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And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.”
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**MEMORIAL REPORT**

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Remembering our Fallen Heroes - July

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**Memorial Tours & Presentations**

Persons interested in onsite tours or presentations at schools or organizations, contact:
Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 (h) or email  chuckmac66@yahoo.com

**CLEAN-UP AT THE MEMORIAL**

Sunday, July 12th starting at 8am

Bring line trimmers, safety glasses, gloves, and weed attack equipment
VETERANS WALK COMMITTEE
154 Mendota Drive
Rochester, New York 14626

From:
Name: ____________________________
Address: __________________________
City/Zip: __________________________
Phone: ____________________________

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
During the month of June, the Chapter President:

- Chaired the Monthly Chapter Board of Directors meeting
- Met with the chapter attorney to draft a document concerning the Chapter logo
- Attended the quarterly finance committee meeting of the Chapter
- Attended the NY State Council meeting & presented a $1,000 check to State President Foote for the state service officer program
- Represented the Chapter at the Rundel Library
- Ordered and picked up Chapter supplies
- Facilitated the monthly Chapter membership meeting.
- Marched in the Barnard parade
- Attended the Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee meeting
- Attended Honor Flight on Fathers’ Day
- Made an appointment for, and accompanied new member Pedro Munoz to the County Veterans’ Service Agency
- Celebrated my 46th Wedding Anniversary
There have not been any recent reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and or the National League of Families of any of our missing Americans from the Vietnam War this month. The total number of Americans missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War still stands unofficially at 1626.

Even though the progress of recovering our missing is slow and at times hopeless, our mission still stands to account for and bring all our men back home. They will not be forgotten.

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

- Flight Officer Arthur J. LeFavre, US Army Air Force was lost December 23, 1944 in Germany. He was accounted for January 22, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- Pfc. Charlie Wilcher Jr., US Army was lost November 30, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on May 7, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- Richard W. Ward, US Army Air Force was lost December 23, 1944 in Germany. He was accounted for May 7, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- Pvt. Arthur H. Kelder, US Army was lost May 7, 1942 in the Philippines. He was accounted for on May 26, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors

“Welcome Home Brothers”
Rest in Peace
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Times listed are parade start times; participants are asked to be on-site 45-60 minutes earlier.
WE’RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEMBERS

MIKE GENERAL, CHAIRMAN, MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS

Chapter 20 membership is currently at 588 members and AVVA is at 43 members as of 5/31/15. Membership is not growing, we still need your help in recruiting new members. Don’t forget to renew on time. Don’t let your membership expire.

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.

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.

Associate membership 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 husband has passed away. If you know of someone who has lost their loved one, please contact Mike General.
President Gatto presented Nancy Van Apeldoorn with a $750 donation for the Lap Robes for Veterans Project

Giles Bray won the flag drawing

Mike SanFilippo won the 50/50 drawing

Pedro Munoz
Army ’56-’68

78 people were in attendance!
Summer is upon us and it does feel good. I went into Attica Correctional on Father’s Day and was met at the front gate by Staff Advisor Mark Schieffer who escorted me in. The turnout for the vets picnic was great and a little early rain did not dampen any ones spirits. The cook out chow was quite good (barbecued chicken, Italian sausage, baked potatoes) and certificates were given to vets there who were instrumental in keeping the Attica Active Veterans Group viable. I got to hand them out to the guys as well as allowed to go to the head of the serving line. I would guess there were close to 70 men present and much of the time was spent playing board games after we ate and just catching up. Chapter 20 sent in a small donation to help out with expenses as well as yarn for the crochet squad which has already knitted as many hats and scarves this year as they produced all of last year. A tip of the hat to CR, Phil Glazier, Mike Burkhardt and Sgt. Schieffer who worked hard to make the day such a success........The guys at Attica also had a general membership meeting in May and VA Re-entry specialist Cindy Thayer is scheduled to meet this month with vets there with 18 months or less before parole to assist in their transition. I want to note also the Attica vets donated $450 to the Western NY Heroes, a non-profit that assists children of military members that are currently deployed.

