman effort. As he bravely continued to move around the perimeter, a mortar shell exploded, wounding him in the face and body. As the long awaited daylight brought defeat to the enemy forces and their retreat back to the jungle leaving behind 54 of their dead, many weapons, and grenades, Capt. Donlon immediately reorganized his defenses and administered first aid to the wounded. His dynamic leadership, fortitude, and valiant efforts inspired not only the American personnel but the friendly Vietnamese defenders as well and resulted in the successful defense of the camp. Capt. Donlon's extraordinary heroism, at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in the highest traditions of the U.S. Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country.
ODDS N’ ENDS
A page for those items that didn’t easily fit anywhere else.

National Ice Cream for Breakfast Day

The holiday was invented on a snowy winter day in the 1960s by Florence Rappaport in Rochester, New York. The mother to six children, it was her youngest two, Ruth Kramer and Joseph Rappaport, who inspired her on a cold and snowy February morning. To entertain them, she declared it to be Ice Cream For Breakfast Day. She explained, "It was cold and snowy and the kids were complaining that it was too cold to do anything. So I just said, 'Let's have ice cream for breakfast.' The next year, they reminded her of the day and a tradition began. The exact year of the first ICFBD is unrecorded, but it is speculated to be 1966, when a huge blizzard hit Rochester in late January, dumping several feet of snow on Rochester and shutting down schools. When the siblings grew up, they held parties and introduced the tradition to friends while in college, and the tradition began to spread.

The holiday began to spread across the world thanks to Florence's grandchildren, who have traveled extensively. Celebrations have been recorded in Nepal, Namibia, Germany, and Honduras. Some are small family celebrations and others are larger parties. The holiday has even been celebrated in China since 2003 and was featured in the Chinese edition of Cosmopolitan magazine and local magazines in Hangzhou, China. Ice Cream for Breakfast Day enjoys particular popularity in Israel. Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported on ICFBD in 2013 in Hebrew and then in 2014 in English.

Ice Cream For Breakfast Day is officially celebrated on the first Saturday of February. The holiday is often explained with this slogan: 1. Eat Ice cream, 2. For Breakfast. 3. On the first Saturday in February (or any weekend morning). However, celebrations are also held throughout the month.
A Prayer for our Veterans

Oh God, Our Heavenly Father,
you have blessed us with
brave men and women
who are willing to defend our freedom.
May your protection and grace
surround them each day.
Let Your healing hand be upon those
who suffer wounds and injuries.
May those who have made the
ultimate sacrifice rest forever in
Your Holy Presence.
Comfort the families who mourn
and are left to remember
the precious lives of their loved ones.
Help us to honor and support them.
Let us ever be mindful of each sacrifice made
on behalf of the American people by our
sons, daughters, husbands, wives, mothers,
fathers, and friends.
Amen.

Submitted by Chapter 20 member, Ed Kier, on behalf of the Honor Guard and Marching Unit
of Chapter 20, the “Men in Green”.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

Chapter 20 is in need of any of the old Forward Observer issues that were produced from 1982-1986. We are currently scanning and recording all these issues as well as the early to present Between the Lines for the Chapter history. Any help will be greatly appreciated. The issues will be scanned and recorded and returned to the owner once completed. This is important that we keep this record as it will be part of our legacy. Please contact Joe Peck (jpeck2@rochester.rr.com) or call 585-734-9046.
Take the **health eliving assessment** to find out

The health eliving assessment (HLA) is a first step to understanding—and improving—your health. The HLA asks you questions about your lifestyle and health history, and provides you:

- **Your "health age,"** an estimate of how healthy you are compared with others your age, based on factors like your weight, diet, exercise, and health habits.
- **Personalized reports** on your overall health and risk of certain diseases.
- **Recommendations** on how to improve your health and lower your disease risk.

The HLA is available 24/7 through the My HealtheVet website. It's confidential and takes only about 20 minutes to complete!

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**Ready to get on track to better health? It's easy with the HLA:**

1. Log in to your online account at My HealtheVet (www.myhealth.va.gov).
   - If you're new to My HealtheVet, just register for an online account at www.myhealth.va.gov.
2. Click on the health eliving assessment link.
3. Complete the assessment and find out about your health age today!
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.
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+)

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BETWEEN THE LINES:
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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 granting by contacting the Editor.
**Board Meetings**
- February 3, 2015
- March 3, 2015
- April 7, 2015

**Membership Meetings**
- February 12, 2015
- March 12, 2015
- April 9, 2015

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### Monthly Membership Meetings start at 6:30 pm

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Driving Directions to the Italian American Sports Club:

The Club is located at 1250 Buffalo Road close to the intersection of Howard Road, directly across from the stone quarry, next to the Eagles Club and the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

From the East: Heading west on 490, exit Mt. Read Blvd. and turn left; south on Mt. Read to Buffalo Road circle, turn right, west on Buffalo Road, 1.4 miles, the Italian-American Sports Club is on the right side.

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