THIS MONTH’S MEMBERSHIP MEETING STARTS AT 6PM FOR THE ELECTIONS

**President**
- Val Gatto

**Secretary**
- Fred Elliott

**Treasurer**
- Joe Peck

**Director**
- Dick Oleksyn
- Ken Allocco
- Ken Moore
- Lynn Gursslin
- Mike General
- Mike Sanfilippo
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The Annual Meeting & Elections will be held April 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM – Location: Italian American Sports Club – 1250 Buffalo Road

Driving Directions - The Club is located on Buffalo Road close to the intersection of Howard Road. Directly across from the stone quarry, next to the Eagles Club and the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

From the East: Heading westbound on 490, exit at Mt. Read Blvd and turn left. Southbound on Mt. Read Blvd to Buffalo Road traffic circle, turn right (westbound) on Buffalo Road. Continue 1.4 miles to 1250 Buffalo Road on the right (North) side.

From the West: Heading eastbound on 490, take exit 33 eastbound (Buffalo Road – Gates Center). Continue eastbound on Buffalo Road. Cross Howard Road and continue about ½ mile to 1250 Buffalo Road on the left (North) side.

Positions for nominations:

- Four Officer positions
- Five Board positions (Directors)
- State Council delegates and alternates will also be elected by the membership that evening.
- The “new” Nominating Committee will also be elected by the membership that evening.
- A “to date” slate of candidates will be finalized by February 15th and published in the March BTL.
- In order to vote in the Annual Election, voters must be a member for at least 30 days.
- Only paid members with a DD214 on file by 28 February of the previous fiscal year are eligible to vote. (For example – 28 February 2014 to vote April 2015.)
- A quorum is defined as 10% of VVA 20 membership as of 28 February of the previous fiscal year. Voting for candidates will take place between 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM, after which no new ballots will be taken and votes will be tabulated.
- According to the VVA National Constitution, “Additional persons may be nominated by any member at the Annual Meeting.” These candidates will fall under the category of Floor Nominations.
- Floor nominated candidates can only receive votes from members present at Annual Meeting. (A “Special Note” stating such will be placed in the March and April BTL issues.)

Any member interested in running for any of the above mentioned positions, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee members: Chuck Macaluso 585-225-8288 or Dan Corona 585-406-6108.
My name is Valentino Gatto and I served in the US Army from 1966-68 at Ft. Carson, Colorado. I was seriously injured in basic training and spent 9 months in the hospital. Later, I served as a Chaplain’s Assistant until my discharge. During my recovery, while going back and forth to the hospital, I would spend time with the wounded patients there to help pass the time and write letters to their families. I have been a Chapter 20 member for 10 years and was elected to the Board of Directors in 2009. In the same year, I took on the sales of the “Chapter Gear.” Soon after, I joined the Honor Guard and subsequently became Assistant Commander of both the Honor Guard and Marching Unit. In 2010, I was elected as a delegate to the NYS Council and my duties with Chapter 20 were expanded to include Coordinator of Social Events. In 2011, I was elected Chapter 20 Vice President, the following year I was elected to serve as your Chapter President, a position I have held for the past 4 years. When I first became president, times were challenging and I had to learn a lot very quickly. We had recently moved to a new location for our meetings, the BTL was going online with significant changes and we were looking for alternative sources of income, due to the closing of our Thrift Store, which would keep the chapter on a firm financial footing. Presently, we are financially viable for at least the next 10 years. Over the past 4 years, we have settled into the Italian American Sports Club where the members are very comfortable. General membership meetings remain very well attended. In my monthly reports, I point out all I have done to represent the chapter and keep us in the forefront of veterans’ organizations in the Rochester community. Forgive me for being a little prideful here, but we are second to none. I have been helped immeasurably by excellent Executive Officers and a knowledgeable Board of Directors, a group I enjoy working with, that bring their expertise to a wide range of issues. There is an active give and take at board meetings that help all of us to make decisions that are in the best interest of the chapter. In short, we have a healthy, active and forward-looking chapter. If elected I would use the next 2 years to continue to develop a strategic plan for our future, while at the same time try to find new ways to expand our membership and footprint in the Rochester and surrounding area. I realize that as captain of the ship, so to speak, that I have a significant responsibility that is first and foremost to the members of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 20.
I was drafted into the U.S. Army in December 1965. After vacationing at Fort Sill, Oklahoma and Fort Riley, Kansas, I was privileged to take an ocean cruise to sunny South Vietnam in January of 1967 as part of the 9th Infantry Division. Three months later I found myself being traded to the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment to finish my in-country tour.

I became a member of Chapter 20 in March of 1983 and a Life Member of VVA in March of 1987. My involvement with the Chapter began immediately in 1983 by being active with the Marching Unit, the Legislative Committee, and the Membership Committee. In 1984 I was appointed to fill a vacancy on the Chapter Board of Directors (BOD). The following year I was elected Chapter Secretary and in 1986, Chapter Treasurer. I was elected Chapter Vice President in 1989 and again in 1990. In 1994 I was again elected as Chapter Treasurer for a two-year term. Then in 1997 I was elected as a Chapter Director. Beginning in 1998, I was elected to serve a two-year term as Chapter President.

