Hearing Awareness Month

My hearing loss has gotten so bad that I can't hear the voices in my head.

“My tinnitus is so loud it keeps my wife awake.”
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Remembering our Fallen Heroes - October

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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
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
• Chaired the Monthly Chapter Board of Directors meeting
• Facilitated the monthly Chapter membership meeting
• Participated in the dedication of the Vietnam Veterans time capsule at Gates Memorial Park.
• Was part of the Honor Guard welcoming back Honor Flight Mission #43.
• Attended the Veterans & Memorial Executive Council meeting.
• Coordinated the Marching Unit / Honor Guard Picnic.
• Ordered Chapter Gear through Big City.
• Along with the Finance Committee, met with Canandaigua National Bank to review investments.
• Attended a Chapter 77 membership meeting with Fred Elliott, Alan Frisa, and Joe Peck.

Presenting a $500 donation to the Italian American Sport Club for club renovations.
First of all, I would like to thank all those who braved the uncooperative weather for the candle light ceremony on September 12th. As always, we honored all those Americans who for over 40 years are still listed as missing and unaccounted for. It is our mission as Vietnam Veterans and families to keep them in our hearts and to never forget them and what they sacrificed for their country and our freedom. God bless them and their families.

There have been new reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and the National League of Families, that another American has been recovered and accounted for. The total number of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War now stands unofficially at 1625.

1st. Lt. Stanley Garwood Johnson, US Marine Corps from Applegate, California arrived in Vietnam on December 1, 1965 and was assigned as a co-pilot of a UH-34 helicopter. On December 3rd, Lt. Johnson’s very first mission was to be the lead aircraft with 5 other UH-34’s that left Quang Tin on an unscheduled resupply mission to an outpost known as Hiep Duc just west of Tam Ky in South Vietnam. All 6 UH-34’s were carrying a 4 man crew and a full complement of ARVN troops. While approaching this hot spot they tried to fly as high as possible but were limited because of a very heavy cloud ceiling. Upon approaching their destination, Lt. Johnson’s aircraft was fired upon by Viet Cong forces with time delay fused mortars and received a direct hit in the belly section where the aircraft fuel tanks were located. The pilot tried desperately to get the aircraft on the ground but it was burning so fiercely that the aircraft had rolled inverted before crashing and exploding on impact. All this was stated from eye witness accounts. There were no reported survivors. Lt. Johnson was then listed as KIA/BNR. There has been no date listed as to the recovery or date of return for Lt. Stanley G. Johnson but his remains were identified on August 5, 2015 and he was officially accounted for on August 25, 2015. No other information is available at this time.

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

• SFC. Robert Reager, US Army was reported missing on December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on July 21, 2015 and was laid to rest with full military honors.

• Sgt. Wilson Meckley Jr., US Army was reported lost on December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on August 9, 2015 and was laid to rest with full military honors.

• Sgt. Christopher Y. Vars, US Army was reported lost on November 29, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on August 13, 2015 and was laid to rest with full military honors.

• 1st Lt. Alexander Bonnyman, US Marine Corps was lost November 23, 1943 on the island of Tarawa. He was accounted for on August 27, 2015 and laid to rest with full military honors.

• Cpl. Robert E. Meyers, US Army was reported lost on December 1, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 4, 2015 and laid to rest with full military honors.

• Cpl. James D. Otto and Pfc. James P. Reilly, US Marine Corps were both lost on November 20, 1943 on the island of Tarawa. They were both accounted for on September 5, 2015 and laid to rest with full military honors.

• Cpl. George H. Mason, US Army was reported lost on February 14, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 8, 2015 and laid to rest with full military honors.
Candlelight Vigil at Highland Park for National POW/MIA Recognition Day

It has been many years but you are finally home brother. Rest in peace and we will never forget you or those who are still missing.
WE’RE LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD MEMBERS

MIKE GENERAL, CHAIRMAN, MEMBERSHIP AFFAIRS

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 591 members and AVVA is at 43 members as of 08/31/15. 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.

Please Renew Your Membership!

If you a 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 $100.00 is here!

