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Remembering our Fallen Heroes - November

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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
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. _____________________________
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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
In October of 2015, besides my regular monthly duties, I put together a few meetings with the financial committee and the Canandaigua Bank to discuss our chapter finances.

- I participated with the Honor Guard events.
- I attended the monthly meeting with the VM&EC.
- I attended the quarterly Memorial Meeting that I represent the Chapter also the 20 anniversary meeting for 2016.
- I had a meeting with Ms. Linda Lovejoy at the Wegmans Corporate Office for a donation check to the chapter.
- I traveled to Big City on Buffalo Rd. to pick up chapter gear.
- Today on October 25, 2015 I participated with the Honor Guard to welcome home the last Honor Flight of this year.

The Upstate NY Vietnam Veterans Re-enactment Group at the Cohocton Parade
Tim Sturm, Tom Puff, Steve Toth, Jim Vella, Ray Madigan, Lonny Griffin, Ed Pisconski

Note from the Editor

Ed Kier’s Grandson, Zack Kier, graduated Basic Training at Fort Benning, GA on October 8 and will going to Fort Eustis, TX for medical training.
In the February 2013 BTL Issue #2, pg. 13, I wrote about the case of J03 Raul Antonio Guerra who went missing on October 8, 1967 and whose remains were reportedly recovered and laid to rest with 4 other members of his crew in June of 2007 but was never accounted for. After much inquiring and discussion with the National VVA POW/MIA Chairmen and the newly formed DPAA Director, Michael Linnington and others who were familiar with this case, it is confirmed that J03 Raul Antonio Guerra is still listed as MIA (Missing in Action) and unaccounted for. Information and documents were released several years ago correcting the erroneous informational release in 2007. There is additional detail regarding the complications that arose from this error and they will be provided to the POW/MIA committee at a later date. I want to personally thank Grant Coates for helping to get answers on this case and to confirm the actual number of missing Americans from the Vietnam War so we can keep our membership accurately informed.

There have been no reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and the National League of Families this month. The total number of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War now stands at 1626.

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

- Cpl. Robert V. Witt, US Army was reported lost on December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 11, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Martin A. King, US Army was reported lost on November 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 16, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- Pfc. Frank Worley, US Army was reported lost on February 12, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 19, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Robert P. Graham, US Army was reported lost on February 13, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 22, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Roger K. Nielson, US Marine Corps was lost November 20, 1943 on the island of Tarawa. He was accounted for on September 24, 2015 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

We will keep the promise to our brothers and bring our missing home.
We will never forget them nor the sacrifices that they have made.
WE’RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEMBERS

MIKE GENERAL, CHAIRMAN, MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 599 members and AVVA is at 43 members as of 09/30/15. Membership is growing, but we still need your help in recruiting new members. Don’t forget to renew on time. Don’t let your membership expire.

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 (Charge Card) for “Life Membership” has been dropped by National. New “Life Membership for $90.00 is here! Contact Mike General for details!

When you have an address change, please notify Mike General so we can keep our Roster up to date and notify National.

Need your help in recruiting new members.

Chapter 20 Membership is open to U.S. Veterans who served active duty (other than 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 The BTL, 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 issue of the BTL, or by contacting me at (mwgeneral@aol.com)

NEW: We are offering an “Honorary Membership” to Chapter 20 to all spouses who husbands have passed away. If you know of someone who has lost their loved one, please contact Mike General.

ATTENTION AVVA MEMBERS: The AVVA National Board has announced that once again “The VVA Veteran” will be made available to AVVA members who don’t have a VVA member spouse. Please contact the National Membership Chair at 717-259-5716 to request the VVA Veteran.
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Celebrating the US Navy birthday!

