Between The Lines

November
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY
UNITED STATES NAVY

HAPPY 242ND BIRTHDAY!!!
Cotterill, Michael 11-1-1945
Smith, Barry James 11-1-1946
Cannan, Dennis Charles 11-1-1950
Stirpe, John 11-3-1948
Mandracchia, Paul S. 11-3-1951
Sheradin, Robert Donald 11-4-1949
Fry, George Harold 11-7-1943
Mattaro Jr., Donald J. 11-9-1944
Dailey, Gerald Lee 11-9-1946
Van Reypen, Robert Julius 11-9-1946
Stymus, Gary Lee 11-10-1941
Manning, Bruce K. 11-10-1943
Laird, Francis Richard 11-12-1946
Widener, James Edward 11-12-1948
Bechtold, Francis Scott 11-20-1947
Lambooy Jr., John P. 11-22-1946
Logsdon, Clifford Douglas 11-22-1949
Owen, Timothy Samuel 11-25-1946
Simmons, Robert 11-25-1951
Boise, Richard Howard 11-26-1946
Smith Jr., Edward Dewilton 11-29-1944
Graves, Donald LaVerne 11-29-1946
Barnard, Richard George 11-30-1937
Gell, Jack Earl 11-30-1940
VETERANS WALK COMMITTEE
154 Mendota Drive
Rochester, New York 14626

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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:

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

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Include: Payment and “Proof of Service” for above recipient.

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Questions please call Chuck or Joan Macaluso as 585-225-8288
There are currently new reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the National League of Families and the DOD that another servicemen has been recovered, returned and identified. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War now stands at 1602.

**Capt. James Reginald Bauder**, US Navy from La Canada, California was a pilot of an F-4B Phantom Fighter Jet assigned to Fighter Squadron 21 on board the USS Coral Sea (CVA 43). On September 21, 1966, Captain Bauder and another officer launched with another F4B Fighter Jet from the USS Coral Sea on a night armed reconnaissance mission from the Cua Can to Thach Luyen along a river adjacent to Highway 1 in North Vietnam. Capt. Bauder was the flight leader of this flight. When over the target area, Capt. Bauder’s aircraft dropped six flares at 3500 ft. to illuminate the river below for barges. His aircraft then executed a starboard turn to watch for flak and surface-to-air missiles while the 2nd F-4b jet bombed targets of opportunity under the illumination of the flares. The 2nd aircraft tried to contact Capt. Bauders aircraft and was unsuccessful. All communication was lost. Air control units also lost all radar contact. There was no explosions in the air or on the ground and no emergency signals from either pilots. An extensive search was conducted in the area during the night and early morning with negative results. The aircraft had just disappeared. Capt. Bauder and his radio operator were listed as Missing in Action. In 2008, the DPAA sent an underwater investigation team to use remote sensing equipment to identify possible wreckage on the bottom of a body of water and then employed Army divers to verify what was detected. This technique led to the discovery of the aircraft wreckage site. Remains were located and returned on June 25th 2012. They were identified as Capt. Bauder on August 28, 2017. Captain James Reginald Bauder was officially accounted for on September 8, 2017 almost 51 years to the day of that fateful mission.
There has been reports of the recoveries and identifications of individuals from the following wars:

