In Honor

On Memorial Day, we honor all those who have served and given their lives for this great Nation. At this time, we will also honor those who served and have passed from our ranks here at Chapter 20. “They are our brothers forever”

VVA CHAPTER 20 MEMORIAL
Honoring our brothers who have passed.
Lest we forget

Bob Behnke*
Martin Driffill
Dennis D. Rinkus
Patrick C. Parker
Joseph P. Terzo Jr.
Wayne P. Soule
John M. Harrigan
Donald B. Maclean
Lynn A. Citron*
Michael E. Young
Jeffrey P. Lundberg
Wayne Morris
Jeffrey C. Hammond
Thomas L. Steinberg
William J. DeHollender
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David T. Hilbert
Don Murrell
Jim Cass
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Clyde Saxon *
Bradley C. Roth
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Peter G. Lambert
Robert Rudolph
William Maxion
Elton L. Bailey
David B. DeLola
Charles G. Holtz
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Jerry Popen
Edward F. McLaughlin Jr.
Gerald J. Pruonto
David E. Johns
Richard Beeley
James A. Huff
Roger W. Gaede
Michael P. Couture
Michael T. Donlon
Keith M. Reitz
Douglas M. McWilliams
Dominic Bianchi
Edward M. Hickey
Don W. Webber
Dale R. Aiello
Gerald R. Mart
Gregory D. Carter
John Arthur
George Stevens
Ted Ives
Names are in order of passing, (*) indicates a founding member.
Respectfully presented by: Joe Peck
Please contact me at jpeck2@rochester.rr.com to record the passing of any Chapter 20 members.
Remembering Our Fallen Heroes
Born in May

http://rochestervietnammemorial.org/

Neidermeier, Thomas David 5-1-1947
Petramalo, Thomas 5-6-1936
Quinn, Ronald Gene 5-6-1943
McCarthy Jr., Carl R. 5-6-1950
Pringle, James Edward 5-8-1949
Parker Jr., George Joseph 5-10-1941
Daniels, Rex Martin 5-10-1950
Beltran, Frank Joseph 5-11-1948
Kleinhans, Lawrence C. 5-14-1947
Ludwig, Larry George 5-15-1947
Roczen, Alexander Anthony 5-16-1947
Henderson, Robert Caufeld 5-17-1947
Schumacher, Jeffrey David 5-17-1950
Cartwright, Thomas Clark 5-18-1943
Reed, David N. 5-28-1951
Redding, Walter Lee 5-30-1949

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
There are currently new reports from the National League of Families and the DOD that another serviceman has been recovered, returned and identified. The Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) has not officially listed this individual as accounted for but will hopefully post and confirm that information on their website. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War now stands at 1614.

Colonel William Edward Campbell, from McAllen, Texas was assigned to the 497th Ubon, Thailand, all January 29, 1969 Col. Campbell and Son Mountain area in fire and crashed. see any parachutes All they saw was the of the mission was Thailand to North the same very difficult due to Because of the Col. Campbell and with the distinct the crash and 1978 to villager went belonged to much returned to

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

- Fireman 1st Class Charles R. Castro (accounted for March 15, 2017), Seaman 1st Class Monroe Temple (accounted for March 22, 2017), Electricians Mate 3rd Class Don O. Neher (accounted for December 14, 2016) and Ensign William M. Thompson were all US Navy personnel on board the USS Oklahoma and were lost on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. They were all accounted for accordingly and laid to rest with full Military honors.
• Cpl. Billie Jimerson, US Army was lost November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on February 15, 2017 and laid to rest with full military honors.
• Capt. James Boyden, US Marine Corps Reserve was lost February 14, 1944 in Papua, New Guinea. He was accounted for on March 6, 2017 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
• Pfc. Robert E. Mitchell, US Army was lost September 6, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on March 13, 2017 and laid to rest with full military honors.
• Pvt. Donald S. Spayd, US Marine Corps Reserve was lost November 20, 1943 in Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on March 16, 2017 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
• Cpl. William R. Sadewasser, US Army was lost November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on March 23, 2017 and laid to rest with full military honors.
• Pfc. Jack J. Fox, US Marine Corps Reserve was lost November 22, 1943 in Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on March 21, 2017 and will be laid to rest with full military honors.
• Cpl. Daniel F. Kelly, US Army was lost November 26, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on March 22, 2017 and laid to rest with full military honors.
• Pfc. Reece Gass, US Army was lost January 14, 1945 in Belgium. He was accounted for on March 20, 2017 and laid to rest with full military honors.
• Cpl. Freddie L. Henson, US Army was lost December 6, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on April 3, 2017 and laid to rest with full military honors.
• 1st Lt. Ewart T. Sconiers, US Army Air Corps was lost January 24, 1944 in Germany. He was accounted for on April 5, 2017 and laid to rest with full military honors.
• Tech 4 John Kovach Jr., US Army was lost November 19, 1942 in the Philippines. He was accounted for on April 7, 2017 and laid to rest with full military honors.