As my term as Chapter President was winding down, I decided to run for a National position. In the summer of 1999 I was elected as a National At-Large Director. I went on to become the Region 2 Director for several years and finally was elected National Vice President in 2011 for a two-year term.

In 2014 I was elected to a three-year term as a Chapter Director. I am currently in my third year as the Editor for the Chapter newsletter. This year I will be conducting the second bi-annual Leadership Training Seminar for the Chapter. The Seminar accomplishes three major items: (1) the Chapter saves close to $10,000 by having a local Seminar instead of traveling to a National Seminar, (2) current Chapter Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs are presented with an opportunity to increase their knowledge base, and (3) individuals interested in becoming future Officers, Directors, or Committee Chairs have an opportunity to “test the waters” before making a full commitment. I believe that all my previous experience in various elected positions at both the Chapter and National level of VVA make me uniquely qualified to be Chapter President. My involvement with several Chapter committees, the Marching Unit, and the Honor Guard allow me to stay in touch with Chapter members and be knowledgeable about the issues that are important to them as veterans.

As your President I will strive to infuse some new energy and enthusiasm in the Chapter. I will ask my fellow Officers and Committee Chairs for ideas on how best to improve the Chapter; how to become more engaged with our fellow Veterans Service Organizations locally (VFW, AL, DAV); we will explore more ways to become involved in direct support of today’s Veterans and their families; Committee Chairs will be tasked with specific items and given the freedom and responsibility to fulfill their duties.

I have the time, the energy, the interest, and the passion to be your President. I am asking you to support me in my bid to be your next President. Thank you.
I am presently running for re-election for the position of Secretary. I have been a proud member of Chapter 20 since August of 2004, a board member since 2007 and Secretary since 2011 and have now joined the ranks as a Life member of VVA. I am also the POW/MIA chair for the Chapter and a member of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial 20th Anniversary committee.

I served in the US Army from 1974 to 1976 and was assigned to the 5th Signal Command under STRATCOM and was stationed in Manheim, Germany.

I retired after almost 35 years of service at Xerox and will be celebrating 40 years of marriage this year and 45 years that my wife, LuAnn, and I first met. I have 2 wonderful children and one beautiful granddaughter who I spend a lot more time with. I have continuously worked to keep the integrity and functionality of the chapter at its highest level of standard. With your vote of confidence, I would like to continue to perform my duties with the executive committee and board to the best of my abilities.

Thank you.

I would like to run for the position of Treasurer. I have taken care of the books for the Chapter for the past 4 years. I find the job challenging and I am up for the task.

I have had the great pleasure of working with a great president Val, VP Chuck, and Secretary Joe we got things done, and saved money for the Chapter. Please consider me for the position of Treasurer.

I was drafted in 1966 into the US Army took basic training at Ft Dix went on to Ft Knox for armor training. I received orders for Germany where I was stationed in Schweinfurt, where I was a track mechanic. 3rd Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion, 64th Armor. My job was to keep the tanks running to protect the borders from the Russians.

Thank you for your time.

Your brother,

Alan J. Frisa
My name is Ken Allocco and I am running as a candidate to serve on the Board of Directors. I grew up in the Town of Greece, and graduated from Greece Olympia High School in 1967. I entered the United States Air Force in 1968 and continued my service through 1975.

I have been an active member of Chapter 20 for over 15 years. I have enjoyed my many years of involvement in the Honor Guard and Marching Unit. Many of you are also familiar with the success of our monthly flag raffle that I have managed for the last two years.

Serving on the Board of Directors will allow me to increase my involvement with an organization that I am so passionate about. Ensuring my fellow veterans are aware of the services available to them is our most important mission; and we need to continue to grow in our community through education and advocacy. A fresh set of eyes to the Board will help us achieve this; so I humbly ask for your support this year when placing your vote.

- Was in the reserves for two years.
- Was the President of the Rochester Chapter, Cycles for Christ, Christian Motorcycle Association for 11 years.
- Have been responsible for selling Chapter Gear for the past year.
- Have been serving on the Chapter Board of Directors for the past year.

I am running for and looking forward to serving the membership again as a Chapter Board Member. I hope you will vote me back onto the Board. Thank you all.
1. My Primary Goal, is to serve all Veterans and their Families. I am a “Life Member” of Chapter 20.
   2. I have been on the Board of Directors of Chapter 20 for 6 years and have enjoyed serving the Chapter.
3. I am the Membership Chairman and have served in that capacity for 8 years.
4. I have been involved in many Trailer Events and many Veteran’s Outreach Events throughout Monroe County.
5. I am a Member of Chapter 20 Honor Guard and Marching Unit.
6. I am Past Commander of Greece Memorial Post 206. (American Legion)
7. I am a Member of Operation Welcome Home.
8. I am a Patriot Guard Member with over 40 Missions.
9. Worked for Honor Flight as The Speakers Bureau Coordinator, also Saturday departures and Sunday Welcome Home.
10. I was in the Air Force from 1962-1966.
11. Past Member of Congressmen Lee’s Veteran Advisory Board.
12. Past Ministry Leader at Hope Lutheran Church for a Small Group named “Hopekeepers”. (for people with chronic illness and pain)
13. Married to Diane for 52 years and have a Son and Daughter with 5 Grandchildren and one Great Grand Daughter.