- Pfc. James L. Leonard, US Army, was lost July 25, 1950 in South Korea. He was accounted for on August 21, 2017.
- SSgt. Thomas M. McGraw, US Army Air Corps, was lost February 28, 1945 in Italy. He was accounted for on August 18, 2017.
- SFC. Elmore B. Goodwin, US Army, was lost November 27, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on August 25, 2017.
- Asst. Cook Frank L. Masoni, US Marine Corps Reserve, was lost November 21, 1943 at Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on August 30, 2017.
- Pfc. Billy R. Ball, US Army, was lost December 8, 1941 in the Philippines. He was accounted for on August 31, 2017.
- Pfc. Manuel Menendez, US Marine Corps, was lost November 20, 1943 at Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on August 30, 2017.
- Pfc. Harold V. Thomas, US Marine Corps, was lost November 20, 1943 at Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on August 31, 2017.
- Seaman 1st Class John E. Savidge, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on September 1, 2017.
- Chief Water Tender Paul R. Wright, US Navy Reserve, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on September 1, 2017.
- Pvt. George F. Patrick, US Marine Corps, was lost November 20, 1943 at Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on September 1, 2017.
- 1st Lt. Robert L. Maines, US Army Air Corps, was lost April 4, 1945 in Germany. He was accounted for on September 4, 2017.
- Seaman 2nd Class Frank Wood, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on September 7, 2017.
- Fireman 1st Class Gerald H. Pirtie, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on September 8, 2017.
- 2nd Lt. Donald E. Underwood, US Army Air Corps, was lost January 21, 1944 at Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on September 9, 2017.
- Fireman 1st Class Charles R. Ogle, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on September 11, 2017.
- Fireman 2nd Class John D. Wheeler, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on September 11, 2017.
- Sgt. Charles H. Daman, US Army Air Corps, was lost on February 4, 1945 in Germany. He was accounted for on September 14, 2017.
- Water Tender 2nd Class Porter L. Rich, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on September 15, 2017.
- Seaman 2nd Class George J. Wilcox, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on September 15, 2017.
- Pvt. Shirley E. Bailey, US Army, was lost on November 29, 1944 in Germany. He was accounted for on September 20, 2017.
- 1st Lt. Homer A. Spence, US Army Air Corps, was lost on July 20, 1944 in Italy. He was accounted for on September 21, 2017.
• Tech Sgt. John S. Bailey, US Army Air Corps, was lost on January 21, 1944 Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on September 22, 2017.
• 2nd Lt. Elwood R. Bailey, US Marine Corps Reserve, was lost August 24, 1942 at Solomon Islands. He was accounted for on September 27, 2017.
• Pvt. John M. Tillman, US Marine Corps, was lost November 20, 1943 at Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on September 27, 2017.
• Pfc. Leroy W. Bryant, US Army, was lost February 6, 1951 in South Korea. He was accounted for on September 27, 2017.
• Cpl. Donald L. Baer, US Army, was lost July 20, 1950 in South Korea. He was accounted for on September 28, 2017.
• Maj. Stephen T. Uurlamo, US Army, was lost December 1, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 28, 2017.
• Pfc. Willie E. Blue, US Army, was lost August 31, 1950 in South Korea. He was accounted for on September 28, 2017.
• Storekeeper 3rd Class Eli Olsen, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on September 29, 2017.
• Seaman 1st Class Clifford G. Goodwin, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on September 29, 2017.
• Seaman 1st Class Joseph M. Johnson, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on October 2, 2017.
• Sgt. Johnson McAfee Jr. US Marine Corps Reserve, was lost November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on October 3, 2017.
• Storekeeper 3rd Class Wallace E. Eakes, US Navy, was lost December 7th 1941 on board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor. He was accounted for on October 3, 2017.
• Pfc. Harold P. Hannon, US Marine Corps, was lost November 20, 1943 at Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on October 4, 2017.
• Sgt. Kermit J. Lejeune, US Army, was lost November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on October 5, 2017.

We will keep our promise to Our brothers who are still missing, to bring them all home.

We will never forget them or the sacrifice that they made.
Membership Update
Mike General Membership Chair

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 621 members and AVVA is at 40 members as of 08/31/17. Membership has not been growing (only 2 new members 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 5 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: ____________________________________

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.

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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

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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 feliott@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.
Special guest World War II Veteran Bob Bach was honored by the Chapter at our membership meeting.

New member Norman Honan, Army, 1965

New member Richard Hajecki, Army ‘69 – ‘71
Pastor Jeff Harris and daughter, Christina, from the Anchor Baptist Church invited the Chapter to a special service and after service Dinosaur Grill lunch for Viet Nam Veterans starting at 11am on November 5th.

Alan and Val hold the $2500 check we Received from WalMart.

Val presents Chuck with a check for $1000 for The Viet Nam Memorial Fund.

Louie’s Run was a huge success this year! Nicole and Brent Hungate reported that the event raised $2021 for the Chapter.