I was interviewed by high school students about Vietnam along with Fred Elliott and Kenny Allocco at the Harley Allendale School on 5/27. That went well and they compiled a nice booklet of the interviews which they forwarded to each of us........A big thank you to Joe Peck for his recent donation of yarn that he picked up for me at a garage sale and I sent on to Attica. I’m still facilitating a veterans’ bereavement group at Lifetime Care the second and fourth Mondays of each month, 1:00-2:30pm and was asked to speak to a group of new volunteers there on June 6th. There are over 200 volunteers at Lifetime and I again want to thank all the veteran volunteers at Chapter 20 including newly minted volunteers Rori Murrell and Mike Sanfilippo. I want to point out too that Jerry McDermott and Rose Fletcher, Lifetime Cares Director of Hospice Volunteers, worked a job fair in Wayne County. Although turnout was light, Jerry introduced Rose to various veterans organizations that participated and she was invited to give presentations to them. The job fair was sponsored by the Wayne County Veterans Service Advisory Committee and was held on June 13th. Finally, things with the Memorial Board are also moving along with plans coming together for the 2016 twenty year anniversary. I know, hard to believe.
Veterans Annual Support Day &
Stand Down 2015

Saturday
August 15, 2015
9AM-4PM

Event Location:
Case Mansion, 108 South Street
Auburn, New York 13021

For information about Volunteering, contact:
- Lou Patti, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 704 President,
  Auburn, New York 315-567-5395
- Rev. Ernie Bullock, Cayuga County Point Man Int. Ministries
  Outpost Leader, 315-252-5652
- Nick Valenti, Vietnam Vets of America NY State Council
  Committee Member, Auburn, New York 315-252-4533
- Karen Wood, Upstate Party Rental, Auburn, New York,
  315-246-6304
- Dan (Two Sticks) Brayley, 2nd Brigade Motorcycle Club
  Member, (716) 949-0274 or (716) 542-6275
- Sara Douglass, AMIE, Auburn, New York, 315-255-3447 x318

Hosted By:
Pointman International Ministries &
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #704

Vendors, Local Businesses & others will provide:
- A Good Meal
- Legal Guidance Restricted to Driving Issues
  (e.g. Restoration of Driver’s License, tickets,
  Child Support Info, etc.)
- Free Blood Pressure Screening
- Clothing, Bedding & Donated Personal Care Items
- Possible Employment Opportunities
  & Training Information
  via Syracuse VA Voc. Rehab Staff
- Housing Information & Identified Resources
- Haircuts for Veterans in Need
- Behavioral Health Care Services Information
- Prizes

Reminder!
All Veterans seeking Housing and/or
Voc. Rehab Information Services should bring
a DD214 (copy) OR a VA Healthcare Card with them.

Supporters Include:
Rochester, NY Chapter 20, Vietnam Veterans of America
First Presbyterian Church, Auburn, NY
Upstate Party Rental, Auburn, NY
Cub Scout Pack #48 & Boy Scout Troop #133
Combat Veterans from VA Batavia PTSD Program
Syracuse VA Medical Center, Syracuse NY
Syracuse VA Homeless Veterans Program
Syracuse VA Vocational Rehab Program
Case Mansion Staff
Auburn, NY VFW #1975
The Patriot Guard Riders (PGR)
Second Brigade Motorcycle Club
Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association
Auburn, NY American Legion Posts #1776 & #1324
Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club
Human Services Coalition of Cayuga County
Lawless Brothers Band
Harriet Tubman Staff
Go Fly A Kite

On May 30th, Chapter 20 member Jack Michel had the third annual Kite Flying event in North Tonawanda to raise funds for homeless veteran programs. Unfortunately, the winds were so strong that the Great Lakes Kiteflyers were unable to launch their really big kites. Attendance was down from the past two years likely because of the weather. With donations still coming in, over $15,000 has been raised this year. (Editor’s note: Marie and I attended the event and while it was very windy, there were quite a few people flying kites and having a good time.)
At The Library

On June 6th the Rundel Memorial Library opened a new exhibit about Vietnam Veterans. The exhibit is sponsored by the Local History & Genealogy and Science & History divisions of the Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County in partnership with Chapter 20. The exhibit is in conjunction with the Rochester-Monroe County Vietnam-era Veterans Oral History Project.
For all Veterans and their families!

