With this first issue of 2015 we are beginning two new series. The first is about the Medal of Honor with a recipient being featured each month. The second is “Fifty Years Ago” and provides a look at what was going on in the Vietnam War 50 years ago that month.
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Memorial Tours & Presentations
Persons interested in onsite tours or presentations at schools or organizations, contact:  Chuck Macaluso
(H) 585-225-8288
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Remembering our Fallen Heroes – January

Charles Ross  Manarel  1/1/1945
George Stephen  Balazy  1/2/1945
Gary Robert  Stahlecker  1/3/1949
Michael Eugene  Lawton  1/4/1949
Elton Lawrence  Perrine  1/6/1935
Kenneth Wayne  Lampman  1/6/1946
Daniel Joseph  Bermingham  1/9/1947
Ralph Joseph  Rizzi  1/9/1947
Francis G.  Graziosi  1/10/1951
Edwin Francis  Upright  1/11/1942
Raymond Gene  Miles  1/11/1949
Dennis Karl  Hoppough  1/12/1947
Leroy Henry  Keller  1/12/1948
Gerald Augustine  Culhane  1/16/1920
Paul Richard  Paduchowski  1/16/1947
Lonnie  Barber  1/18/1930
John Joseph  Ugino  1/19/1948
Thomas Henry  Green  1/21/1926
Walter H.  Hucks  1/22/1933
Raymond James  Harster  1/28/1950
Wesley George  Thurston  1/29/1942
VETERANS WALK COMMITTEE
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Name: ______________________________
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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:

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- Dates of service (1967-1969, etc.)
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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
Things to do this Month

Thursday, January 1 – Watch Parades & Football!

Wednesday, January 7 – Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 15, monthly meeting at the 40 & 8 at 933 University Avenue at 7:30 pm – Guest speaker, Tammy Franklin

Thursday, January 8 – Chapter 20 membership meeting at 6:30 pm

Monday, January 12 – Veterans Mental Health Council meets in Room 207 at 2 pm at the Rochester Outpatient Clinic

Thursday, January 22 – Health & Nutrition Focus Group for WOMEN VETERANS at St. John Fisher College’s School of Nursing at 6 pm

January 1st – Ed Kier is 75

January 8th – Bill Heinrich is 70
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 concerning our missing Americans this month. The total number of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War still stands unofficially at 1638.

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

- Cpl. Richard L. Wing, US Army was lost November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on November 7, 2014. He will be laid to rest with full military honors.

- Cpl. Leland F. Smith, US Army was lost on November 28, 1950 near the Chongchon River, North Korea. He was accounted for on November 8, 2014. He was laid to rest with full military honors on December 8, 2014 in Angola, Indiana.

- Pfc. Paul L. Tingle, US Army was lost November 26, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on November 12, 2014. He will be laid to rest with full military honors.

- 1st Lt. Raymond O. Ball, US Marine Corps was lost on November 27, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on November 13, 2014 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

With the passing of another holiday seasons, let us pray for the many families who still have emptiness in their hearts with the unknowing of the whereabouts of their loved ones who have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. They will never give up hope and as true Americans, neither shall we. Until they are all found and accounted for, let us never forget our brothers and sisters and the price they have paid for this great Nation. The families of those who have been accounted for now have the peace of mind as to where their loved ones now rest. Not in foreign lands or in foreign seas but here on American soil. We have waited and prayed for them and now we welcome them home.

