On August 7th Jerry McDermott and I attended a press release at the Veteran Outreach Center with Senator Schumer: Rochester Vietnam Vet battling terminal cancer linked to Agent Orange exposure during his military service. Senator Schumer calls on Feds to establish a Presumption of service connection for (GLIOBLASTOMA) SO Veterans can get the benefits they have earned and deserve.

On August 8th, I left to go to the National Vietnam Convention with 9 other delegates. The previous administration got reelected unopposed.

On August 16, Jerry McDermott, Joe Peck and I met with Laura Stradley, the director of the Veteran Service Agency, to discuss initiative on ways to inform Vietnam veteran’s widows of possible Dependent Indemnity Compensation claims. A benefit that spouses may not know about from various presumptive illnesses associated with their veteran’s honorable service in Vietnam and other locations that used Agent Orange.
### Remembering Our Fallen Heroes

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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
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).

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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
Tet Offensive Vets
January 30, 1968 through September 23, 1968

The 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive will take place on January 30, 2018. Any in-country vets who fought during this major offensive of the war, and would like to have a local “remembrance,” send me an email. Please include name, phone number and where you served during offensive.

Chuck Macaluso chuckmac66@yahoo.com

The Wall…..

A little history most people will never know.

Interesting Veterans Statistics off the Vietnam Memorial Wall

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall, including those added in 2010.

The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it has been 36 years since the last casualties were brought home.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. Listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

39,996 on the Wall were just 22 or younger.

8,283 were just 19 years old.

The largest age group, 33,103 were 18 years old.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old.

5 soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.

One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam..

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.
Thirty-one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia. I wonder why so many from one school.

8 Women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall. (Meaning not ALL were K.I.A.)

Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost 6 of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci’s mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only 3 returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy’s assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was killed assaulting enemy positions on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 ~ 245 deaths.

The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred.

For most Americans who read this they will only see the numbers that the Vietnam War created. To those of us who survived the war, and to the families of those who did not, we see the faces, we feel the pain that these numbers created. We are, until we too pass away, haunted with these numbers, because they were our friends, fathers, husbands, wives, sons and daughters. There are no noble wars, just noble warriors.
There are currently new reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the National League of Families and the DOD that one more servicemen has been recovered, returned and identified. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War now stands at 1606.

Major James Blair White, US Air Force from St. Petersburg, Florida was a pilot of a F105 Thunder chief (Thud) and was assigned to the 357th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 355th Tactical Fighter Wing, 7th Air Force at Takhi Airbase in Thailand. On Nov. 24, 1969, Captain White’s aircraft, call sign “Shark 02” was the 2nd aircraft in a flight of two on a mission identified as “Barrel Roll”. Their target was a known enemy position in rugged, jungle covered mountains south of Ban Ban, Xiangkhouang Province, Laos. Once they arrived at the target area, they were cleared by an onsite Forward Air Controller (FAC) to proceed to attack the Communist held position. Capt. White’s aircraft released its ordinance on the enemy position and pulled off his target in a normal fashion. After getting instructions to make another pass on the target, all contact with Capt. White’s aircraft was lost. An electronic search was immediately initiated. There were no emergency beepers heard nor were any parachutes sighted during the aerial search. Over the next 3 weeks, continuous search and rescue (SAR) efforts located the possible crash site. A ground search team was inserted and only small pieces of aircraft wreckage that could be identified as that of the F105 were located but there were no signs of Capt. White in or around the wreckage. On December 18th, due to heavy enemy presents, the search was called off and Capt. White was formally listed as Missing in Action (MIA). With the support from the Government of Laos which was vital to the success of this recovery, the remains of Capt. James B. White were located and returned on April 4, 2014. Through DNA, they were identified on June 16, 2017 and Capt. James Blare White was officially accounted for on July 7, 2017. Interment services are pending formal notification by the family.