I’m a proud United States Marine. Served 69-71, Vietnam 70-71, and Active Reserves 71-75. I graduated from Edison Tech. in 1967, went to work at Kodak while going to RIT, got drafted, and then joined the Marine Corp. When I came home, I went to work in the Tool and Die industry, and have been at it ever since, in varying positions.

I now have joined my wife of 37 years, in retirement. Now that I’m retired, I have time to finish all the started projects at home, work on my hobbies, and play with the grandkids. Best of all, I will also have a little more time to focus on Chapter 20 activities and issues (Yeah!!!).

I joined VVA Chapter 20 in 1990, but only started participating in 2008. I am on the Honor Guard/Marching Unit and also on the Board of Directors working with benefits. My term as a director is up in April. I would like to continue working with the membership in keeping us updated on benefits issues and help those who may need to get through the process. Also, with my past experiences, I can work with the rest of the board on all issues pertaining to veterans.

Chapter 20 is family, and I would be honored if the membership would consider me for another term. Thank you for your consideration.
My primary goal is to stand together and be a part of a strong voice of advocacy for every Vietnam veteran, their families, and all veterans. I am a life member of Chapter 20 and have served 21 of my 28 years on the Board of Directors. I co-chaired the VVA NYS convention in Rochester; chaired the 20\textsuperscript{th} Anniversary celebration and subsequent annual dinners; was a delegate at VVA National Conventions in 1999 and 2001; served as liaison between the VVA Thrift Store and the BOD pre-LLC; coordinated several bus trips to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC; worked with the Chapter to raise funds for and worked on our own Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park.

My wife, Sue, and I worked on every March for the Memorial (to raise funds needed). I assist on the Veterans’ Walk at the Memorial as well. I was Social Events Chair for the Chapter for 10 years. I am a member of the Marching Unit and Honor Guard and have participated in parades and funeral details and many other events. I had the honor to be on the Honor Guard unit for the repatriation of two of our local MIAs in Arlington Cemetery at their funerals. I also work on details to send boxes to our active duty military in harm’s way and conduct tours at the Memorial or address classes of students of all ages as requested on Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day. We also have helped provide food baskets, etc. to our local veterans in need.

I graduated from Edison Tech in 1964 and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965, with a 13-month tour in Vietnam (1966-67) with the 6/71 Arty – Cam Rahn Bay and Nha Trang. I retired from Eastman Kodak Company after 34-1/2 years of service. I co-founded and am active in The Shoremont (neighborhood) Association, Inc., and NYS Certified Neighborhood Watch for our community. We work with the police and fire departments and local officials to maintain the integrity and safety of our community.

I belong to DAV Post 15 as a life member, am a member of American Legion Post 474, a life member of VFW Post 16 and was appointed by the NYS Governor to the NYS Board of Visitors for the NYS Veterans Nursing Home in Batavia; I have served 15 years in this role.

My wife, Sue, and I have been married for 43 years. We have two children – Cory (an IT engineer at Xerox and Past Chief, Lake Shore Fire Department) and Laura (a tenured early childhood teacher who received the VVA college scholarship). Laura married our son-in-law, Kyle, in 2011; they have blessed us with our Grandchildren, Luke and Christian, and our granddog, Teddy Bear.

If elected, I will continue to be a strong voice for the Chapter and every veteran to the best of my ability. \textbf{NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT !!}
My name is Mike Sanfilippo and I am running for reelection to the VVA Chapter 20 Board of Directors. I would like to give you a little background about myself. I served with the US Army for two years in Transportation as a five ton tractor trailer driver. I also served eight years in the US Army Reserve 98th Division Committee Group as a Basic Training Instructor at Fort Dix and Fort Leonard Wood.

I graduated from Edison Tech in Rochester. When I returned from the Army, I entered an apprenticeship working as a welder and precision sheet metal fabricator at Uniweld and Mixing Equipment Corp. I then spent twenty eight years at Eastman Kodak. After Kodak, I worked as a supervisor for a major security company for four years before retiring. I have been married to my wife, Joan and we will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary this year. Our family consisted of two daughters and two grandchildren with the recent addition of great grandchildren.

I have been a life member of Chapter 20 since the 1980’s. I have been a member of the Chili American Legion Post 1830 for over twenty three years and I am also a life member of Chili VFW Memorial Post 412. I am currently serving as a Vice Commander in both the American Legion Post and the VFW Post. I also served on the Board of Directors in the American Legion. I enjoy sports such as hunting, fishing, shooting and spending time at my hunting camp in Birdsall.

Most of my years at Kodak included working the “B” trick which prevented me from being as involved in community activities as I would have liked. However, I was involved with the United Way at Kodak for many of those years.

The past three years as a board member has been very interesting. I enjoy being involved in keeping the Chapter on track to being solvent for many years to come. With the closing of the Thrift store we have to make the right decisions to preserve our savings and investments. I have learned a lot and met some really nice people in the last three years.