Rest in Peace brothers.
I joined Chapter 20 around 1983. Back then we didn’t have anywhere the numbers we have today but the membership was pretty active. My personal definition of an active member - members who are “visible” at chapter sponsored events and activities. Most of the members were part of the Marching Unit back then, it was important for all to keep community visibility high. There was no “Welcome Home” yet and it was our time to come out of the closet. Then, as now, the “Members in Green” were the backbone of the chapter - always there to support the rest of the “body.” The “Welcome Home” period was the start of the membership skyrocket; it was now cool to be a Vietnam Veteran. Funny thing as the “body” increased by leaps and bounds, the “backbone,” our “Members in Green” remained pretty much the same. Who are these “Members in Green” they are members of the Honor Guard and Marching Unit. The one activity that really moved me was the outpouring of chapter members when a Vietnam Veteran passed away. The “Members in Green” were always there to present honors and other members came to show unity – we were a brotherhood. As our membership numbers continue to increase chapter presence at members’ funerals continue to decrease. Over the past few years, the only attendees at several funerals were the “Members in Green” and their families. Hopefully this will change, if not rest assured that when your time is up the “Members in Green” will be there to honor your service and support your family.

To our members in the Honor Guard and Marching Unit I salute you. You are the backbone and a major part of this organization.

Chuck Macaluso
WE’RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEMBERS

MIKE GENERAL, CHAIRMAN, MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS

Chapter 20 membership is currently at 586 members and AVVA is at 45 members as of 11/30/14. Membership is dropping mainly due to members not renewing.

Please Renew Your Membership!

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

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

We Need Your Help in Recruiting New Members

Chapter 20 membership is open to U.S. Veterans who served on active duty (other than for training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961 and May 07, 1975, or any duty location between August 05, 1964 and May 07, 1975.

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

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

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

Patrick Shea a Life Member moved here from N.Carolina and attended his 1st Chapter meeting – U.S.Army 1967-68

Victoria Leung of Legal Assistance of NY spoke to us about the legal services available to veterans

Dr. Peter Ziarnowski from the VA Vet Center accepted an $800 donation from the Chapter

Hank Wallace won the 50/50 drawing

Ron Trovato won the flag drawing

85 PEOPLE WERE IN ATTENDANCE!

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

Many thanks to the anonymous donor who provided the chicken wings for the meeting!

The 7th Annual Fit Vet Challenge starts in January.
Pearl Harbor Day of Remembrance

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January 2 – Vietcong forces mount a series of attacks across South Vietnam. They briefly seize control of Binh Gia, a village only 40 miles from Saigon. Two hundred South Vietnamese troops are killed near Binh Gia, along with five American advisors.

January 6 – The U.S. Ambassador in South Vietnam General Maxwell Taylor opposed the introduction of ground troops to help fight the Vietcong, endorsing instead a policy of graduated air attacks against the Ho Chi Minh trail, the supply line for the Vietcong and North Vietnam.

January 8 – The South Korean Government sends 2,000 military advisors to South Vietnam in order to assist U.S. military personnel in training the South Vietnamese Armed Forces.

January 13 – The U.S. Defense Department acknowledges that two U.S. Air Force jets have been shot down over Laos by Pathet Lao forces.

January 27 – Premier Huong is ousted by the South Vietnamese military. The Armed Military Council establishes General Khanh as de facto head of state. In response to the coup, President Johnson sent a telegram to Ambassador Taylor saying “the U.S. will spare no effort and no sacrifice in doing its full part to turn back the Communists in Vietnam.”

January 28 – General Khanh places a civilian, Nguyen Xuen Oanh, as premier, but General Khanh will remain the “power behind the throne”.

The U.S. Military Assistance Advisory Group was the precursor to MACV in Vietnam.

The U.S. Military Assistance Command, Vietnam (MACV) was the U.S. unified command structure for all of its military forces in Vietnam.
The Medal of Honor was created in 1861, early in the American Civil War, to give recognition to men who distinguished themselves "conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity" in combat with an enemy of the United States. There have been 3,469 Medals of Honor awarded to the nation's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, and coast guardsmen since the decoration's creation, with more than half of them presented for actions during the four years of the Civil War.

In 1990, Congress designated March 25 annually as "National Medal of Honor Day". Due to its prestige and status, the Medal of Honor is afforded special protection under U.S. law against any unauthorized adornment, sale, or manufacture, which includes any associated ribbon or badge.

Because the medal is presented "in the name of Congress", it is often erroneously referred to as the Congressional Medal of Honor; however, the official name is simply the "Medal of Honor".

