Please take a moment to remember...
Please pause to say a prayer.
for Our Country’s POW’s & MIA’s
Please show the Family’s we still Care.
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 position, contact Fred at felliott@rochester.rr.com or 585-317-7619.
### Remembering Our Fallen Heroes
Born in September

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**Memorial Tours & Presentations**

Persons interested in on-site tours or presentations at schools or organizations, contact Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com

**Friends of the Memorial**

To be placed on the volunteer contact list, contact Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com
VETERANS WALK COMMITTEE
154 Mendota Drive
Rochester, New York 14626

From:
Name: _______________________
Address: _______________________
City/Zip: _______________________
Phone: _______________________

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

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

VVA Chapter 20, Veterans Walk

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

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

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

1. __________________________________________
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
20th Anniversary
1996 - 2016

Save the Date
September 10, 2016
Noon to 3PM

At the Memorial
1440 South Avenue
At Highland Park

Music Provided by
198th Division Band
Keystone Pipers
POW / MIA
Candlelight Vigil

Saturday, September 17, 2016 at 6:00 pm.
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park

For more information, Contact Joe Peck
Volunteers for the reading of the names are needed
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:

- Master Sgt. Charles J. Brown, US Army was lost November 21, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on June 29, 2016 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- SFC Lawrence Smith, US Army was lost February 12, 1951 in South Korea. He was accounted for on July 6, 2016 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Charles A. White, US Army was reported lost December 3, 1950 and died May 12, 1951 in Chagsong, North Korea as a POW in Camp #1. He was accounted for on July 14, 2016 and was laid to rest with full military honors on July 29, 2016 at his home town in New Lexington, Ohio.
- 2nd Lt. Marvin B. Rothman, US Army Air Corps was lost April 11, 1944 in New Guinea. He was accounted for on July 15, 2016 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Larry M. Dunn, US Army was lost December 1, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on July 16, 2016 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Machinist Mate 1st Class Earl Melton and Ensign Verdi Sederstrom both US Navy and both lost on December 7, 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. They were both accounted for on July 21, 2016 and were laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Curtis J. Wells, US Army was lost November 27, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on July 21, 2016 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Master Sgt. Ira V. Miss Jr., US Army was lost February 5, 1950 in South Korea. He was accounted for on July 25, 2016 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Sgt. James L. Campbell, US Army was lost December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on July 26, 2016 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Ronald M. Sparks, US Army was lost February 12, 1951 in South Korea. He was accounted for on July 27, 2016 and was laid to rest with full military honors.

Until they are all found, accounted for and returned home, we will never forget their sacrifice.

POW / MIA
Joe Peck, Chairman
Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 623 members and AVVA is at 41 members as of 07/31/16. 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.
Highlights of the August Membership Meeting

Proclamations are presented to the Chapter.
Frank Allkofer, Mark Assini, Tony Micciche, Dick Yolevich, Val Gatto, Joe Robach

New Member
Morris Long
USAF 1969-72

Mike Walker
Western District Director
NY State Council

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Connie Pratt receives Honorary Membership

Larry Camp won the 50/50

115 People attended

John Whitney won a lap robe

Steve Nash (green shirt) won a lap robe

Angelo Ciresi won the flag drawing and a wooden “storage box” made by member Dave Cook
Things are going well and I want to thank the Chapter members for the yarn donations that I haul in at the membership meetings each month. I recently sent in a big shipment to Attica and the colors that I can’t get in there I donate to some ladies in my church who make lap blankets for residents of the Fairport Baptist home. It’s all good…….

I’m gearing up for the 20th Anniversary of the Vietnam Memorial in Highland Park and a tip of the hat to Chuck Macaluso for his spearheading that upcoming event scheduled for September 10th. Hope to see you all there……. I’m still doing hospice and my veterans’ bereavement group and we have a couple new chapter members who expressed an interest in getting involved in the vet to vet hospice program Lifetime Care runs and I do appreciate those guys who have stepped up. I contacted radio station WYSL (92.1 FM) and they agreed to put out the information about the bereavement group and I want to note the public service they are doing for us……..