New member Gary Anderson

New member Gayle Marshall
US Army 1966-1969

122 people attended the meeting

Continued on the next page
New member Karl Voelkl
US Marine 1969-1971

New member Gerald Baehr
US Army 1964-1967

New member John Lipari

New member Rich Ferrante
US Army 1967-1969

Lee Kauffman won the flag drawing

Dave Cook won the 50/50 drawing
One Time Special Offer
August 1 – December 31, 2015

Life Membership Application

New:_____  Renewal:_____  Membership #:__________________  Chapter #:_____

Name:__________________________________________________________
Address:______________________________________________________________________________
City:_________________________ State:________________ Zip:_____________________________
Telephone #:_________________ E-Mail:______________________________________________________

Life Membership Dues $100.00

Life Membership Payment:  Check _____  Money Order _____
Credit Card:  Visa____  MasterCard____  Amex_____  Discover____
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Signature:_________________________  Date:____________________

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Send To: Vietnam Veterans of America, PO Box 64299, Baltimore, MD 21264-4299
Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.

* SPECIAL ONE-TIME LIFE MEMBERSHIP OFFER *

*This application is for the Life Membership Special being offered from November 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 only. The application must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2015 to be accepted.

This application can be filled in online and printed to sign and mail, or it can be printed blank and filled out by hand.

State: ___________ Chapter: ___________ At-Large? Yes [ ] No [ ]
Are You a Veteran? Yes [ ] No [ ] Are you eligible for VVA? Yes [ ] No [ ]
I am a new member: [ ] I am renewing a current membership: [ ]

Member #: ___________

Name: ___________________________________________ Sex: M [ ] F [ ]
Address: _________________________________________ Date of Birth: ___________
City: ___________________________ State: __________________ Zip: __________
Phone (Home): ___________________________ Phone (Cell): __________________
Email: (please print clearly) __________________________________________

Payment must be made in full for $100.00. No payment plans are offered with this special.

DO NOT SEND CASH
(Checks, money orders or credit cards accepted)

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MAKE CHECKS OR MONEY ORDERS PAYABLE TO AVVA, AND MAIL WITH APPLICATION TO:

Monument Bank, AVVA Lock Box | 8602 Colesville Road | Silver Spring, MD 20910
November 3 - In a memorandum to President Johnson, Secretary McNamara estimated total communist forces in South Vietnam as having increased to 230,000, including 71,000 Viet Cong main force, 40,000 political cadre, 110,000 guerrillas, and 20,000 North Vietnamese soldiers. McNamara anticipated that these totals would increase.

November 4 – The NVA attacks a Special Forces (SF) camp near Plei Mei. When the attack has been repulsed, Westmoreland orders the 1st Cavalry to launch an offensive to find and destroy enemy regiments that have been identified in the vicinity of the SF camp. The result of this action will be the Battle of the Ia Drang Valley.

November 8 - The Battle of Gang Toi was fought between Australian troops and the Viet Cong. The battle was one of the first engagements between the two forces during the war and occurred when the 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR) found a Viet Cong bunker system in the Gang Toi Hills, in northern Bien Hoa Province.

November 14 to 18 - The Battle of Ia Drang was one of the most consequential battles of the Vietnam War. For the first time, the United States Army and the People's Army of Vietnam (the North Vietnamese Army) met head-on in a major engagement with the South Vietnamese army and the Viet Cong playing only minor roles. Casualties were heavy on both sides with some 250 U.S. and at least 1,200 North Vietnamese dead. For General Westmoreland the battle was a victory for U.S. firepower and mobility in a war of attrition in which the U.S. attempted to kill more communist troops than could be replaced. However, in the words of Joe Galloway, a journalist awarded a Bronze Star for his participation in the battle; Ia Drang was "the battle that convinced Ho Chi Minh he could win." The communists would "grind down the Americans" as they had the French in the 1940s and early fifties in the First Vietnam War.