Until everyone is accounted for, we will never give up hope
WE WELCOME YOU HOME
Rest in peace brothers.
ELECTION RESULTS

FRED ELLIOTT, DIRECTOR

JERRY McDERMOTT, DIRECTOR

RON TROVATO, DIRECTOR
Highlights of the April Membership Meeting

*VV Memorial clean up will be held on May 11.* Thanks to ReHouse for their $300.63 contribution this month. * There are still 1611 MIA still missing.

New Member - Neil Krautwurs - ARMY

Fred Elliott won the Flag Drawing

Charlie Klauck won the 2nd Flag Drawing

Juil Robinson Jr won the 50/50 Drawing

New Member Benjamin Springett - Airforce
Elmer Brown from American Legion Post 134 presents Val with a check for $300.

Chuck Macaluso presents Bill Lill and Chris Johnston from the Industrial Service a flag marking the 20th anniversary of the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial of Greater Rochester. Industrial Service and Max Lill was very instrumental in constructing the VV Memorial.

Heather Cammarata and Teri Kopp explain the Gerofit Program now available at the ROPC and Canandaigua VA facilities. For more information please call the facility below.
If you need to reach the Gerofit program, please call:

Heather Cammarata, PTA  
Program Coordinator  
585-463-2600 X32538

Erek Biddle, Exercise Physiologist  
585-463-2600 X32517

Greg Reynolds, Exercise Physiologist  
585-393-8027

Patrick Conway, Exercise Physiologist  
585-463-2600 X32529

Doug Costello, Exercise Physiologist  
585-393-8027

Teri Kopp, PT  
Program Director  
585-463-2600 X32517

The Canandaigua Gerofit Program  
Canandaigua VA Medical Center  
Building 33, basement  
400 Fort Hill Ave.  
Canandaigua, NY 14424  
585-393-8027

&

The Rochester Gerofit Program  
Canandaigua VA Medical Center  
Health Fitness Center  
1867 Mt. Hope Ave  
Rochester, NY 14620  
585-463-2600 X32538

Veterans in Action!
The Gerofit Program

The Gerofit Program is a supervised exercise program for Veterans age 65 years old and over.

The Gerofit program:
- helps and encourages you to be physically active
- Shows you how to reduce the risk of falls
- Improves your ability to move and be active

Gerofit is offered:
- Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays
- 8:00 AM to 10:30 AM in Rochester
- 1:00 PM to 3:30 PM in Canandaigua

Gerofit Program Offers
- Group exercise classes
- Strength training
- Balance exercises
- Flexibility exercises
- Cardio (heart) fitness to improve your endurance

Where Is Gerofit Located?
At this time, Gerofit is at the Canandaigua and Rochester Health Fitness Centers.
- Gerofit does not offer transportation.

Why Join Gerofit?
Joining Gerofit can improve your overall health and well-being.
- You can have fun exercising.
- Meet friends and fellow comrades.
- Boost your weight loss and energy!

Why wait? Ask your provider about Gerofit today!
Veteran Service awards:
Chuck Macaluso
Laura Stradley
Charlie Rabidoux (C&M Militaria)

Community Service award:
Jim Lill and Industrial Service

Special Recognition award:
Marianne Sernoffsky

Roger Robach award:
Bing Reaves Jr.