Some sad news; Frank Bell, past president of VVA Chapter 704 (Auburn) passed away unexpectedly July 19th. Frank was a Marine Corps veteran and VVA member for 30 years and helped me out at Auburn Prison for many years. Some of you may remember Chapter #20 giving #704 and newly elected President Frank Bell a donation to help them get started at one of our annual dinners at the Plantation Party House many years ago and it was money well spent. He was a founding member of 704 and a friend to the incarcerated vets at the Auburn Correctional Facility. Tom Puff sent the Chapter a condolence card and Frank will be missed by his wife Joan, their five children and the members of 704.

On August 20th I attended the Cayuga County Annual Support Day for Veterans organized by Ernie Bullock, past President of Incarcerated Chapter 205 at Auburn Correctional. This was the 8th year for this event and I remember attending the first which was in Ernie’s back yard outside the prison wall and there were maybe 8 vets present. This year’s event was dedicated to Frank Bell and held at a Presbyterian church near the prison. There were about 75 veterans and family members there including the Auburn mayor and a US Congressman (24th District). Indeed, this gathering has come a long way. The service began with Jackie Harris singing the National Anthem and she did a rendition worthy of the Super Bowl. There were several guest speakers other than Ernie including the National Director of Point Man Ministries (Dana Morgan) and Jerome Joyce from the Syracuse VA Medical Center. A lunch was served afterward while a band played 60’s music and booths were set up to offer veterans’ benefits information and other forms of assistance. At around 2:00pm a tribute ride was started to the Pine Hill Cemetery in Throop, NY where Medal of Honor recipients Robert F. Stryker and Gary Barnes are buried. A good time was had by all.
NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Contact: Daniel Ryan, Public Affairs Officer
Phone: (585) 393-7209
Fax: (585) 393-8328
E-mail: Daniel.Ryan@va.gov

Date: August 4, 2016

VA TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Opportunity for feedback from Veterans, Family Members, Stakeholders, Veteran Service Organizations, and Community Partners

On September 10, the Canandaigua VA Medical Center will host a Quarterly Town Hall meeting. This event will take place at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center located at 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424 in building #5 starting at 10 a.m.

On September 14, the Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic will host a Quarterly Town Hall meeting. This event will take place at the Rochester VA Outpatient Clinic located at 465 Westfall Road, Rochester, NY 14620 starting at 6:30 p.m.

These Town Hall meetings will provide the opportunity for feedback from Veterans, family members, congressional stakeholders, Veteran service organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other community partners.

If you would like more information regarding these meetings or would like to pre-submit a question or comment, please contact Dan Ryan, Public Affairs Officer at (585) 393-7209 or e-mail at Daniel.Ryan@va.gov.

Visit the Canandaigua VA Facebook Page @ http://www.facebook.com/VACanandaigua

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The Canandaigua VA Medical Center Social Work Evidence-Based Practice Committee in partnership with the Rochester Vet Center present:

**Evidenced Based Practices for Substance Abuse in Veterans with PTSD**

*A Conference for:*

- Veterans
- Family Members
- Treatment Professionals
- Community Providers

It’s time to face a new kind of battle.
You deserve Better!

Monroe Community College, R. Thomas Flynn Campus Center, Building 3
1000 East Henrietta Rd, Rochester, NY,  Parking in lots M and M1

This conference will focus on evidenced based therapies in addressing substance abuse in the presence of trauma in the Veteran community such as Mindfulness, DBT, EMDR and the role of medications. Presenters include: Dr. Matthew Tessena, Suboxone provider, VA; Katie Burbee, LCSW, Freedom Village; Julia Parker, LCSW-R, PRRC VA; a Veteran, a caregiver and a first responder.