November 30 - In the aftermath of the Battle of Ia Drang and after meeting with General Westmoreland in South Vietnam, Secretary of Defense McNamara recommended in a memorandum to President Johnson that the number of U.S. troops in South Vietnam should be increased to about 400,000 in 1966 and possibly by an additional 200,000 in 1967. McNamara estimated that 1,000 Americans per month would die in the war and that "the odds are even" that the U.S. would prevail. McNamara recommended a pause in bombing North Vietnam of 3 to 4 weeks duration to try to find a way to end the war before undertaking the military buildup.
The President of the United States 
in the name of The Congress 
takes pleasure in presenting the Medal of Honor to

**Dolby, David Charles**


*Citation:*
For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty, when his platoon, while advancing tactically, suddenly came under intense fire from the enemy located on a ridge immediately to the front. Six members of the platoon were killed instantly and a number were wounded, including the platoon leader. Sgt. Dolby's every move brought fire from the enemy. However, aware that the platoon leader was critically wounded, and that the platoon was in a precarious situation, Sgt. Dolby moved the wounded men to safety and deployed the remainder of the platoon to engage the enemy. Subsequently, his dying platoon leader ordered Sgt. Dolby to withdraw the forward elements to rejoin the platoon. Despite the continuing intense enemy fire and with utter disregard for his own safety, Sgt. Dolby positioned able-bodied men to cover the withdrawal of the forward elements, assisted the wounded to the new position, and he, alone, attacked enemy positions until his ammunition was expended. Replenishing his ammunition, he returned to the area of most intense action, single-handedly killed 3 enemy machine gunners and neutralized the enemy fire, thus enabling friendly elements on the flank to advance on the enemy redoubt. He defied the enemy fire to personally carry a seriously wounded soldier to safety where he could be treated and, returning to the forward area, he crawled through withering fire to within 50 meters of the enemy bunkers and threw smoke grenades to mark them for air strikes. Although repeatedly under fire at close range from enemy snipers and automatic weapons, Sgt. Dolby directed artillery fire on the enemy and succeeded in silencing several enemy weapons. He remained in his exposed location until his comrades had displaced to more secure positions. His actions of unsurpassed valor during 4 hours of intense combat were a source of inspiration to his entire company, contributed significantly to the success of the overall assault on the enemy position, and were directly responsible for saving the lives of a number of his fellow soldiers. Sgt. Dolby's heroism was in the highest tradition of the U.S. Army.
Veterans Day at the Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial

As most in Chapter 20 know, every Veterans Day there is a ceremony conducted by the Chapter’s Honor Guard and Marching Unit at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park early in the evening. It is a simple but fitting recognition of the sacrifice of our Brothers fulfilling the promise to never again forget a Veteran. All are invited to attend.

There is yet another recognition of the sacrifice of those honored at the Memorial which takes place prior to sun-up on Veterans Day. It is hosted by the ROTC Unit at the University of Rochester. They, along with Cadets from the ROTC Unit of Rochester Institute of Technology, run in information from Fauver Stadium (leaves the football stadium on the campus of U of R at 0545) to the Memorial (est. 0610 arrival). They tour the Memorial, conduct a service, reform, and run back to Fauver Stadium.

Anyone interested in attending this ceremony can either join the Cadets for the 2 mile run to the Memorial or join them there. After the return run to the U of R there is a continental style breakfast in Friel Lounge in the Susan B. Anthony residence hall.

For additional information contact Bruce Van Apeldoorn at bvanapeldoornsr@gmail.com.
October 9, 2015

Dear neighbor,

Throughout the year we recognize the service of the men and women who fought and continue to fight for our country's freedom. On Veterans Day, we are especially reminded of their bravery, heroism and we honor their contribution to our nation.

On Wednesday, November 11, Tops Friendly Markets will honor an 11 percent discount off of a total order to all veterans and their immediate family members who shop at any Tops location. Customers should present proof of service that they, or a family member living in the same household are a U.S. Veteran, active duty, reserve or retired military personnel to automatically receive an 11 percent discount off of their total purchase that day.

Tops is proud to be a long-time supporter of military associates and customers, including our support of the American Veterans Tribute Traveling Wall, Honor Flight Missions, sending care packages for troops serving domestically and overseas, VA hospital visits and participation in veteran job fairs, parades and expo's. We wanted to take further action by giving back to our associates and customers who have courageously defended our country and made many sacrifices through their military service.

The respect and gratitude we have for our veterans is immeasurable - this is just our small way of saying “thank you.”

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Frank Curci
Chief Executive Officer and Board Chairman
Tops Friendly Markets
USMC Birthday Breakfast - All Hands on Deck!