In the past year I was asked by our President to take on the role of working with the Chapter’s Public Relations. This includes working with the D&C and community newspapers as well as television stations when we have major events. I also am involved helping with health and membership outreaches. Currently I am also participating in the Lifetime Care Hospice Program which is a very rewarding experience.

I find being on the board of an organization, volunteering and working with other people to be very rewarding. I am looking forward to the opportunity to lead Chapter 20 into the future.

Life member of VVA and Marine Corps League (Senior Vice Commander). Member of Ely Fagan Post for 27 years (Chaplain and Past Commander). Retired from Rochester Psych. Center where I worked in medical records and served as a Union Steward. I have served on the Chapter Board three times including a term as Treasurer. I took a short break from the BOD between terms after my son died of lung cancer. I am ready to serve again if it is the will of the membership.
My name is Ken Moore and I think I know most of you but I want to give you a little background on myself and tell you a little why I’m running for the Board of Directors. I was drafted into the Army November of 1965 after basic, AIT I shipped out to Vietnam and spent a year as infantry with D Troop 17 cavalry. Returned home and back to work at Kodak retiring in 1991.

My past VVA experience, I served as your president for many years in the past, served as secretary, board member and NY state council rep. My other veterans involvement over the years are as follows: Past National VP of Veterans Aimed toward Awareness, a veterans health group; presently National President of Heather French foundation for veterans; past member of Monroe County Veterans advisory committee; VP of the Greater Rochester Vietnam Memorial board and member since 1986; Veterans Service officer / Outreach Coordinator for 12 years; Life Member of Chapter 20 member since 1986; 2011 elected into New York State Veterans Hall of fame.

I would like to tell you a few ideas I have on why I would like to be elected. Vietnam Veterans of America founding principle is “NEVER AGAIN SHALL A GENERATION OF VETERANS FORGET ANOTHER” These principles were based on the way we as Vietnam Veterans were treated as we returned home. Today I feel there is much more we as members can do to support our fellow veterans and below are some suggestions, concerns and ideas.

1. Today veterans of all eras are homeless in the streets of Rochester. I’m not sure of the answer but I think supporting Richards House, Eagle Star shelter and others would be a good start. We may also want to form a committee to go out with Monroe County Social Services looking for those vets and get them shelter and food.
2. Many of us in the chapter along with veterans in other parts of the county are either in need of filing claims for compensation or have claims pending. Today the VVA office in the Buffalo VA is swamped with claims and we may need to hire a service officer, this is one of the most important programs in VVA for veterans of all eras.
3. We need to get more proactive in voicing our displeasure of the VA as a whole from the claims and appeals taking too long, not accurate and incomplete.
4. We need to reach out to all veterans and help them get the benefits they deserve. Many of them have no idea their benefits that may be due like compensation and health care for their service. In the past we set up in the malls and other areas that draw a crowd and I think we need to get back to that because today there are still veterans that need our help.
5. We need to get more proactive getting the VA move forward on the new clinic. The money is now there but the VA is dragging their feet. With the lack of space at ROPC and no parking it’s well past due on the new clinic. We need to put the pressure on our elected officials and not ask but demand this project move forward.

In closing there is much more I could talk about but I’ll leave you with asking for your support and elect me to the Board of Directors.
Remembering Our Fallen Heroes
Born in March
Website – http://rochestervietnammemorial.org/

Metcalf, Larry Duane 3-1-1942
Koch, Kenneth Edwin 3-4-1949
Shorack, Theodore 3-6-1929
Schieb, Ralph Eugene 3-6-1945
McFarland, Sylvester 3-8-1948
Leone, John Frank 3-9-1947
Beale, Robert B. 3-11-1939
Hockridge, James A. 3-12-1944
Carapezza, Richard Allen 3-13-1948
Bachmann, Jr., Lynn 3-15-1945
Roberts, Wallace 3-17-1928
Nadeau, Harold Bradley 3-17-1947
Malone, Richard Lee 3-18-1950
DeRue, David John 3-19-1947
Coles, Leonard Ashworth 3-20-1945
Keenan, Dennis Joseph 3-22-1943
Nederlk, Michael Alexander 3-22-1948
Kooman, Gary Roger 3-23-1946
Curtis, David Allen 3-23-1949
Covey, Jr., Elwood D. 3-29-1943
Siegwalt, Marlin L. 3-30-1937
Natale, Nicholas Anthony 3-31-1948

This year’s Day of Caring at the Memorial is Tuesday, May 3rd
VETERANS WALK COMMITTEE
154 Mendota Drive
Rochester, New York 14626

From:
Name: __________________________
Address: _________________________
City/Zip: _________________________
Phone: ___________________________

Sample Brick
PFC John Doe
US Army
65-67 Vietnam

The Veterans Walk Committee of Chapter 20, VVA wants to thank you for your purchase of a personalized, engraved paver brick.

Each paver brick (4” x 8”) can have from one to three lines of engraved information. The cost will be $50.00 per brick. Make checks or money order payable to:

VVA Chapter 20, Veterans Walk

The engraved line(s) can include any of the following information:

Full name
Branch of service, rank
Dates of service (1967-1969, etc.)
Conflict (WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Persian Gulf, etc.)