Snacks will be provided

Please Reserve your place by contacting Nancy Gaillard at 585-463-2600 x32306 or email at Nancy.Gaillard @va.gov

**Seats are limited**

September 19, 2016
8:00am-1pm
September 21
Vets Night
No Ride Poker Run • Prize for Best Hand

Batavia Downs Gaming
Cost of $20 Includes:
- Buffet
- $2 Horse Betting Voucher
- $15 in Free Play
- Free Live Racing Program (with additional $5 Free Play)
- T-shirt

Half of all proceeds will go towards the Monroe County Veterans Court Mentor Program

Chinese Auction on site
All proceeds will go towards the Monroe County Veterans Court Mentor Program

Check in begins at 5:00pm
To reserve your space, call 585-343-3750 ext 6445
1st Annual
Welcome Home Vietnam Vets

“Run for Louie”
Sunday September 25th, 2016

Starting Location: Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park
1440 South Avenue Rochester, NY 14620

Ending Location: North Greece Fire Exempts Field
3666 Latta Road Rochester, NY 14612

Drivers: $20 / Riders: $15 / After-Party Only: $15

All proceeds to go to:

Vietnam Memorial Ceremony @ 10:30am
Kickstands Up @ 11:30am

Join Us after the Run at 1:00pm for Food, Music, Vendors & 50/50 Raffle

For Tickets or Information: Nikki Hungate @ (585) 415-9594 or nicole.hungate@gmail.com

Tickets are available from Kenny Allocco or at the door.
September 1 – President DeGaulle of France condemns U.S. policy and calls for an American withdrawal from Vietnam.

September 6 – Three U.S. Army privates are court-martialed in New Jersey for refusing to go to Vietnam. The court rejects the defense argument that the war is illegal and immoral.

September 11 – In South Vietnam’s Constituent Assembly election, over 80% of those who register actually vote.

September 12 – 500 U.S. planes bomb coastal targets, transportation lines and supply areas in the heaviest raid of the war so far.

September 13 – U.S. Marines conduct amphibious search and destroy Operation DeckHouse IV northeast of Dong Ha in I Corps.

September 14 – The 196th Light Infantry Brigade initiates Operation Attleboro in War Zone C in Tay Ninh Province over a 72-day period.

September 19 – The 2nd Battalion of the 2nd Brigade, Republic of Korea (ROK), arrives at Chu Lai from Cam Ranh Bay.

September 23 – Operation Maeng Ho is conducted by the ROK Capital Division in Binh Dinh Province.

September 23 – U.S. planes are defoliating jungle areas just south of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ).

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

Could someone you know be in crisis?
The VA’s National Suicide Crisis Line
1-800-273-TALK or 1-800-273-8255
24/7 365 days/year
Provides professional counseling to veterans, their family members or friends.

Do you know a veteran who is homeless?
The VA’s National Homeless Veterans Hotline
1-877-424-3838
24/7 365 days/year
The VA is dedicated to the nationwide VA Medical Centers in conjunction with the National Medical Services. Serves those in need of care at the time of the call.
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20

Name: ____________________________________ Date of Birth: ________________ Sex (   )M (   )F

Address: ____________________________________ Home Phone: ( 555 )________________________

City: ______________________________________ Work Phone: ( 555 )________________________

Zip: ___________ County: ____________________ Email Address: _______________________

I am not a Vietnam Veteran, but I want to help Vietnam Veterans and their families. Sponsor: ________________________________
Please accept my donation: Payment Options: (    ) Check (    ) Money Order
(     ) $10  (     ) $20  (     ) $50 Other ($__________)


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.

Return this application, along with a copy of your DD214 to:

Chapter 20, Vietnam Veterans of America
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Rochester, NY  14612

BETWEEN THE LINES:
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We welcome letters to the editor, poetry, original articles, and suggestions. Submissions should include name and phone number and Can be sent to Between the Lines, P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612 or emailed to felliott@rochester.rr.com. We reserve the right to edit for space and clarity and to not use materials we think inappropriate for the publication. Deadline for submissions for each issue is the 10th of the preceding month. Exceptions may be granting by contacting the Editor.
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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.
Your business card could be here. Contact Chapter Treasurer, Alan Frisa (afrisa@rochester.rr.com), for details.
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e-mail: serviceofficer@yahoo.com

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