Since 1944, the Medal of Honor has been attached to a light blue colored moiré silk neck ribbon that is $1 \frac{3}{16}$ inches in width and $21 \frac{3}{4}$ inches in length. The center of the ribbon displays thirteen white stars in the form of three chevrons. On May 2, 1896, Congress authorized a "ribbon to be worn with the medal and [a] rosette or knot to be worn in lieu of the medal". The service ribbon is light blue with five white stars in the form of an "M". It is placed first in the top position in the order of precedence and is worn for situations other than full-dress military uniform.

The Lapel button is a $\frac{1}{2}$-inch (13 mm), six-sided light blue bowknot rosette with thirteen white stars and may be worn on appropriate civilian clothing on the left lapel. As of 2013, "for each succeeding act that would otherwise justify award of the Medal of Honor, the individual receiving the subsequent award is authorized to wear an additional Medal of Honor ribbon and/or a 'V' device on the Medal of Honor suspension ribbon." The "V" device is a $\frac{1}{4}$-inch (6.4 mm) high bronze miniature letter "V" with serifs. The Medal of Honor is the only decoration to use the "V" device to designate subsequent awards in such fashion. Nineteen individuals, now deceased, were double Medal of Honor recipients.
Although not required by law or military regulation, members of the uniformed services are encouraged to render salutes to recipients of the Medal of Honor as a matter of respect and courtesy regardless of rank or status and, if the recipients are wearing the medal, whether or not they are in uniform. This is one of the few instances where a living member of the military will receive salutes from members of a higher rank.

After researching the Medal of Honor recipients in the Vietnam War, I have compiled the following information:

The first recipient was Roger Hugh C. Donlon on July 6, 1964. Born in Saugerties, NY on January 30, 1934, Roger was an Army Captain with the 7th Special Forces when he earned the award.

The last recipient was Michael Edwin Thornton on October 31, 1972. Born in Greenville, SC on March 23, 1949, Michael was a Navy SEAL with Team 1.

The youngest recipient was 18 and the oldest 46.

Six recipients were born in foreign nations: Mexico (2), Austria (1), Canada (1), England (1), Hungary (1), and Italy (1).

The Army had 170 recipients, the Marines 59, the Navy 14, and the Air Force 14.


On November 14, 1965 three individuals earned the Medal of Honor for their heroic actions in the same battle. The Battle of the Ia Drang Valley is one of the most famous battles of the Vietnam War. It, along with Khe Sanh, are the most easily recognized battles from the Vietnam War. It was at the Ia Drang that helicopter pilots Bruce P. Crandall and Ed W. Freeman as well as Infantry 2nd Lieutenant Walter Joseph Marm Jr. earned their Medals of Honor.

Beginning in this issue of the BTL there will be an article about a Medal of Honor recipient. It is only fitting that we begin the series with a Rochester native. Most of us know the story (if not the man himself) of Gary Beikirch, the Army Special Forces Medic who received the Medal of Honor for his actions in April of 1970. Therefore we will start the series with a lesser known Rochesterian, William Thomas Perkins, Jr.
The President of the United States
in the name of The Congress
takes pleasure in presenting the
Medal of Honor
to

Perkins, William Thomas, JR.


Citation:
For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a combat photographer attached to Company C. During Operation MEDINA, a major reconnaissance in force southwest of Quang Tri, Company C made heavy combat contact with a numerically superior North Vietnamese Army force estimated at from 2 to 3 companies. The focal point of the intense fighting was a helicopter landing zone which was also serving as the Command Post of Company C. In the course of a strong hostile attack, an enemy grenade landed in the immediate area occupied by Cpl. Perkins and 3 other marines. Realizing the inherent danger, he shouted the warning, "Incoming Grenade" to his fellow marines, and in a valiant act of heroism, hurled himself upon the grenade absorbing the impact of the explosion with his body, thereby saving the lives of his comrades at the cost of his life. Through his exceptional courage and inspiring valor in the face of certain death, Cpl. Perkins reflected great credit upon himself and the Marine Corps and upheld the highest traditions of the U.S. Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for his country.
The Rochester office of Legal Assistance of Western NY, Inc.® was created in 1968 to provide free legal advice and representation in non-criminal matters to low-income people in Monroe County. LawNY® is a not-for-profit law firm that receives government grants and private funds to pay for its work. Other LawNY® offices serve low-income clients across 13 counties in Western New York.