Congratulations to this years winners!

Chuck Macaluso receives the Veteran Service Award.

Fred Elliott, Ron Trovato and Jerry McDermott are sworn in as Chapter 20 Directors.
On 4/7/17 at the high school in Churchville Chili, Ken Allocco, Val Gatto, Ron Trovato and Joe attended a two-day event. The speakers talked about their experiences of serving our Country during the Vietnam War and how it affected them and their families. The students asked questions and were given insight on what it was like to live through the 60’s and 70’s and how we were treated when we came home.
Me.....Then and Now

Seaman David Cook out of bootcamp. Saying goodbye to my sister and my mother before going to Italy.

Liberty call! Dave takes the helm and drives them ashore.
Honor Flight Welcomed Home

Val with Don Alhart at the Honor Flight

Monroe County Executive Cheryl DiNolfo with troops

That’s Me!
And the winners of the 2017 Weight Loss Program are...THE MARINES!! CONGRATULATIONS MARINES!

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2017 Final April Weight Loss Report

The winning service for the 2017 Weight Loss Program is the U.S. MARINES!

29 members participated this month.

**AIR FORCE**
- Biggest loser for the Airforce was Bob Caulkins, lost 5.4 lbs. Second runner up was Tom Puff, 0.8 lbs.

**ARMY**
- Biggest loser for the Army and this season was Alan Frisa, he lost 25 lbs! Second runner up was Ron Trovato, 9.4 lbs.

**NAVY**
- Biggest loser for the Navy was Bill Heinrich lost 5.2 lbs! Second runner up Vito Scarpetta 4.0 lbs.

**USMC**
- Biggest loser for the Marines was Sam Otto, lost 19.4 lbs! Second runner up was Rose Rossi-Williams, 10.1 lbs.

**The methodology and reporting is as follows. The total gain/loss will be based on the aggregate accumulation of all the months gains and losses.**
Membership Update

Mike General Membership Chair

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 621 members and AVVA is at 40 members as of 03/31/17. Membership has not been growing (only one new member in the last two months), We need your help in recruiting new members. Don’t forget to renew on time. Don’t let your membership expire. We had 4 members who did not renew this last month.

Please Renew Your Membership!

All Life Memberships are $100.00

If you a renewing as a “Life Member”, please remember to include a copy of your DD-214 with your application.

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 or by contacting me. (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.

Mike
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION
Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20

Name: ________________________________ Date of Birth: ______________ Sex ( )M ( )F

Address: ______________________________

City: ________________________________ Zip: ___________ County: ____________________

Home Phone: ( 555 )__________________ Work Phone: ( 555 )__________________

Email Address: ________________________ Sponsor: ____________________________

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

Payment Options: ( ) Check ( ) Money Order

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

Chapter 20, Vietnam Veterans of America
P.O. Box 12580
Rochester, NY 14612


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

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

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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.
Veterans Incarcerated Committee   by Ron Trovato

Spring is finally upon us and I hope you all survived the recent wind and snow storms OK although I know a lot of you lost power. We had branches and trees come down near us but we had power and I was very thankful for that......... I attended the Monroe County Vietnam Veterans Day Service at the Parks Department on 3/30 that was hosted by Laura Stradley from the Veterans Service Agency. Nice turnout and good speakers including Valentino and Dr. Pete. Just good to get together with so many Vietnam vets for the morning.........I want to thank everyone for the yarn donations and cash donations to buy yarn. It’s a huge help to me and sometimes I run into really good batches of cheap yarn at yard sales which I use the money for. Our members are so generous and my budget would be a lot more without your generosity........The Veterans Group at Groveland is an organization which has submitted its constitution to the Dept. of Corrections for approval. This effort is being spearheaded by Lawrence “Abdul” Wilson at Groveland and has the support of the Facility Superintendent and the Director of Programs there. A motion was approved by the Board on 4/4 for Chapter #20 to be a sponsor of the group and for me to be the primary outside contact person. This would meet the Dept. of Corrections guidelines for forming a prison veteran’s organization and we functioned in the same capacity years ago when Chapter #603 was founded there. Our long term plan is to bring back the Veterans Residential Treatment Program there once again which was so successful in the past.