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.
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 ______
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Send To: Vietnam Veterans of America, PO Box 64299, Baltimore, MD 21264-4299
HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Ken Kofod – Navy – 1968-70

Frank Bires – Air Force – 1963-69

John Flannery – Air Force – 1967-70

Rita Hasenhauer spoke about Gold Star Family Recognition Day

Chris Smith and Dan Martinez spoke about the Rochester Outpatient Clinic and available services

112 PEOPLE ATTENDED THE MEETING

(see next page for more photos)

Karen Frisa won the 50/50
Lynn Gursslin won the flag drawing
Jim Palermo won a book about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial
Michele Nichols won a book about the Vietnam Veterans Memorial

A visit to a membership meeting at Chapter 77 in Tonawanda by Val Gatto, Joe Peck, Alan Frisa, and Fred Elliott.

Their food pantry for needy veterans/families
Honor Flight Mission #43 September 13th
The Attica Active Veterans Group had a General Membership Meeting on 7/11 and Volunteer Certificates of Appreciation were given to Chapter 20 member Jack Michel and to his wife Joanne and we congratulate them both for their active involvement at Attica. A new cycle of PTSD, Anger-Violence and Substance Abuse training for the vets at Attica began 7/18 and we wish the men good luck there who are taking those courses. I want to thank Rochester’s Channel 21 also for the PTSD video that they donated to the guys there........Rochester’s Veterans Court has a graduation scheduled for 10/5 at 2:00pm in Courtroom #7 at the Hall of Justice downtown and I want to thank all the mentors from Chapter #20 who do such a wonderful job there and do make a difference. Some recent stats that came out also reflect well on Vets Court as well as on the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Re-entry specialists who work with veterans at 43 facilities in New York State. The Re-entry specialists begin working with incarcerated vets in some cases two years prior to release and then more intensively within six months of release. They will also provide services up to four months post release. In 2007 there were 9,141 veterans incarcerated in the NY State Dept. of Corrections. In 2015 there were 2,226, a 76% decrease in eight years and an estimated savings of approximately $504 million for taxpayers. That is just astounding and I may hopefully be out of a job if this continues. My experience has been that the VA re-entry program and Vets Courts are largely responsible for this. The recidivism rate for veterans is extremely low and less are being sentenced to state prison because they are being helped before they get into that pipeline.

I attended the Time Capsule ceremony at Gates Town Park on 9/12 and our Honor Guard and Marching Unit did a beautiful job. This service was very well attended and the weather even cooperated. A number of local politicians were present including Maggie Brooks and Joe Robach. A special thank you is in order to Gates Town Supervisor Mark Assini, Christopher DePonzio (DePonzio Funeral Home) and Christa Busby (Alvah Halloran Funeral Home) for helping make this burial and marking of the time capsule possible. The DePonzio Funeral Home kindly donated the marker and engraved wording that Chapter 20 submitted. Check out the site when you get the chance, it is just beautiful........The POW/MIA vigil was cut short by a miserable rainfall but I was amazed at how many people showed up despite the monsoon like conditions. Joe Peck had a brief service and I can assure you we will never forget those whose names grace the bollards.

In 2007, there were 9,141 veterans incarcerated in New York State. By 2015, the number has decreased to 2,226. The reduction in numbers can be largely credited to “re-entry” programs that help veterans return to civilian life, veteran specific courts, and the assistance provided to veterans by a myriad of organizations in our communities.
October 14 – The Department of Defense orders a military draft call for 45,224 men for December, the largest quota of men drafted since the Korean War.

October 15 to 16 – The student-run National Coordinating Committee (SNCC) sponsors a series of nationwide demonstrations against the Vietnam war on college campuses.

October 19 – The North Vietnamese Army (NVA) attacks a U.S. Special Forces Camp at Plei Mei 25 miles northwest of Pleiku. The NVA attack with a regiment sized unit. U.S. close air support is brought in to counter the attack along with a brigade of the 1st Cavalry Division to block any further advances by the NVA.

October 21 – A Department of Defense casualty report shows 25,000 VC killed in action and 830 U.S. troops killed in combat from January to October 18, 1965.

October 23 – Over a 29 day period, the 1st cavalry Division and ARVN units conduct Operation Silver Bayonet in Pleiku Province. The operation results in 1,771 enemy casualties.

October 23 – U.S. military strength in Vietnam reaches 148,300: Army – 89,000, Marines – 37,000, Air Force – 14,000, Navy – 8,000, and Coast Guard – 300.