August 8, 2015
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
In Memoriam at Noon

Buffalo & Erie County Naval & Military Park
One Naval Park Cove
Buffalo, NY 14202

Entertainment ~ Snacks ~ Car Cruise
Children’s Activities ~ Tours of Ships

VA, Erie County, NY State & Community Information Tables:
VA health & benefits, vocational, employment & more

Call for Information: 862-7344

Admission fees graciously donated by VA Western NY Pathfinders
Show VA or Military ID Card for entry

VA Western New York Healthcare System
www.buffalo.va.gov
www.facebook.com/VAWesternNY
Meanwhile, In North Tonawanda, New York
The 2015 annual
AMA District II Fly-IN
Benefiting Disabled Veterans
Through the Canandaigua VA Medical Center
www.canandaigua.va.gov

August 15th & 16th
AMA Sanction
15/657

presented by:
The Canandaigua Sky CHIEFS
www.canandaiguaskychiefs.org
and the
Radio Control Club of Rochester
www.rccr1957.com

Food Stand
Open Daily

50/50
Raffles

Come see
Drone Demos

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At the Chiefs field located on
Gehan Rd. (off 5 & 20), Canandaigua, NY
GPS Cord. 42.87-N 77.19-W
On the New York Steam Engine Associations grounds

All Types of model aircraft will be welcome
This is a great place to Fly!
There is ample room for parking, camping, and RV's
for the airshow pilots, visitors, and guest.

Landing Fee Donation.... $10
Junior Pilots ...... Free
Camping Donation....$10/weekend
Spectator Donation.... $3/vehicle

So come join us for a great model aircraft celebration
And support our disabled Vets at the same time

For further information, and pre-registration
please use either club website above
Barnard Firemen’s Parade
At some time in your life, you may need emergency care. This document explains what the VA might be able to do for you if you need emergency care.

When it is not possible for you to go to a VA medical center, you should go to the nearest hospital that has an emergency room. If you are in an ambulance, the paramedics will usually take you to the closest emergency room.

Here is what you should know...

**What is an emergency?**
A medical emergency is when you have an injury or illness that is so severe that without immediate treatment, the injury or illness threatens your life or health.

**How do I know my situation is an emergency?**
Use your best judgment. If you believe your life or health is in danger, call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

**If I believe my life or health is in danger, do I need to call the VA before I call for an ambulance or go into an emergency room?**
No. Call 911 or go to the nearest emergency room right away.

**Do I need to notify the VA after an ambulance takes me to an emergency room, or when I am treated and released?**
Yes. You, your family, friends or hospital staff should contact the nearest VA medical center as soon as possible—preferably within 72 hours, so you are better aware of services the VA may limit payment for. Provide the VA with information about your emergency event and services being provided to you. Ask the VA for guidance on how they will
consider reimbursing these emergency charges on your behalf, so you can plan accordingly.

If the doctor then wants to admit me to the hospital, must I obtain advance approval from the VA?
⇒ If the admission is an emergency – NO, although prompt notification of the VA is necessary.
⇒ If the admission is not an emergency – YES.

If a VA bed is available and I can be safely transferred, do I have to move to the VA hospital?
⇒ Yes. If you refuse to be transferred, the VA will not pay for any further care.