I spoke at Churchville Chili High School to four classes on 4/7 along with Valentino, Joe Peck and Kenny Allocco. They always treat us so well there and the kids are just great. I’m still doing the hospice volunteer work and bereavement group at Lifetime Care. Took my bereavement group out to lunch and ran into long time VVA member Phil Liteer and his wife and I hope they can attend a membership meeting soon.

Miscellaneous Dept. - Did you see where Time Warner became Spectrum? The name sounds like the bad guys in a James Bond movie. I’ve got over 1000 channels and they are almost all on commercials when I flip through them or are pay for view. TV used to be like sucking on a crack pipe to me but now I am hardly ever watching it and paying through the nose for the privilege..........I also got the wife a new dishwasher. It takes half a day to run through a wash cycle and it uses two cups of water to do it. It’s about the same amount of water used by an Al Gore toilet. I’d like to give that guy a wedgie......Is eating tree shaped Christmas cookies bad for the environment?...........My wife says she’s glad I have a sense of humor which she believes I’ll need while serving drinks at the casino to bolster my retirement.......... 

(Editors Note: BTL is continually looking for writers other than those undergoing electro shock treatments like the above Committee Chair. Please consider submitting an article in order to properly balance this award winning publication.)
GREAT TRUTHS

1. In my many years I have come to a conclusion that one useless man is a shame, two is a law firm, and three or more is a congress. --John Adams

2. If you don't read the newspaper you are uninformed, if you do read the newspaper you are misinformed. --Mark Twain

3. Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But then I repeat myself. --Mark Twain

4. I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle. --Winston Churchill

* When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90 % of their body... Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

* Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

* America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.

1. Two antennas met on a roof, fell in love and got married. The ceremony wasn’t much, but the reception was excellent.

2. A jumper cable walks into a bar. The bartender says, "I'll serve you, but don't start anything."

3. Two peanuts walk into a bar, and one was a salted.
Journalist Nancy E. Lynch returns to the Palmyra Community Library Tuesday, May 9, 2017 6:30 pm

Join Nancy E. Lynch, author and publisher of the award winning social history, Vietnam Mailbag, Voices from the War: 1968-1972 as she returns to the Palmyra Community Library to share an extraordinary war story.

The return 45 years later of a charred military driver’s license of a helicopter pilot shot down in Vietnam to the daughter who never knew her father involves death-defying twists and turns and, ultimately, the honorable actions of a Florida veteran and a South Vietnamese soldier.
And a war letter Lynch received in 1968.

Vietnam Mailbag features nearly 1,000 war letters and hundreds of pictures her popular newspaper column, Nancy’s Vietnam Mailbag. Her unique column afforded our servicemen a rare opportunity to let those at home know where they stood on issues ranging from the war to the weather and is believed to stand as the only war correspondence column of its kind in the country.

The event is free, registration is appreciated. Call 315-597-5376 to register.
Some changes initiated in the Senate for Veteran's benefits...

It was announced on March 31, 2017 that U.S. Senator Johnny Isakson, R-Ga., Chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, introduced the Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2017 -- bipartisan legislation to increase veterans’ disability benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

“Our men and women in uniform have sacrificed greatly, and it is our duty to provide veterans and their families with the benefits they so rightly deserve,” said Isakson. “As such, we are working to ensure veterans’ benefits mirror rising living costs in our country.”

The bill, S.784, was co-sponsored by every member of the Senate VA committee and would increase the rates of VA disability compensation, dependency compensation for surviving children and spouses, as well as the clothing allowance for veterans based on rising costs of living.

This cost-of-living adjustment, which would be equal to the amount of the adjustment given to Social Security recipients, is determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics’ Consumer Price Index on a yearly basis. The cost-of-living adjustment for veterans would go into effect on Dec. 1, 2017.

You can track this bill at congress.gov

https://www.govtrack.us/congress/bills/115/s784
THE VIETNAM WAR is a ten-part, 18-hour documentary film series directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick that will air on PBS in September 2017.