When:

Tuesday November 10th

Time:

0900hrs

Location:

Denny's 2890 W Ridge Road Greece 585-252-8350

Mess Hall Charge:

about $5 - $9 (lots of choices)

POC:

Bruce Van Apeldoorn 585-613-6564 or bvanapeldoornsr@gmail.com
First Down............ARMY!!!

by Ron Trovato

I am both excited and hesitant about my overnight trip to an Army football game at West Point with several other Chapter #20 members. Being that rare combination of up to something and good for nothing, I know I will be unable to conform to the iron discipline of our leader Hank Wallace. Fred “Dr.No” Elliott chose me to be his roomie at the luxury pay by the hour motel reserved for us, displaying precisely why he is victimized repeatedly by Nigerian e-mail scams. Having dedicated my life to slacking, I must tell you that rooming with Fred was like living under Sharia law, only stricter. It was also difficult to get any rest because I am so used to the sound of my wife crying herself to sleep at night but I manage about four hours. I am grateful for having survived the evening virtually unscathed and fall out in formation with the other guys for our 5:30AM inspection by Hank. Now Hank has a little bit of General Friedrich Wilhelm von Steuben in him, the same Prussian General that instilled mind bending drill, tactics and discipline in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War, and I knew I was in for more than I signed up for. I responded pretty much the way Grandpa Simpson would.

When we get to West Point we parade around with Hank calling cadence until game time when we begin the long and exhausting uphill double time to Michie Stadium. Hank allows us one smoke break which I use to destroy a porta potty which some luckless MP in a Hazmat suit has to cover in crime scene tape. Hank pushes us mercilessly as we begin the final ascent to our seats which are in the jet stream. Our bodies are straining for oxygen at this altitude and we all have nosebleeds. Mike Sanfillipos’ bum knee has been barking all morning and it finally gives out and I help him off the trail and make him comfortable. The Sherpa guides can’t look me in the eye and I know he’s a goner. He bravely hands me his wallet and diet coke and I make a mental note to send his wife a VVA condolence card.

Bucknell is pounding Army in the first half and we are playing like one of those hopeless “everybody gets a trophy” kiddie teams. The only thing keeping our squad on life support is the Bucknell Bisons love of cheap personal foul penalties that keep our guys from being overrun. We are a demoralized bunch at halftime, frozen to our seats by a stout wind and not even all the VA prescribed opiates we pool together can alter our sense of impending doom. When the third quarter starts Bucknell tires of toying with Army and goes for the jugular, pushing us towards our end zone for a backbreaking score. The stadium crowd is as nervous as Bill Clinton in church and I get the feeling that Custer must have had when he started counting the hostiles. Just when all seems lost, a lone Charlton Heston like voice cascades down upon the field of battle, down upon the reeling Army Black Knights defense. It is Hank, AKA von Steuben, taking command and yelling encouragement to his beleaguered troops. “Go Army!! Hold Them!!” Hank yells as he stands up. Right before our eyes Hank is transformed back to the brash, devil may care West Point Class of ’66 Infantry Officer he once was and he rallies his men and the perimeter miraculously holds as Army’s resolve stiffens. Then Hank orders his troops out of their foxholes and they become cadets possessed. They make running through Becknell’s previously impenetrable defense easier than making a teenager depressed. The Bisons are hammered back to the Yalu River only this time there is no Truman to hold us back. Time and again Army crashes into the end zone and the victory is complete and decisive. The stadium is delirious with unbridled joy and everyone in our section is staring at Hank in absolute dumbfounded awe and respect. I have to look away, my eyes misting over as I watch Hank signing programs and kissing babies.

Walking back to the car we are a rowdy bunch and it was then that I saw him, stopping me dead in my tracks. Eighty-eight year old Command Sergeant Major Merle T. Maddox. And he was using a walker to negotiate the hallowed West Point parade ground. The man had made my life a living hell in Basic and AIT and he was a man I absolutely despised because of his bullying, harassment and H.R. Haldeman haircut. He was wearing his dress uniform with a swagger stick he took off a kamikaze cook in World War II tucked into his boot, “lifer” written all over him. I had waited 45 years for this moment and I would not be denied sweet revenge. Seething, with forehead vein popping Ralph Kramden level rage, I approached my adversary with clenched fists.
“You may not remember me but I’m gonna kick your..........”

