October 1st is International Coffee Day

October 28th is National Chocolate Day

Happy chocolate Day

TRICK OR TREAT
The BTL is in need of a new Editor. The current Editor, Fred Elliott, will be producing his final edition of the BTL as of November 30th of 2016 (the December issue).

The position requires, at a minimum, basic computer skills in MSWord or some similar software capable of producing the BTL. It is helpful to have spelling and grammar skills or a friendly proof-reader who can catch those pesky misspellings.

If you are interested in this challenging but rewarding position, contact Fred at felliott@rochester.rr.com or 585-317-7619.
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To be placed on the volunteer contact list, contact Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com
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.)
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Please print the information you would like engraved on the brick below. (Maximum of 14 letters/numbers, including spaces per line).

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

Please Note: Engraved bricks will be installed prior to Memorial Day and Veterans Day (twice annually).
Questions please call Chuck or Joan Macaluso as 585-225-8288
There are currently no new reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and the National League of Families this month. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War still stands at 1618.

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

- Sgt. Fae V. Moore, PFC. Wilber C. Mattern, PFC. James S. Smith and PFC. Nicholas J. Cancilla, US Marine Corps were all reported lost on November 20th and 21st, 1943 at Tarawa Atoll. They were accounted for on August 5th and September 6th, 2016. They were all laid to rest with full military honors.
- Pvt. Virgil B. Adkins, US Army was reported lost July 17, 1953 in North Korea. He was accounted for on August 10, 2016. He was be laid to rest with full military honors on September 3, 2016 in Hinton, W. Virginia.
- Fireman 1st Class Jim J. Johnston, Seaman 1st Class Murry R. Cargile and WT1c Walter Sollie, US Navy were all lost on December 7, 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. They were all accounted for on August 12th and 18th 2016 and laid to rest with full military honors.
- Pfc. John W. MacDonald, US Marine Corps was lost November 20, 1943 at Tarawa. He was accounted for on September 1, 2016 and laid to rest with full military honors.
- Pfc. Ben H. Gore, US Marine Corps was lost November 25, 1943 at Tarawa. He was accounted for on September 1, 2016 and laid to rest with full military honors.
- Sgt. James J. Hubert, US Marine Corps was lost November 21, 1943 at Tarawa. He was accounted for on September 1, 2016 and laid to rest with full military honors.
- SFC. Louis M. Baxter, US Army was lost December 6, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 6, 2016 and laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. David T. Nordin Jr., US Army was lost November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 6, 2016 and laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Vernon D. Presswood, US Army was lost December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 6, 2016 and laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Wayne Minard, US Army was lost on November 26, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 7, 2016 and laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Donald R. Hendrickson, US Army was lost December 6, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 7, 2016 and laid to rest with full military honors.
- PFC. Kenneth R. Miller, US Army was lost April 23, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 12, 2016 and laid to rest with full military honors.

Welcome Home Brothers and until all of you are found and accounted for, we will never forget you nor the sacrifice that you made for us. God Bless
Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 627 members and AVVA is at 40 members as of 08/31/16. 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.
On September 14th, Marie and I along with 11 other Chapter 20 members/spouses, attended the Town Hall Meeting at the Rochester Outpatient Clinic. Unfortunately, the new Director was not there – he was in Washington D.C. at a conference. This was the second of 4 scheduled meetings.

We heard from Carol Strub the ROPC Operations Manager, Dr. Amy Rodrigues of the VA Vet Center, Jacob Yoder the Acting Associate Medical Center Director, and David Price the Construction Project Manager.

- The VA Vet Center is fully staffed
- Veterans Integrated Service Networks (VISN) 2 (upstate NY) and 3 (NY & NJ) will merge in October – they encompass 12 medical centers and 60 Community Based Outpatient Centers – the VISN office will be in Albany
- 91% of patients who use the kiosks in Canandaigua and Rochester indicate they are satisfied
- A Batavia-based Podiatrist will be helping at ROPC
- Another Orthopedic Surgeon is to be hired
- An 11th physician is to be hired to be used as a “floater”
- Optometry is currently scheduling 60 – 90 days out
- Routine Audiology appointments can be made directly
- Behavioral Health is fully staffed
- Same day access can be had for Mental Health services at ROPC
- Fewer veterans are being served but those veterans are presently with more maladies
- There have been 7,389 referrals under the Veterans Choice program
- ROPC – New facility – no action on the lease in FY2016 – the new lease will be awarded in the 1st quarter of FY2017 – money has been set aside for the project – the process has begun for a second major lease (for those services not included in the first lease) but no funds have been allocated yet – occupation of the new facility is projected for the 1st part of 2019.
FLU SHOTS AVAILABLE FOR VETERANS
Canandaigua VA Medical Center and Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic

The Canandaigua VA Medical Center and the Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic (ROPC) will provide walk-in flu shot clinics for Veterans from 9am to 3pm on the following dates:

- October 3 thru 7
- October 11 thru 14
- October 31 thru November 4

No appointment is needed.

The walk-in clinics will be located at:

- **Canandaigua VA Medical Center**: Building 1 ground floor by the elevator
- **Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic**: Main lobby – follow signs

Please wear a short sleeved shirt and have your VA Health Care ID.