In an immersive 360-degree narrative, Burns and Novick tell the epic story of the Vietnam War as it has never before been told on film. THE VIETNAM WAR features testimony from nearly 100 witnesses, including many Americans who fought in the war and others who opposed it, as well as Vietnamese combatants and civilians from both the winning and losing sides.

Six years in the making, the series brings the war and the chaotic epoch it encompassed viscerally to life. Written by Geoffrey C. Ward, and produced by Sarah Botstein, Novick and Burns, it includes rarely seen, digitally remastered archival footage from sources around the globe, photographs taken by some of the most celebrated photojournalists of the 20th Century, historic television broadcasts, evocative home movies, revelatory audio recordings from inside the Kennedy, Johnson & Nixon administrations, and more than 100 iconic musical recordings by many of the greatest artists of the era.

WXXI Programs & Events:

THE VIETNAM WAR Preview: A PBS Preview of THE VIETNAM WAR will air after the National Memorial Day Concert. Get a 30-minute preview of the ten-part, 18-hour documentary film series directed by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick that is coming to PBS & WXXI-TV in September 2017. Airs 5/28/17 at 9:30-10:00 p.m. on WXXI-TV.

Learn More at WXXI’s Vietnam War Site:
Check out video clips from the series, upcoming programs, community events and other on-demand Vietnam War public media programs: http://wxxi.org/vietnam

WXXI veterans connections
Helping bridge military and veteran needs with community support and awareness
Learn More: http://wxxi.org/veterans

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NEW YORK STATE
Veteran's Task Force

Tuesday, May 16th, 2017
12:30pm at Capital Hill (Albany, NY)

"Fighting For Those Who Fight For Us"

The State Of New York Needs to Do A Better Job Recognizing Our Veterans

TOPICS WE ARE LOOKING TO ADDRESS:

1. Veteran Jobs, business opportunities, less regulation and tax for Veteran owned business, loan programs that actually work
2. Families of Veterans, aid to disabled, homeless, and out of place veterans and their loved ones
3. Healthcare issues, more access to VA clinics and hospitals, aid the enrollment of all Veterans in the VA
4. State Perks, homes, park and recreation opportunities, tax and school tax relief, Veteran cemeteries

Our mission is to assemble a large group of Veterans and those who support us to march on the Capital in Albany on May 16th at 12:30pm to push for the State of New York to better acknowledge Veterans in the legislative process. At this point Veterans get less than 1% of the budget for Veterans. Teachers unions and their alike take this action and get nearly 100% of their budgets. The time has come for New York Veterans to stay silent no more and let them know that we deserve more for the sacrifices we have made for this great country.

The goal of this effort is to have 50-60 people per county to attend. Transportation to this event is up to the individual, carpool, organize large bus groups, drive yourself, train, however you can get there. We ask that people who receive this memo spread the word in order to make this a success.

No Veteran organization, business, or non for profit is responsible for organizing this, although we encourage them to attend. This is an Idea by several Veterans who feel we can be better taken care of by our own state.

Any questions contact:
GREG CODY 585-750-1490, chetcody72@yahoo.com
DANIEL MacDONALD 585-747-3334, dmacdonald@macdonaldlse.com
DON LINBORG 585-704-8074, myopa@frontier.net.net
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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.
Denis Gurnett, Instructor

YOUR BUSINESS CARD COULD BE HERE.

Contact Chapter Treasurer, Alan Frisa (afrisa@rochester.rr.com), for details.

Proud Supporter of Chapter 20 Vietnam Veterans of America
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**Special Thanks** to Tim Sturm who had Vietnam Veteran Memorial signs made / donated for upcoming Lilac Festival. Thank you Tim!!
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
# VA Health Care Benefits

## Contacts and References

### E-Benefits Portal Site

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)

### My HealtheVet

http://www.myhealth.va.gov

### Prosthetics

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e-mail: serviceofficer@yahoo.com
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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 Veterens 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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VVA New York State Council
www.nyvietnamvets.org
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