Please print the information you would like engraved on the brick below. (Maximum of 14 letters/numbers, including spaces per line).

1. __________________________
2. __________________________
3. __________________________

Return the completed form to the - Veterans Walk Committee, c/o Chuck Macaluso, 154 Mendota Drive, Rochester, New York 14626.
Include: Payment and "Proof of Service" for above recipient.

Please Note: Engraved bricks will be installed prior to Memorial Day and Veterans Day (twice annually).
Questions please call Chuck or Joan Macaluso as 585-225-8288
SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 10, 2016
COMES JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GREATER ROCHESTER VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL AT HIGHLAND PARK
In March 9 of 2016, I met with Alan Frisa to discuss some financial issues. Also went to pick up the Ballard’s for the 20th anniversary. Met with RJ Printing to order the Raffle Tickets for the coming event.

On March 10, I went to Wegman’s to do my monthly shopping for the membership meeting. Went to Nyra to order the verbiage for the Ballard’s. Met with Ralph at Golden Ponds to present him with the menu that the BOD picked for the annual dinner.

On March 14, I attended the monthly meeting at VM&EC to represent the chapter.

On March 15, I met with the financial committee: Jerry McDermott, Dan Corona, and Alan Frisa to review the quarterly finances.

On the 22, I attended the Rochester Memorial Meeting which I represent the chapter.

On the 23, I was invited to attend the awards meeting at the Gates Town Hall with Joe Peck, Chuck Macaluso, Alan Frisa, Mike General and Dick Oleksyn to vote for the nominees to receive the awards at the annual dinner.

On the 23rd, I picked up the verbiage for the ballards.

On the 24th, Alan and I met with Bonadio to work on the 990’s for the filing of the tax returns.

On the 25, I received the package of the 1098-c that I will deliver to Northside Salvage to be completed by them for car donations.

On March 29, I participate with the Honor Guard at the Monroe Community Hospital for the 50 anniversary of the Vietnam War.
There are new reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and the National League of Families that 2 more Americans have been located and accounted for this month. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War is now at 1622.

**LT. Donald William Bruch Jr**, from Montclair, New Jersey was a pilot of a F105 Thunder Chief (Thud) and was assigned to the 333rd TAC FTR SQDN, 355th TAC FIR WING, 7th Air Force. As part of the Wild Weasel program that was initiated in 1965 to improve the Air Force’s electronic capability, 6 of the F105d aircrafts were fitted with new radar homing and warning gear that would form the backbone of this program. On April 29, 1966, Lt. Bruch was sent on a combat mission over North Vietnam. About 12 miles northeast of the city of Hanoi, his aircraft was struck by antiaircraft fire while making an attack on a designated target. Lt. Bruch was instructed to climb to avoid further damage but he lost control and entered a steep dive and crashed. There were no parachutes seen or beepers heard. Lt. Bruch was listed as KBNR. No other information is available about the recovery of Lt. Bruch on December 14, 2014. He was identified on September 4, 2015 and accounted for on November 30, 2015. Information about his military burial has not been published at this time.

**Captain Donald Gene “Butch” Carr**, from San Antonio, Texas was an Army Special Forces observer on board an OV10A Bronco which was one of the most feared aircraft, by the Viet Cong, in the US air arsenal. It was know that when the Bronco appeared, an air strike was soon to follow. On July 6, 1971, Capt. Carr and his pilot on board a Bronco (call sign Nail 48) left Nakhon Phanom, Thailand on Forward Air Control (FAC) visual reconnaissance mission over the southern steel tiger region of Laos near the border of South Vietnam and Cambodia. This area contained major arteries of the infamous Ho Chi Minh Trail. Their mission was to orbit about 9,000 10,000 feet and monitor the area for enemy radio frequencies. Radio contact that was received from this mission indicated unfavorable weather conditions in the target area. A reconnaissance ground team that was in the target area reported later that they heard a loud explosion or impact. An extensive aerial search and rescue (SAR) operation was initiated throughout that night. The next morning, continued searches came up negative especially in areas where known enemy antiaircraft artillery had ample camouflage in the jungle canopy. Both the Pilot and Capt. Butch Carr were listed as missing in action. No further information was available. The remains of Capt. Donald Gene Carr was recovered and returned on August 29, 2014. He was identified on August 19, 2015 and officially accounted for on September 4, 2015. No further details concerning his military burial are available at the present time.
There have been reports of the recoveries and identifications of individuals from the following wars:

- Cpl. Eldon W. Evans, US Army was reported lost on November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on February 9, 2016 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- PFC. Aubrey D. Vaughn, US Army was reported lost April 23, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on February 24, 2016 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- Sgt. John C. Holladay, US Marine Corps was reported lost on July 20, 1943 in the Solomon Islands. He was accounted for on February 24, 2016 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Davey H. Bart, US Army was reported lost on November 2, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on February 24, 2016 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- Flight Officer Dewey L. Gossett, US Army Air Corps was reported lost on September 27, 1943 in Italy. He was accounted for on February 25, 2016 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
- SFC. Raymond K. McMillian, US Army was reported lost on February 11, 1951 in South Korea. He was accounted for on February 26, 2016 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.