**There is no cost for veterans. Veterans that are not enrolled in VA Health Care are asked to bring their DD214 form.**

The Canandaigua VA Medical Center is located at 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424. (585) 394-2000

The Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic is located at 465 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14620. (585) 463-2600

Check the Canandaigua VA Medical Center News Room @ http://www.canandaigua.va.gov/pressreleases/summary.asp for more upcoming events

Visit the Canandaigua VA Facebook Page @ http://www.facebook.com/VACanandaigua
Vietnam Mailbag, Voices From the War: 1968-1972
author to speak at the Palmyra Community Library

Journalist Nancy E. Lynch, author of the award-winning social history, *Vietnam Mailbag, Voices From the War: 1968-1972*, will read and discuss war letters from her book on **Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 1:00 -3:00 pm at the Palmyra Community Library on Palmyra, NY.**

*Vietnam Mailbag* features nearly 1,000 letters and hundreds of pictures from her popular newspaper column, Nancy’s Vietnam Mailbag. She received the material from troops on the front lines during the last five years of the war as a reporter for the *News Journal* in Wilmington, Delaware. The letters covered topics from the war to the weather, combat and everyday life in the combat zone, and is believed to have been the only war correspondence column of its kind in the country. In her final column Lynch promised “her guys” she would someday put all their letters and pictures in a book to honor them. *Vietnam Mailbag* fulfills her pledge and in 2009 won the first place gold medal from Independent Publisher for Best Non-Fiction in the Mid-Atlantic.

Lynch, whose maternal grandparents lived in Canandaigua, has presented her Salute to Vietnam Veterans in the Finger Lakes since 2009, visiting the region for two weeks each May and October to increase awareness of the service and many sacrifices of our troops. She lives in Bethel, Delaware.

**Palmyra Community Library**
402 E. Main Street
Palmyra, NY 14522
315-597-5276
www.palmyralibrary.com
These displays may be seen at the Rochester Military History Museum
POW/MIA REMEMBRANCE DAY
PHOTOGRAPHS BY GLENN PECK

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WHAT: 241st USMC Birthday Celebration / Luncheon

WHEN: Sunday, November 13, 2016

WHERE: Red Fedele's Brook House
920 Elmridge Center Dr.
Rochester, N.Y. 14626

COST: $24.00 per person

AGENDA
• Cocktails/Sea Stories 1200-1300
• Guest Seating 1300-1315
• Opening Ceremony 1315-1325
• Cake Cutting 1325-1345
• Lunch / Door Prizes 1345-1500

Cut Along Line

Name: ________________________________

YES, I plan on attending. Number of tickets needed: _____________

Note: Tickets will be issued at the door upon your arrival

Please enclose this form and your check made payable to: Genesee Valley Detachment, MCL

Send to: Thomas Marrocco
32 Snowy Owl Ridge
Rochester, NY 14612

585-764-8883

Please Make Reservation no later than November 2, 2016

“Semper Fidelis”

“Once a Marine, Always a Marine”
October 1 – U.S. planes attack the city of Phuly, 35 miles south of Hanoi. It was reported that all the homes and buildings were destroyed.

October 2 – Troops of the 1st Air Cav mount Operation Irving, a major search and destroy mission aimed at clearing the NVA 610th Division out of the Phu Cat mountain area.

October 3 – The Soviet Union claims that an undisclosed amount of military and economic assistance will be given to North Vietnam.

October 12 – The U.S. Army’s 2nd Battalion, 94th Artillery Regiment, consisting of self-propelled 175mm guns arrives in Da Nang.


October 18 – Newly arrived 4th Infantry Division, elements of the 25th Infantry Division and 1st Air Cav launch Operation Paul Revere IV near the Cambodian border of Pleiku Province.

October 25 – Units of the 1st Air Cav launch Operation Thayer II in Binh Dinh Province. U.S. anti-shipping operations off the North Vietnamese coast intensify in the Dong Hoi area. After a gunnery duel between U.S. destroyers and shore batteries, the U.S. begins a four-week series of attacks that results in the sinking of more than 230 communist vessels.

October 31 – U.S. Navy boats intercept and sink 35 junk and sampans crossing the Mekong Delta.
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: ____________________________

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

Eligibility: Vietnam and Vietnam-Era veterans who Served on active duty in the U.S. Military (for other
than training purposes) between February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975 (in-country Vietnam), or between

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

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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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October 4, 2016 | October 13, 2016
November 1, 2016 | November 10, 2016
December 6, 2016 | December 8, 2016

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**Monthly Membership Meetings start at 6:30 pm**

*At the Italian American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road, Rochester*

**Driving Directions to the Italian American Sports Club:**

The Club is located at 1250 Buffalo Road close to the intersection of Howard Road, directly across from the stone quarry, next to the Eagles Club and the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

From the East: Heading west on 490, exit Mt. Read Blvd. and turn left; south on Mt. Read to Buffalo Road circle, turn right, west on Buffalo Road, 1.4 miles, the Italian-American Sports Club is on the right side.

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.

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**Chiropractic Urgent Care**

*at Tri-County Chiropractic, PC*

Dr. Gary L. Kuhn
Chiropractor

Fairport Office Centre
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Building 500, Suite 520
Fairport, NY 14450
(585) 466-0862
Immediate/Emergency Care Available

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**Italian American Sports Club**

1250 Buffalo Rd.
Rochester, NY 14624
(585)464-9160

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https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal

Enrollment/Eligibility
http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility

Health Resource Center  1-877-222-8387 (VETS)

OEF / OIF
http://www.oefoif.va.gov

Women Veterans Benefits Line 1-855-829-6636
http://www.va.gov/womenvet

Dental Care

Copays
http://www1.va.gov/CBO/brochures.asp
Health Resource Center  1-877-222-8387

Suicide Prevention Hotline
1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

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http://www.prosthetics.va.gov

My HealtheVet
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Homeless Veterans Hotline
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