“’What’s that sonny,” the Sergeant Major asked leaning forward on his walker, “You want to lick my.........” I lean in closer, our faces almost touching, “I said I wanna kick your.........”

“Give me 50 hippie!”

“Sir! Yes Sir!” I respond holding firm.

“No, not those girlie pushups,” my nemesis retorted. “I want manly pushups and do them over that mud puddle.”

“Sir! Yes Sir!” I reply, not unlike John Kerry negotiating with the Iranians. Totally maintaining my dignity, I begin to knock out mucky pushups while Command Sergeant Major Maddox gleefully describes what The Doors did to my kid sister while I was in the Nam. After watching this humiliation play out long enough, Lynn Gursslin and Jerry McDermott mercifully walk a broken and shattered me back to the car.

“Boy, you really showed that guy,” says Jerry, showing his absolute grasp of the counter intuitive.

“For reasons that escape me, I really admire your enthusiasm for stepping in it,” comforts Lynn. I quietly ponder the irony of my fate on the long, painful ride home.

(Note: On October 17th eight of us from Chapter#20 attended the West Point Homecoming football game on a crisp, mostly sunny afternoon. Hank Wallace organized everything and before the game we saw the entire cadet class march in review. Talk about inspiring. I had never been to West Point before and the campus was just spectacular. Hank took us on a tour and the history, the pride and the spirit of the Academy was breathtaking. It still means something to be an American there and this country will never lose that feeling as long as we have West Point and the cadets that train there. Thank you West Point and Thank you Hank.)
Hepatitis C Awareness & Education Initiative

FREE Educational Event for ALL Vietnam Veterans, spouses and partners!
Co-Hosted by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20

Date: November 12, 2015
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Italian American Sports Club
1250 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624

Agenda:
Doors Open/Registration: 5:30 PM-6:00 PM
Welcome & Introduction: 6:30 PM-6:35 PM
Vietnam Veteran Presentation: 6:35 PM-6:50 PM
Clinical Educator/Q&A Session: 6:50 PM-7:05 PM
Q&A: 7:05 PM

Please RSVP to e-mail: vva@medmatrix.com or phone: 925-377-3037
Or at: vgatto@rochester.rr.com or phone: 585-227-2741

For More Information: Visit HEPCHOPE.COM or Call 1-844-4-HEPCHOPE TODAY to get live support
October 8, 2015

Dear Town of Chili Hometown Hero:

The Town of Chili was recently introduced to an exciting new program that is sure to have a tremendous, positive impact for recognizing our community’s Hometown Heros. We have accepted the services for, and will take part in, a two-year promotional campaign conducted by Community Prestige.

Community Prestige is a leader in branding, marketing and online reputation management. This phase of the program provides for street banners, designed exclusively for our community, bringing recognition to our community’s Hometown Hero’s and showing Chili’s economic vitality and the support of our business community.

As you know, the Town of Chili is dedicated to making our community an attractive place to live, work, shop and conduct business. This project will increase civic pride, beautify our downtown and business districts and provide recognition, highlighting both our currently serving service men and women and our veterans for their services. We look forward to proudly displaying your image and name on one of the many banners in and around our business districts.

To take part in the Town of Chili Hometown Hero’s Expo, please contact Matt Cottengim with Community Prestige by phone or by email at: (585) 737-7713 or mattcottengim@gmail.com. We encourage you to consider participation with this program, which we feel is truly a win-win for all involved.