Welcome home brothers. You no longer lay in foreign lands nor in foreign seas.
Nor did we ever give up hope.
We will never forget the sacrifice that you made for us.
Your mission was accomplished, thank you and rest in Peace.
FIT VET CHALLENGE RESULTS-TO-DATE

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March Report

33 members participated this month.

Looks like the ARMY will be the team to beat this year. A whopping 20.7 lb year to date aggregate weight loss!

AIR FORCE - John Kiereck managed to pull the AF into second place this month with a 19.4 loss since January. Congratulations John!

ARMY - Dick Oleksyn 9.0, Jon Phelps 7.0 and Gary Anderson 7.0 helped the ARMY gain First Place! Congratulations Dick, Jon and Gary!

NAVY - No weight loss in March, but Bob Carradine lost 2.4 lbs!

USMC - No weight loss in March, but Congratulations to Tom Reish who had the highest weight lost in the Marines of 4.2 lbs!

The methodology and reporting is as follows. The total gain/loss will be an aggregate accumulation of all the months gains and losses.
Chapter 20 Membership is currently at 616 members and AVVA is at 40 members as of 02/29/16. 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.

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.
Guest and future member Dianne Linscott – US Navy

Member Chuck Bayliss spoke about The Military History Society

Member Jerry Lamb presented a Request for funding for AL Post 428

122 People in attendance

Member Jerry McDermott spoke about Health Care and the NY State Council

April’s Election Meeting Starts at 6pm

Member Fred Palmeroni won the Flag drawing

Member Lee Loomis won the 50/50 drawing

Member Tom Kohl won a Lap Robe For Bob Cole
April 1 – The Army’s 25th Infantry Division deploys from Hawaii to Vietnam’s III Corps

April 2 – US Navy begins Operation Game Warden to interdict weapons and supplies coming to Vietnam via the waterways of the Mekong Delta

April 4 – US F-4C Phantom bombers attack the main supply link between North Vietnam and China

April 12 – The 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, arrives in Vietnam.

April 12 – B-52 bombers are used for the first time against the North. One million tons of bombs are dropped on the Mugia Pass in an attempt to slow guerrillas fighters on the Ho Chi Minh Trail.

April 13 – The Viet Cong attack Tan Son Nhut airport with a 30-man unit and destroy 12 helicopters and 9 aircraft and cause 140 US and Vietnamese casualties.

April 21 – 3rd Battalion, 9th Marines begin Operation Georgia.

April 23 – For the first time, North Vietnamese planes make a major effort to oppose a US air raid. 16 Migs battle US planes.

April 24 – The Army’s 1st Infantry Division enters War Zone C near the border with Cambodia. This is known as Operation Birmingham.

April 25 – The 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, completely routs the NVA’s 3rd Battalion, 141st Regiment in Operation Austin VI.
The Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Located at Highland Park
(www.RochesterVietnamMemorial.org)

The Overlook can be heard before it is seen – the sound of the flags snapping in the breeze, the cords banging against the aluminum poles. The Overlook is a staging area, an arrival point that offers a sort of introduction to the Memorial. The floor plan is of black granite, a large world map in relief that highlights the United States and Vietnam. The physical distance and lack of obvious connection between the two lands are hard to miss. Low walls surround the floor plan; they are of raw grey-brown stone. The design committee chose this “not too slick” material to blend into the surrounding Highland Park. The walls are capped with black granite, a material that recurs throughout the Memorial and ties it to Maya Lin’s black-granite Vietnam Veterans Wall in Washington, D.C.

The lights of the Memorial cannot be seen from the parking lot, but seem to show you a special place of sacred ground that can only be seen in its entirety from the Overlook. From the Overlook, you can see the entire Memorial: a brick pathway winding through a topography of small planted hills and open areas. A single line of three-foot-high metal bollards snakes along the western edge of the walkway, disappearing and reemerging throughout the landscape. You can also see far beyond the Memorial: the Overlook was graded up to offer a wide view of the countryside to the south. Your feet and your eyes now create a connection between the world etched in the floor plan, the immediate surroundings of Greater Rochester, and the individualized soldiers memorialized in this place.

You move north from the Overlook along a short section of paved walkway and begin to descend in the landscape. To your left, the stone wall bears text adapted from The Things They Carried, a book by Vietnam vet and author Tim O’Brien. You cross a threshold, an inscribed slab of black granite: “Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. – John 15:13” This is the first time you see the memorial logo, in relief: a soldier walking into a wall, seen from behind.
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: ________________________________ County: ____________________
Zip: ___________ Home Phone: ( 555 )________________________
Email Address: _______________________ Work Phone: ( 555 )________________________
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


Term: ( ) 1 Year $20 ( ) 3 Years $50 ( ) Life Membership $100

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

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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.
LEADERSHIP SEMINAR

Have you ever thought about becoming an Officer, Director, or Committee chair for Chapter 20? If so, join us on Saturday, July 23rd from 9am to 3pm at the Chili American Legion Post #1830, 450 Chili-Scottsville Rd.