October 27 – The Korean Capital (Tiger) Division arrives in South Vietnam and assumes the mission of providing security in the area of Qui Nhon. The Korean 2nd Marine Brigade (Blue Dragons) also arrives to undertake a similar mission at Can Rahn Bay.
The President of the United States
in the name of The Congress
takes pleasure in presenting the
Medal of Honor
to

Marm, Walter Joseph, JR.


*Citation:*
For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty. As a platoon leader in the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), 1st Lt. Marm demonstrated indomitable courage during a combat operation. His company was moving through the valley to relieve a friendly unit surrounded by an enemy force of estimated regimental size. 1st Lt. Marm led his platoon through withering fire until they were finally forced to take cover. Realizing that his platoon could not hold very long, and seeing four enemy soldiers moving into his position, he moved quickly under heavy fire and annihilated all 4. Then, seeing that his platoon was receiving intense fire from a concealed machinegun, he deliberately exposed himself to draw its fire. Thus locating its position, he attempted to destroy it with an antitank weapon. Although he inflicted casualties, the weapon did not silence the enemy fire. Quickly, disregarding the intense fire directed on him and his platoon, he charged 30 meters across open ground, and hurled grenades into the enemy position, killing some of the 8 insurgents manning it. Although severely wounded, when his grenades were expended, armed with only a rifle, he continued the momentum of his assault on the position and killed the remainder of the enemy. 1st Lt. Marm's selfless actions reduced the fire on his platoon, broke the enemy assault, and rallied his unit to continue toward the accomplishment of this mission. 1st Lt. Marm's gallantry on the battlefield and his extraordinary intrepidity at the risk of his life 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 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.

Maybe it’s my cynicism showing but I think our esteemed Governor is off-track with his latest proposal for the State’s Veterans. Mr. Cuomo, on September 23rd, announced a statewide initiative to ask veterans to help teach new immigrants English and help them prepare for the civic portions of their citizenship exams. In turn, those immigrants will be asked to volunteer to help at VA hospitals and veterans’ organizations.

The Governor believes the immigrants would help veterans transition to civilian life, advance their military skills into workforce skills, and use their world knowledge to connect with people and help develop diverse communities.

“We are proud to work with the Office for New Americans on this important new endeavor,” New York State Division of Veterans’ Affairs Director Eric J. Hesse said. “We welcome this opportunity to connect individuals seeking American citizenship with the men and women whose service and sacrifice continually preserves the rights and ideals at the core or our Nation’s existence.”

Governor Cuomo established the NYS Office for New Americans (ONA) in 2013 to assist newcomers in the State who are eager to contribute to the economy and become part of the family of New York. The NYS ONA is the first state-level immigrant office created by statute in the country. The cornerstone of ONA’s effort is the creation of a network of 26 neighborhood-based Opportunity Centers located throughout the state where immigrants are assisted with English-for-Speakers-of-Other-Languages training; naturalization and DAC assistance; federal immigration law and policies information and referrals; and business development training. Recently, the Governor launched a pilot program to provide free English-language training via mobile phones to hundreds of immigrants in NYS who may lack regular access to a classroom, a computer or the Internet.

Am I the only one who thinks the Governor is trying to get some free labor for an Office he created without providing all the necessary staffing and funding? But hey, why not ask unemployed veterans to volunteer to educate immigrants who they can then compete against for jobs? If you really want to help veterans, why not offer to hire them to staff the ONAs and work with the immigrants. Of course you may want to institute a formal screening process so that you don’t match up veterans with their former enemies – that could lead to some rather exciting times.

And let’s not forget about those new immigrants that are being asked to volunteer at VA hospitals and with veterans’ organizations. What could possibly go wrong with volunteers who speak limited English, have no reality-based knowledge of American culture, and know nothing about the VA? I might be missing something, but how would these immigrants help veterans transition to civilian life and advance their military skills into workforce skills as the Governor foresees?
Hearing loss from sound exposure is related to how loud the sound is, and how much time the listener is exposed to it.

**How Loud Is It?**

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<td>Hair dryers, blenders, and lawnmowers</td>
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<td>Gun shots, fireworks, custom car stereos at full volume</td>
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26 Million
The number of Americans between the ages of 20 and 69 – equivalent to 15% of the population – who have noise induced hearing loss due to exposure to loud sounds or noise at work or in leisure activities, according to the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders.