Sincerely,

David J. Dunning
Town Supervisor
Local Address: 460 Buffalo Road – Dock 100, Rochester, 14611

2105 Chairperson: Jason Tiefel – Cell phone: 585-208-0444

Volunteer Coordinator:  Sharon Beeke – Cell Phone: 585-802-8836 (for questions only, she cannot sign you up)

“Toys for Tots” website: http://rochester-ny.toysfortots.org/

Email account: roctoys4tots@gmail.com

Volunteers Needed
Jason Tiefel is up to his Santa’s hat with all types of busy, and Toys for Tots needs all the volunteers it can get. Now is the time that delivery of toy-drop-boxes is beginning to happen.

Please sign up on-line at: http://rochester-ny.toysfortots.org/

Garden Factory / Toys for Tots Event
December 5th & 6th 9am to 5pm (prime time needs 11am – 4pm)

The prime time mean that these will be the busiest coverage needs if you do not want to be there the entire day. If you want to participate in this event contact Frank Kozlowsky at 585-455-5221 or register at the web site listed above.
You are cordially invited!

The children of St. Lawrence School are looking forward to having you join them in prayer and song as they honor all those who keep our communities safe. Along with our Veterans, we welcome active members of the military, reservists, and National Guard, and police, fire and ambulance workers.

WHAT: St. Lawrence School annual Veteran’s Day Concert.

WHERE: St. Lawrence Church - Deacon Hall

WHEN: Tuesday, November 10\textsuperscript{th} at 1:00 p.m. and/or at 7:00 p.m.

HOW: Kindly call us at 225-3870 to RSVP by November 6\textsuperscript{th} so we can reserve a seat for you.

Please feel free to extend this invitation to your friends, family members, and other veterans or service members.

God Bless America

Thank you,

Mr. Frank Arvizzigno
Principal
St. Lawrence School

1000 North Greece Road • Rochester, NY 14626-1091 • 585.225.3870
VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON

Tuesday
November 11, 2015
12:30 PM

WISHING WELL RESTAURANT
1190 Chili Avenue

PRICE: $22.00 PER PERSON
Full Service Buffet

RESERVATION DEADLINE: November 3, 2015

Make Checks Payable to: Monroe County American Legion

RESERVATION

Name of Organization

Number attending_______ at $22.00 per person. Amount enclosed $__________

Mail to: Veterans Day Luncheon
171 Harwood Circle
Rochester, NY 14625
Were you at Camp Lejeune between 1957 and 1987?

Posted by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

You may be eligible for VA health care. From the 1950s through the 1980s, people living or working at the U.S. Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, were potentially exposed to drinking water contaminated with industrial solvents, benzene, and other chemicals.

New health benefits
Under a law signed Aug. 6, 2012 (215 KB), Veterans and family members who served on active duty or resided at Camp Lejeune for 30 days or more between Jan. 1, 1957 and Dec. 31, 1987 may be eligible for medical care through VA for 15 health conditions. Learn more about Camp Lejeune health benefits and which conditions are covered. http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/camp-lejeune/

Compensation benefits
The Aug. 6, 2012 law applies to health care, not disability compensation. At this time, there is insufficient scientific and clinical evidence to establish a presumptive association between service at Camp Lejeune during the period of water contamination and the development of certain diseases.

Veterans may file a claim for disability compensation for health problems they believe are related to exposure to contaminated water at Camp Lejeune. VA decides these claims on a case-by-case basis.
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: __________________________________

City: __________________________ Zip: ________ County: __________________

Home Phone: ( 555 )________________________ Work Phone: ( 555 )________________________

Email Address: _______________________ Sponsor: _________________________________

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+)

VVA is a non-profit veterans service organization. Programs and services are funded by member dues and public donations.

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 | Membership Meetings
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November 3, 2015 | November 12, 2015
December 1, 2015 | December 10, 2015
January 4, 2016 | January 14, 2016

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.
Your business card could be here. Contact Chapter Treasurer, Alan Frisa (afrisa@rochester.rr.com), for details.
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  459 South Avenue  
  546-1081

- **VA Vet Center**  
  232-5040

- **Veterans Administration**  
  800-827-1000

- **Monroe County Veterans Service Agency**  
  753-6040

- **National League of Families**  
  e-mail: serviceofficer@yahoo.com

- **VA Veterans Benefits Hotline**  
  800-877-1000

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  800-342-3358

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