Rick Antelli, Receiver of Taxes and Dick Bart, Tax Assessor, presented benefits available to Town of Greece residents.
The "Vietnam War and the Rochester Connection" will be on display until the end of November. The display includes photographs and artifacts on loan from members of Chapter 20 and other Rochester residents. The display is located next to the Vietnam Learning Center at the downtown Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County, 115 South Ave. on the 3rd floor of the B&L Public Library Building.

For more information, please call Steve Nash (W: 428-8196 or H: 453-9114)

Jim Memmott: Armed with a camera, a Rochester native went above and beyond in Vietnam War

Cpl. William T. Perkins Jr., who threw his body on a grenade, became the only combat photographer to be awarded the Medal of Honor.

Check out this story on the D & C website below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LubJZsULZZU
On the Road with…..Fred & Marie Elliott

Our first “on the road with” contributors are Fred and Marie Elliott. Below they shared one of many trips that they had during the past year. I know there are more of you out there with similar experiences that may be very interesting and worthwhile to share. SEND THEM IN!

Carlisle, Pennsylvania

By Fred Elliott

There we were, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, for “Corvettes at Carlisle” the annual corvette car show. Marie and I decided we should make the trip this year with some friends from the Rochester Corvette Club. Returning from dinner one night at the local Cracker Barrel, we noticed an Army tank parked in a field alongside the expressway which piqued our curiosity. A little computer time back at the hotel revealed that the tank we saw was part of the U.S. Army Heritage and Cultural Center. We decided to stop there the next day on our way home. Below are photos from that worthwhile stop.
Ridgway Hall

Ridgway Hall is named for former Chief of Staff of the Army General Maxwell D. Taylor and is home to the US Army Heritage and Education Center (USAHEC), which manages the USAHEC library, archives, and research facilities. The USAHEC works with the U.S. Army and the American public to collect, preserve, and make available documents pertaining to the U.S. Army, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve. The USAHEC holdings cover the U.S. Army's history from before its formation through current operations, offering unparalleled resources on the evolution of the military art. Ridgway Hall also features exhibits, meeting spaces, and the General Albert N. Quesada Memorial Art Gallery, available for public visitation.

First Floor

- **Research Facility**
  The Ridgway Hall research facility is operated by the USAHEC, a non-profit organization dedicated to the study, interpretation, and promotion of the U.S. Army's history. The facility is open to the public and contains one of the most extensive military history libraries in the world. The collections include more than 70,000 books, manuscripts, diaries, photographs, periodicals, records, oral histories, and more. Visitors can explore the research facility on their own or with the assistance of a research staff member.

Second Floor

- **Exhibit Space**
  The exhibit space on the second floor features a series of smaller exhibits, which are periodically updated. The exhibits change periodically and reflect different aspects of the U.S. Army's history, making the exhibition space an ever-changing display of the military art. Visitors can explore the exhibits on their own or with the guidance of a staff member.

Telling the Army Story... One Soldier at a Time®

**Army Heritage Trail**

The Army Heritage Trail covers more than 200 miles of Army history with interactive exhibits and live demonstrations. The trail is an interactive experience that allows visitors to walk among exhibits that trace the history of the Army from its formation to the present day. Visitors can explore the trail on their own or with the assistance of a staff member.
IMMUTABLE LAWS

Law of the Theaters & Sports Arenas - At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle, always arrive last. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

The Coffee Law
As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn’t run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow, I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer. Always something more important to me. Finally, she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway."

The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp...

Life from the seat of a tractor. An old Farmer's Words of Wisdom we could all live by......

"Meanness don't just happen overnight."

"Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads."

"Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you."

"It doesn’t take a very big person to carry a grudge."
Out of destruction comes life again. These next few paragraphs and pictures depict how the will of the people who truly believe in and love the land prevailed over destruction. During WWII the Navy used the island of Kaho‘olawe, a small island off the coast of Maui in the Hawaiian Island chain, as a site for training personnel for air and sea attacks, as well as for marine landings. It was also used as a testing ground for ordnance firing largely due to its non-inhabitant status. One of our VVA members was part of Operation Sailor Hat (1964-1965) as a crew member of the USS Atlanta. William Heinrich, BM3, was aboard the USS Atlanta for their last mission.
Study of Test Ships Begins

Scientists and technicians at Pearl Harbor were busy today looking for signs of damage sustained by the former cruiser Atlanta, chief guinea pig in Saturday's 800-ton TNT test blast at Kahoolawe. They evidently were going to have to study hundreds of tape recordings of instrument readings and close-up photographs made at the instant of the explosion.