1 in 5
The number of adolescents between the ages of 12 and 19 who show evidence of hearing loss, according to a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

30 Million
The number of U.S. workers exposed to hazardous noise levels.

#1
The rank of occupational hearing loss as a work-related injury in the U.S.

60%
The percentage of military service members who have noise induced hearing loss or tinnitus, or both.

#1
The rank of hearing loss and tinnitus among reported health concerns in service members, both active and veterans.
Approximately 36 million Americans have hearing loss. One in three developed their hearing loss as a result of exposure to noise.

- Noise-induced hearing loss is caused by damage to the hair cells that are found in our inner ear. Hair cells are small sensory cells that convert the sounds we hear into electrical signals that travel to the brain. Once damaged our hair cells cannot grow back, causing permanent hearing loss.

- Hearing protection decreases the intensity, or loudness, of noise and helps preserve your hearing.

- Harmful sounds are (1) too loud and last too long or (2) are very loud and sudden.
  - For example, exposure to a one-time intense “impulse” sound such as an explosion, or by continuous exposure to loud sounds over an extended period of time, such as sitting too close during a concert.
  - You may encounter harmful sounds at work, at home, and during recreational activities.

Noise is dangerous if...
- You have to shout over background noise to be heard.
- The noise is painful to your ears.
- The noise makes your ears ring.
- You have decreased or “muffled” hearing for several hours after exposure.

Protect your hearing, by...
- Wearing hearing protection when around sounds louder than 85dB for a long period of time. There are different types of hearing protection available. Contact your local audiologist for custom hearing protection devices.
- Turning down the volume when listening to the radio, the TV, MP3 player, or anything through ear buds and headphones.
- Walking away from the noise.
- And, other than hearing protection, do not put anything in your ear.
Hearing Health Quick Test

1. Do you find it difficult to follow a conversation in a noisy restaurant or crowded room?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Sometimes

2. Do you sometimes feel that people are mumbling or not speaking clearly?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Sometimes

3. Do you experience difficulty following dialogue in the theater?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Sometimes

4. Do you sometimes find it difficult to understand a speaker at a public meeting or a religious service?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Sometimes

5. Do you find yourself asking people to speak up or repeat themselves?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Sometimes

6. Do you find men’s voices easier to understand than women’s?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Sometimes

7. Do you experience difficulty understanding soft or whispered speech?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Sometimes

8. Do you have difficulty understanding speech on the telephone?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Sometimes

9. Does a hearing problem cause you to feel embarrassed when meeting new people?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Sometimes

10. Do you feel handicapped by a hearing problem?
    - Yes
    - No
    - Sometimes

11. Does a hearing problem cause you to visit friends, relatives, or neighbors less often than you would like?
    - Yes
    - No
    - Sometimes

12. Do you experience ringing or noises in your ears?
    - Yes
    - No
    - Sometimes

13. Do you hear better with one ear than the other?
    - Yes
    - No
    - Sometimes

14. Have you had any significant noise exposure during work, recreation, or military service?
    - Yes
    - No

15. Have any of your relatives (by birth) had a hearing loss?
    - Yes
    - No

If you answered Yes or Sometimes to three or more questions, you should meet with a VA Audiologist.
A Duathlon to Benefit the Veterans Outreach Center

Saturday, October 10, 2015
Race Start: 9:00 a.m.

Barnard Exempts
360 Maiden Lane
Rochester, NY 14616

Traditional Race Course
For those of you who love the challenge of a traditional Duathlon, this course is for you!
• 1.5 Mile Run
• 11 Mile Bike
• 1.5 Mile Run

Family Friendly Course
If you want to try a Duathlon, yet are not sure about how far you can go, this course is for you!
• 2 Mile Walk
• 10 Mile Bike (along the bike path)
• lap around the field

Children’s Fun Run
A short run on the grounds of Barnard Exempts for children ages 6 and under

The Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) provides many services for our returning veterans. In operation since 1973, the VOC of Rochester offers supportive program for employment and job counseling, as well as education and wellness support. The VOC operates Richards and Otto Houses to serve homeless male veterans.

Register online at www.active.com
Questions, contact: Duattforvets@gmail.com
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: ____________________

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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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