We will be providing “seminars” on what is involved in becoming part of the leadership of Chapter 20. Information and hand-outs will be provided on all elected and appointed positions within the Chapter.

There will be plenty of time for questions and answers. Topics will include the Chapter Policies and Procedures, each of the Officer positions, being a Director, Committee Chairs and other appointees, as well as other items of interest.

No registration fees, free parking, and hand-outs to take home; so if you plan on attending, contact Fred Elliott at felliott@rochester.rr.com or by phone at 585-317-7619. You must be a member of Vietnam Veterans of America to attend.

Sponsored by the Officers and Directors of Chapter 20.

This Seminar is open to all current members of Chapter 20.
With the demise of the Wounded Warrior Project as a trustworthy not-for-profit (NFP) that supports veterans and their families, many of us are wondering just who to trust when making a donation to assist veterans. To assist you in the decision-making process, I have put together a sampler of local not-for-profits that provide various forms of assistance to veterans and/or their families.

I make no recommendation of one NFP over another but rather, present you with some basic facts about each of 13 possibilities. Regardless of what you read here, I strongly suggest you visit the web site of each NFP, review their write-up on Guidestar.com (use their EIN to search), visit the NFP if possible or at least call and ask questions.

Look beyond the glitz and glitter of their web sites and seek out information on how many veterans and/or veteran families they serve in a given period of time, review their IRS Form 990 (on Guidestar) for basic financial data, do whatever you feel necessary to make you comfortable enough to give some of your hard-earned money to support a particular NFP.

Fred Elliott
**Veterans Outreach Center (VOC)**

VOC is an independent community-centered non-profit providing premier one-stop supportive services to veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. We serve by helping them to achieve their goals and realized their full potential.

Main Programs - Services to Enable Positive Solutions; Workforce Development; Residential Living and Assistance; Wellness & Supportive Services

Web site - www.veteransoutreachcenter.org

447-459 South Avenue
Rochester, NY 14620
(585) 546-1081

CEO - Todd Baxter

**IRS 990 - 2014**

Organized as a 501(C)3 under IRS Code
EIN 16-1137379

Employees - 51
Total Revenue - $4,008,530
Total Expenses - $4,054,423

Executive Director Compensation - $97,133
Chief Financial Officer Compensation - $71,254

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**Chatham Housing & Development Corporation**

Affordable Housing Development for Veterans and Veteran Families - Budget:$50,000........
Affordable Housing Referrals for Military/Veterans and others - Budget:$25,000.................
Affordable Family Housing for the General Public - Budget:$35,000

Web site - www.chathamhousing.org

144 Village Landing 222
Fairport, NY 14450
(888) 475-3500

President - Paul Schiller

**IRS 990 - 2014**

Organized as a 501(C)3 under IRS Code
EIN 27-0141516

Employees - 1
Total Revenue - $148,724
Total Expenses - $165,780

Treasurer Compensation - $7,800
Secretary/VP Compensation - $2,160

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Equicenter

To foster the personal growth and individual achievement of people with disabilities, at-risk youth, veterans, and their families using a wide range of therapeutic equestrian activities.

Web site - www.equicenterny.org

3247 Rush Mendon Road
Honeoye Falls, NY 14472
(585) 624-7772

President & CEO - Jonathan Friedlander

IRS 990 - 2013
Organized as a 501(C)3 under IRS Code
EIN 33-1082985

Employees - 25
Total Revenue - $767,380
Total Expenses - 592,823

President & CEO Compensation - $48,395
Director Compensation - $22,000

Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses
Program Service Expenses - $536,386
Management & General Exp - $44,080
Fundraising Expenses - $12,354
Total Expenses - $592,823

Veterans One-Stop Center of WNY

The region's premier veteran's service and advocacy not-for-profit collaborative agency empowering veterans, veteran families, and service members in achieving economic stability, housing stability, and emotional & health well-being in support of their transition to civilian life.

Web site - www.vocwny.org

1280 Main Street
Buffalo, NY 14208
(716) 898-0110

President & CEO - Roger Woodworth

IRS 990 - 2014
Organized as a 501(C)3 under IRS Code
EIN 45-5098692

Employees - 11
Total Revenue - $761,086
Total Expenses - $825,071

President & CEO Compensation - $86,847

Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses
Program Service Expenses - $677,354
Management & General Exp - $115,763
Fundraising Expenses - $31,954
Total Expenses - $825,071
**Oasis Adaptive Sports**

Provide four seasons sports for special needs military veterans

Web site - www.oasisadaptivesports.com

4 Honeoye Commons
Honeoye, NY 14471
(585) 367-9239

President - Beth DeFranco

**IRS 990 - 2014**
Organized as a 501(C)3 under IRS Code
EIN 42-1765310

Employees -
Total Revenue - $57,154
Total Expenses - $31,296

President Compensation - $0

990 Schedule O - Supplemental Information
Program Expenses - $10,361

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**Eagle Star Housing**

To develop, maintain and operate decent, safe and sanitary affordable transitional and permanent housing for Veterans, their families, and other low-income individuals and families. We help over 150 homeless Veterans a year transition from a homeless situation into a stable living environment.