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As part of our partnership with the Veterans Outreach Center (VOC), LSVP attorneys meet with clients by appointment, on-site at the VOC. This allows veterans to receive legal services simultaneously with other support services. The LawNY®/VOC partnership creates a holistic approach to help veterans become self-sufficient. This is the first model in the nation to fully integrate free legal services at a veteran’s service organization.

The LSVP maintains connections with local service providers in the Rochester area. If we determine that you are ineligible for our services because your issue falls outside of our attorneys' practice areas, because you are over-income for our services, or for another reason, we will refer you to the appropriate organization.

GETTING HELP

By Phone: (585) 325-2520  TDD: (585) 325-2547
In-Person: We are located on the 4th floor of the Telesca Center for Justice building, 1 W.Main St., Rochester
Website: www.lawny.org
ODDS N’ ENDS
A page written by Chapter member Fred Elliott. The opinions and/or positions expressed on this page are in no way the opinions or positions of Chapter 20. The author accepts full responsibility for the expression of his opinions and positions on the various items written about on this page.

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) in St. Louis, Missouri, has agreed to handle medals verification requests for the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard, just as it already does for the Army and Air Force.

This move will provide a “one-stop shop” for veterans seeking to replace lost or stolen medals, awards or decorations or those authorized but never awarded to the individual service member.

“This consolidation will expedite the processing and delivery of Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard medals,” said Scott Levins, NPRC Director. He said the NPRC currently processes 46,000 requests a year for Army and Air Force medals and expects that number to climb to 60,000. He said he expects the transfer of this service to NPRC to be complete by January 2015.

The NPRC holds 56 million official military personnel files for veterans who served in the armed forces in the 20th century.

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Did you know that in 2013 the Lap Robes for Veterans Project gave out 700 lap robes and that in 2014 the number grew to 800?

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Still no word on whether or not the Penfield School District is going to grant a school tax exemption to the veteran property owners residing in its district. The Penfield School Board met in December to discuss the issue but postponed any decision until January. We’ll keep you posted.

Christmas Carolers at the Canandaigua VA on 12-17-14

(l to r) Diane General, Ron Trovato, Jon Phelps, Fred Elliott, Marie Elliott, Mike General, and Vito Scarpetta
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

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Could someone you know be in crisis?
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Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20

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Address: ________________________________

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I am not a Vietnam Veteran, but I want to help Vietnam Veterans and their families.  Please accept my donation:  
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VVA is a non-profit veterans service organization. Programs and services are funded by member dues and public donations.

Return this application, along with a copy of your DD214 to:

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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.
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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.

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VA Vet Center 232-5040
Veterans Administration 800-827-1000
Monroe County Veterans Service Agency 753-6040
Monroe County Veterans Service Agency
e-mail: serviceofficer@yahoo.com
VA Veterans Benefits Hotline 800-827-1000
VA Veterans Bill of Rights 800-342-3358
VA Medical Center in Batavia 297-1000
VA Hospital in Buffalo 716-834-9200
VA Medical Center in Canandaigua 394-2000
VA Medical Center in Bath 607-664-4000
Vietnam Veterans of America National Office 800-882-1316
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund 202-393-0090
National League of Families
POW/MIA Updates 202-223-6846
Richards House at VOC 506-9060
The Resource Center at VOC 546-4250
Stars & Stripes – The Flag Store 546-3524
Persian Gulf Vets, Inc. 385-4097
Operation Welcome Home 234-4694
National Caregivers Support Line 855-260-3274
Homeless Hotline 877-424-3838
Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255