Outwardly, the Atlanta appeared to

The former cruiser Atlanta is dwarfed by a giant mushroom cloud following Saturday's test TNT explosion on Kahoolawe. The small smoke cloud above the Atlanta was routine, the Navy said, and came from the ship's own funnels. Another blast photo on page A-3. Photo by U.S. Navy.

BOOM!

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have suffered no major damage.

Photos released by the Navy indicated that no major deck installations, including lacy radar antennas, were blown away.

NO MAJOR DAMAGE

And the Navy confirmed that the Atlanta and two other smaller ships involved in the test suffered no major damage.

The Atlanta was 2,000 feet from the blast Saturday with the Canadian destroyer Fraser 3,000 feet away and the U.S. destroyer Cochranne 4,000 feet away.

All three returned to Pearl Harbor over the weekend.

Crewmen on the three vessels suffered no injuries. All were well protected.

One crewmen from the Cochranne told a reporter in Waikiki Saturday night that

the major hazard seemed to be flying rocks hurled out by the explosion.

ONE MORE BIG BOOM

He said the force of the blast shoved the moored ships sideways in the water, "but except for that it was just one more big boom."

A little information on the test results may be released from Washington later in the year after the series is concluded.

The tests are the first to check reactions on fighting ships of high energy blasts since the Bikini nuclear tests of 1946.

The nuclear test ban treaty prevents the U.S. from repeating the Bikini tests with nuclear weapons.

Before the second test next month a new explosion pad will be built in Kahoolawe.
But the people of Hawaii wanted their island back and wanted Kaho’olawe to heal itself after many years of destruction. So, they pressed on and petitioned the government. Under Title X, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the US Navy and the State of Hawaii was prepared to govern the conveyance of the island to the State of Hawaii. The statute requires that the island, including waters extending seaward two nautical miles from the shoreline be used solely and exclusively for the following purpose:

- Preservation and practice of all rights customarily and traditionally exercised by the native Hawaiians for cultural, spiritual, and subsistence purposes.
- Preservation and protection of its archaeological, historical, and environmental resources
- Rehabilitation, revegetation, habitat restoration and preservation
- Education
- Additionally, the island is to be preserved in perpetuity for the above uses; commercial uses are strictly prohibited.

_The Navy and the Governor of the State of Hawaii executed the MOU on May 6, 1994. Pursuant to Title X and the MOU, title to the island of Kaho’olawe was transferred to the State of Hawaii on May 9, 1994._

_Fast forward today...._

The Kaho‘olawe ecosystem is alive with robust populations of native plants and animals, as well as traditional Hawai‘ian practices, and provides a refuge for Hawai‘ian species threatened by climate change. This is achieved through the Hawai‘ian concept of Pilina ‘Aīna (Renewing Connections): honoring the natural environment and revitalizing cultural relationships through Kanaloa Kaho‘olawe. For more information on Kaho‘olawe go to: _www.islandconservation.org_
Opening November 3rd is the movie “Last Flag Flying”. The movie is about Vietnam War veterans who reunite decades after the war under somber circumstances. The three veterans are played by Academy Award nominated actors, Steve Carell, Bryan Cranston, and Laurence Fishburne.

The VA estimates that 20 veterans a day commit suicide. Fourteen of those 20 are veterans with no regular connection to VA health services. Equally troubling is the fact that suicide is even more pronounced among female veterans. In the weeks to come, VA will be starting a new anti-suicide campaign, #BeThere. The VA planned to hire 1,000 new mental health specialists this year but to date have only hired 649. Mental health experts are concerned that VA is not keeping up with the latest best practices as revealed in suicide prevention research.