If I am admitted to the hospital as a result of an emergency, how much will VA pay?
This depends on your VA eligibility. The VA may pay all, some, or none of the charges. Ask your local VA medical center’s patient benefits counselor about what is allowed under non-VA emergency care programs:
⇒ For service-connected conditions
⇒ For non-service-connected conditions

Will I have to pay for any part of my emergency care?
It is possible. Sometimes co-pays are required based on your VA enrollment. Sometimes the extent of healthcare services reimbursable by the VA are limited by federal law.

Will VA pay for the ambulance and any possible emergency room charges if I leave the emergency room before being treated by a doctor?
Possibly not. If you leave the emergency room prior to being treated by a physician, the VA may not consider claims for that emergency event. You may be liable for some or all resulting ambulance and emergency room charges, regardless of your Veteran eligibility.

Does my enrollment in the VA Health Care System affect my eligibility for emergency care at VA expense?
Yes. Your local VA medical center’s benefits counselor can explain how enrollment (or other special status categories) affect your eligibility.

If I have other insurance (TRICARE, Medicare, Medicaid, Blue Cross, etc.), will it affect whether claims for emergency services will be paid at VA expense?
Yes, it may. Your local VA medical center’s benefits counselor can explain how other insurance can affect whether the VA can pay for your non-VA medical claims.

Will VA pay for emergency care if I am in jail?
No. The VA is prohibited, by federal law, from paying for the medical claims of incarcerated veterans (or fugitive felons).

How long do I have to file a claim for reimbursement for emergency medical care?
File your claim with the nearest VA medical center quickly. Time limits of 90-days usually apply. Contact your local VA medical center’s patient benefits counselor for more information on the timely filing requirements for non-VA care programs.

Will VA pay for emergency care received outside the United States?
Yes in certain cases. VA will only pay for emergency care outside the US if your emergency is related to a service-connected condition. For more information, contact the VA Health Administration Center at (877) 345-8179 or consult this web site:

http://www.va.gov/hac/forbeneficiaries/fmp/fmp.asp
Non-VA Care ‘Fee Basis’

The VA may be able to arrange and pay for the health care of eligible Veterans outside of VA medical facilities — but only in certain, limited circumstances.

When the Veteran meets eligibility criteria
When there is a medical need
When VA medical facilities (or 'sharing agreement' facilities) are not available

The VA’s ability to pay for the medical care of Veterans provided by the community is regulated by federal law.
Non-VA medical care programs for eligible Veterans, include:

Fee Basis, pre-authorized health care for the medical needs of Veterans continued outside of the VA (38 U.S.C. 1703).
Fee Basis emergency health care, while usually not requiring pre-authorization, may be furnished by a non-VA provider when emergency criteria are met (38 U.S.C. 1725 & 1728).

Purchased care services, administered by Fee Basis, include community nursing home, home structural alterations for the disabled, and more — may be available to eligible Veterans.

Non-VA Emergency Care

The right care...
At the right time...
At the right place...

Know your options ahead of time in case an emergency arises.

See your VA Medical Center about your eligibility today!

NFPO
National Fee Program Office
Chief Business Office
Veterans Health Administration

For more information on the National Fee Program of Non-VA Medical Care go to
www.nonvacare.va.gov
July 6 to 9 – Battalions of the 173rd Airborne conduct interdiction operations in War Zone D. On July 7th a U.S. Company sized unit fights its way out of an L-shaped ambush, killing over 50 VC.

July 8 – Henry Cabot Lodge is nominated to be the new ambassador to South Vietnam; replacing Ambassador Taylor who has resigned over the use of U.S. combat troops in Vietnam.

July 12 - The 2nd Brigade of the Army’s 1st Infantry Division began to arrive in South Vietnam. The brigade was initially responsible for providing security for Bien Hoa air base near Saigon.

July 20 - On the 11th anniversary of the signing of the Geneva Accords ending the First Indochina War, North Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh said that the North Vietnamese and the Viet Cong will fight for 20 years or more to achieve victory and unification of the two Vietnams.