Web site - www.eaglestarhousing.com

277 South Union Street
Spencerport, NY 14559
(585) 418-5001

President - Judy VanHillyer

**IRS 990 - 2014**
Organized as a 501(C)3 under IRS Code
EIN 45-5097554

Employees - 25
Total Revenue - $657,934
Total Expenses - $603,672

Executive Director Compensation - $71,155

Part IX - Statement of Functional Expenses
Program Service Expenses - $574,321
Management & General Exp - $29,351
Fundraising Expenses - $0
Total Expenses - $603,672
Warrior Salute Veteran Services

Web site - www.cdswarriorsalute.org  Tel - (585) 347-1281

Warrior Salute Veteran Services is built around the unique needs of each service member. A four-track program has been developed to ensure that each veteran receives the appropriate level of care, based on the individual situation. Track 1 - Clinically focused transition support; Track 2 - Temporary transition support; Track 3 - Graduate support program; Track 4 - Outpatient therapy.

Warrior Salute operates and maintains the Nucor House in Webster for transitioning veterans.

American Gold Star Mothers

Web site - www.goldstarmoms.com  Tel - (585) 392-7574 (Rita Hasenauer)

We are an organization of mothers who have lost a son or daughter in the service of our country. We are a Veterans Service Organization, established in 1928 and chartered by Congress in 1984. American Gold Star Mothers continue to honor our sons and daughters through service - service to veterans and patriotic events.

Blue Star Mothers

Web site - www.bluestarmomsroc.com  Tel - (585) 350-7272

The Blue Star Mothers of America is a Congressionally-chartered, non-partisan, not-for-profit organization formed for the purpose of supporting America’s military, veterans, and their families, and to foster patriotism. The Rochester, New York Blue Star Mothers Chapter 8 was founded on April 16, 2011. We sent nearly 1,000 pounds of personal care items, snacks and valentine wishes to deployed troops in Afghanistan and a hospital in Kosovo this year. Each box costs approximately $15 to ship. Thanks to our wonderful corporate sponsors and wonderful community for helping to make this happen!

Patriot Guard Riders

Web site - www.patriorguard.org  Tel - (585) 334-6356 (Bob Harder)

The Patriot Guard Riders is a diverse amalgamation of riders from across the nation. We have one thing in common besides motorcycles. We have an unwavering respect for those who risk their very lives for America’s freedom and security including Fallen Military Heroes, First Responders and honorably discharges veterans. Our main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes as invited guests of the family. Each mission we undertake has two basic objectives: (1) Show our sincere respect for our fallen heroes, their families, and their communities. (2) Shield the mourning family and their friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors through strictly legal and non-violent means. This local group also provides donated furniture to needy veterans and veteran families.
Greater Rochester Vietnam Veterans Memorial

Web site - www.rochestervietnammemorial.org  Tel - (585) 482-7396 (Chuck Macaluso)

The Memorial commemorates the service, valor, and sacrifice of Vietnam Veterans and Vietnam Era Veterans as well as all members of the Greater Rochester community who were touched by the effects of the War. The Memorial also provides all Americans the opportunity for learning, remembering, and peaceful reflection. It aims to educate future generations about the War and events leading up to it. It also serves as an oasis where people from the Greater Rochester area come to reflect about acts of valor by fellow soldiers, a loved one who suffered or died as a result of the War, and to publicly welcome home those who served.

Lap Robes for Veterans

See them on Facebook  Email nvanapeldoorn@gmail.com (Nancy Van Apeldoorn)

What started as a one-woman effort to provide certain veterans with Lap Robes has become a major undertaking. In 2015, over 700 lap robes were distributed to veterans. Disabled veterans, Honor Flight participants, Hospice veteran residents, and many others are at the receiving end of this group's humanitarian effort. Chapter 20 spouse Nancy Van Apeldoorn and other Chapter members and spouses are active participants in the group.

Veterans Affairs Voluntary Services (VAVS)

VAVS was founded in 1946 to provide for our nation's Veterans while they are cared for by VA health care facilities. More than 7,400 national and community organizations support the program. Volunteers have provided over 760 million hours of service since 1946. Volunteers assist Veteran patients by augmenting staff with end-of-life care programs, hospital wards, nursing homes, and Veteran outreach centers. Additionally, VAVS provides Veteran patients with holiday parties, Christmas gifts, personal hygiene items, off-campus outings, and many other events using donated funds to supplement their budgets.

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Batavia VAMC  Sharon Shelton (716) 862-8671
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** The April Membership meeting starts at 6pm

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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VA Outpatient Clinic 465 Westfall Rd 463-2600
Veterans Outreach Center 459 South Avenue 546-1081
VA Vet Center 232-5040
Veterans Administration 800-827-1000
Monroe County Veterans Service Agency 753-6040
email: serviceofficer@yahoo.com
VA Veterans Benefits Hotline 800-827-1000
Women Veterans Call Center 888-829-6636
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
National Caregivers Support Line 855-260-3274
Homeless Hotline 877-424-3838
Crisis Hotline 800-273-8255

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