I’m beginning to think that “Politics” is a four-letter word. A planned bipartisan roundtable to be held on October 3rd was boycotted by Democrats because of the inclusion of the veterans’ advocacy group, Concerned Veterans for America. Apparently, CVA has ties to Republican Party donors thus making it, in the eyes of the Democrats, a partisan group. Sure, CVA has supported Republican candidates and has invested time and money to discredit Democratic members of Congress but does that mean they should not have input into a discussion about reforming the VA? Once again, the best interests of veterans and the reforming of the VA seem to be taking a backseat to squabbling politicians. **Shameful!**
In August, I noted that Congressman Chris Collins authored H.R.3165, a bill that would authorize a pilot program to provide grants to veterans’ service organizations for upgrading local facilities. I didn’t think it was a good idea then and I don’t think it’s a good idea now. Fortunately (in my opinion) the Bill has no cosponsors and no companion Bill in the Senate. It looks like the Bill is doomed.

Members of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs have expressed their support for a Bill to allow the VA to sell a building in Paris, France. The building, known as Pershing Hall, was established by the American Legion in 1928 as a World War I Memorial. In 1991, its ownership was transferred to the VA. Currently, the building is maintained and operated as a luxury hotel under a lease agreement with a private French firm. Although it is unhappy about the current status of Pershing Hall, the American Legion opposes the sale of the building. My opinion is that if the American Legion wants the property to again be a monument to WWI, it should buy the building from the VA and make it the memorial they desire. (See House Bill H.R.2773)

On October 16th of this year, VA announced its presentation to the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees, a draft proposal of the Veterans Coordinated Access & Rewarding Experiences Act (CARE Act). The draft proposal intends to improve Veterans’ experiences with and access to health care. The Bill would:

- Clarify and simplify eligibility requirements.
- Set the framework for VA to continue to build a high-performing network.
- Streamline clinical and administrative processes.
- Implement new care coordination support for Veterans.
- Merge and modernize community care programs.

The Bill would replace certain criteria under the Choice Program:

- Place the Veteran and his or her physician at the center of the decision process on how and where to get the best care available.
- Ensure VA is improving medical facilities and staffing levels to meet Veterans’ needs in areas where VA care is substandard.
- Offer options for Veterans to use a network of walk-in clinics for minor illnesses and injuries.

The CARE Act would also include:

- Proposals for new workforce tools to assist in maintaining and strengthening VA’s world-class medical staff.
- A number of business process enhancements to improve financial management of the Community Care program.
- Provisions that would strengthen VA’s ability to partner with other federal agencies and streamline VA’s real property management authorities.

The House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs is also working on legislation that will require VA medical professionals to report directly to state licensing boards if they witness unacceptable or unethical behavior from other medical professionals at the VA. Currently, if the VA receives a report of substandard health care practices, it takes at least 100 days to decide whether to refer the matter to a state licensing board. Let’s hope the Committee gets that legislation done ASAP.

(Thanks to Chapter 20 Legislative Chair, Bill Auble, for allowing me to intrude on his area of expertise.)
At the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918 World War I ended and the tradition of honoring those who have served in the United States Armed Forces began. Free Spirit Massage would like to honor U.S. Military Veterans and Active Duty Military Personnel with FREE 30 minute massages on Saturday, November 11th from 9 AM - 3 PM. If you do not have time for a 30 minute session, or have never had a massage before, we will also be offering free chair massages. Please call (585) 434-2081 to schedule your free 30 minute massage.

"The soldier above all others prays for peace, for it is the soldier who must suffer and bear the deepest wounds and scars of war." -Douglas MacArthur
Veterans Bowling Group

WHEN: THURSDAYS - OCTOBER 19 THROUGH MARCH 30

TIME: 9:00AM

WHERE: SUNSET LAKES—CHILI AVE NEAR THE AIRPORT

COST: FREE

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### Board Meetings

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### Membership Meetings

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

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)

Prosthetics http://www.prosthetics.va.gov

My HealtheVet http://www.myhealth.va.gov

Homeless Veterans Hotline 1-877-424-3838
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Vet Benefits
Speaker's
Social Events
Public Affairs
POW/MIA
Memorial
Marching
Legislative
Finance
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Chaplain
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