July 21 - Members of the New Zealand armed forces were deployed to South Vietnam.

July 24 - The first Surface to air missile (SAM) fired by North Vietnam brought down a U.S. F-4C Phantom jet. The SAM site that fired the missile was one of five ringing Hanoi at a distance of about 20 miles.

July 28 – President Johnson announces that U.S. military strength in Vietnam will almost immediately increase from 75,000 to 125,000. (This includes the 1st Cavalry Division-Airmobile.) He also states that the reserves will not be mobilized but instead the draft will be doubled and voluntary enlistment programs will be intensified. After the initial buildup reaches 125,000 additional forces will be sent as required.

July 28 to August 3 – Elements of the 173rd Airborne mount an operation designed to cut a supposed Vietcong supply route. The airborne paratroopers search the area but meet no opposition; just extremely thick vegetation.

July 29 - A brigade of the 101st Airborne Division arrived at Cam Rahn Bay and set up its base camp there.

July 30 – General Westmoreland gives Lieutenant-General Lewis Walt of the 3rd Marine Amphibious Force (MAF) operational control of all U.S. ground elements in the I Corps Tactical Zone.
The President of the United States
in the name of The Congress
takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to

Rascon, Alfred V.


Citation:
Specialist Four Alfred Rascon, distinguished himself by a series of extraordinarily courageous acts on 16 March 1966, while assigned as a medic to the Reconnaissance Platoon, Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry, 173d Airborne Brigade (Separate). While moving to reinforce its sister battalion under intense enemy attack, the Reconnaissance Platoon came under heavy fire from a numerically superior enemy force. The intense enemy fire from crew-served weapons and grenades severely wounded several point squad soldiers. Specialist Rascon, ignoring directions to stay behind shelter until covering fire could be provided, made his way forward. He repeatedly tried to reach the severely wounded point machine-gunner laying on an open enemy trail, but was driven back each time by the withering fire. Disregarding his personal safety, he jumped to his feet, ignoring flying bullets and exploding grenades to reach his comrade. To protect him from further wounds, he intentionally placed his body between the soldier and enemy machine guns, sustaining numerous shrapnel injuries and a serious wound to the hip. Disregarding his serious wounds he dragged the larger soldier from the fire-raked trail. Hearing the second machine-gunner yell that he was running out of ammunition, Specialist Rascon, under heavy enemy fire crawled back to the wounded machine-gunner stripping him of his bandoleers of ammunition, giving them to the machine-gunner who continued his suppressive fire. Specialist Rascon fearing the abandoned machine gun, its ammunition and spare barrel could fall into enemy hands made his way to retrieve them. On the way, he was wounded in the face and torso by grenade fragments, but disregarded these wounds to recover the abandoned machine gun, ammunition and spare barrel items, enabling another soldier to provide added suppressive fire to the pinned-down squad. In searching for the wounded, he saw the point grenadier being wounded by small arms fire and grenades being thrown at him. Disregarding his own life and his numerous wounds, Specialist Rascon reached and covered him with his body absorbing the blasts from the exploding grenades, and saving the soldier's life, but sustaining additional wounds to his body. While making his way to the wounded point squad leader, grenades were hurled at the sergeant. Again, in complete disregard for his own life, he reached and covered the sergeant with his body, absorbing the full force of the grenade explosions. Once more Specialist Rascon was critically wounded by shrapnel, but disregarded his own wounds to continue to search and aid the wounded. Severely wounded, he remained on the battlefield, inspiring his fellow soldiers to continue the battle. After the enemy broke contact, he disregarded aid for himself, instead treating the wounded and directing their evacuation. Only after being placed on the evacuation helicopter did he allow aid to be given to him. Specialist Rascon's extraordinary valor in the face of deadly enemy fire, his heroism in rescuing the wounded, and his gallantry by repeatedly risking his own life for his fellow soldiers are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.
In Memory Donations

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