One point of interest relating to Captain James Blair White, His brother, Col. Edward H. White, US Air Force, who was an Astronaut with NASA was killed in a fire on board the Apollo spacecraft during a training mission on January 27, 1967 along with Astronauts Gus Grissiom and Roger Chaffee. The Father of both James and Edward was a retired Air Force General at the time and this goes to shows the tragic sacrifice suffered by this one military family.
There has been reports of the recoveries and identifications of individuals from the following wars:

- Sgt. William A. Larkins, US Army was lost Dec. 1, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on July 10, 2017 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Raymond C. Snapp, US Marine Corps Reserves was lost Nov. 20, 1943 at Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on July 11, 2017 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Anthony G. Guerriero, US Marine Corps was lost Nov. 21, 1943 at Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on July 11, 2017 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- 2nd Richard M. Horwitz, US Army Air Corps was lost February 28, 1945 in Italy. He was accounted for on July 11, 2017 and laid to rest with full military honors.
- Pvt. Alberic M. Blanchette, US Marine Corps Reserves was lost Nov. 20, 1943 at Tarawa. He was accounted for on July 17, 2017 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Pvt. Joe Carbone, US Marine Corps was lost Nov. 20, 1943 at Tarawa Atoll. He was accounted for on July 17, 2017 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Cpl. Dow F. Worden, US Army was lost Sept. 29, 1951 in South Korea. He was accounted for on July 24, 2017 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Lt. Irving E. Rink, US Navy Reserve was lost July 4, 1943 in the Solomon Islands. He was accounted for on July 25, 2017 and was laid to rest with full military honors.
- Pfc. Lloyd J. Lobdell, US Army was lost on Nov. 19, 1942 in the Philippines. He was accounted for on July 26, 2017 and laid to rest with full military honors.

Until they are all brought Home,
We will never forget those who are still missing.
For those who have been returned,
We welcome you home Brothers and rest in Peace.
POW / MIA
Candlelight Vigil

Saturday, September 16, 2017 at 6:00 pm.
The Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park
(If weather issues occur, a shorter service will be performed).

For more information, Contact Joe Peck
Volunteers for the reading of the names are needed
The Little Theater presented a free conversation about the Vietnam War on August 24th. Jerry McDermott had an outreach table set up and had the opportunity to connect with many Veterans about available benefits. This event was also attended by Chapter members Gerry Daniels and Joe Peck. The attendees were John White (US Marine Corps Veteran); Henrietta and Max Levine (Anti-war activist); Alan Levin (Brother Wease a US Army veteran); Ginny Nguyen (Rochester’s Vietnamese Community Vice President) and Loan Nguyen (the mother of Ginny and wife of Special Forces Luiet. Colonel Dol Nguyen). All of which gave their views and stories about their part taken during the war.
Preserving the Stories of the Vietnam War
Wednesday, September 13
6 – 8 pm
KATE GLEASON AUDITORIUM
Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County • 115 South Avenue

The Vietnam War, a new 10-part documentary series by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, will premiere on WXXI-TV on Sunday, September 17. Please join us for a special preview of the film, followed by a panel discussion and community conversation exploring how Americans remember the war and what local groups and individuals are doing to preserve the stories from the war era.

Our panel will be facilitated by Helène Biandudi Hofer, WXXI-TV. Audience participation is strongly encouraged! Light refreshments will be served.

Guest panelists:
Vietnam Veterans of America-Chapter 20 representative: Timothy Kneeland, Nazareth College;
Steve Nash, Rochester Public Library; Ginny Nguyen, Vietnamese Community;
Christine Ridarsky, Office of the City Historian

Local support for The Vietnam War series and community outreach is provided by Cobblestone Capital Advisors and Ferris Hills at West Lake.

Resource specialists will be available for information about direct services and support for those who are interested.

FREE and open to the public. For more information call (585) 428-8375 or (585) 428-8368.

Central Library of Rochester & Monroe County
www.libraryweb.org

The Central Library is accessible to people with disabilities. To request specific accommodations, call 585-428-8304 ten days prior to the program.
Membership Update
Mike General Membership Chair

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 622 members and AVVA is at 40 members as of 07/31/17. Membership has not been growing (only 3 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 2 members who did not renew this last month.

Please Renew Your Membership!

**All Life Memberships are $100.00**

If you are 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: ____________________

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

Payment Options: ( ) Check ( ) Money Order


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

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

Return this application, along with a copy of your DD214 to:
Chapter 20, Vietnam Veterans of America
P.O. Box 12580
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.
Judge Patricia Marks, Exec Boar Chairwoman, VOC is given a $1000 donation for the Veterans Outreach Center and an additional $1000 donation in the name of Harry A. Caulfield. In 1981 Harry donated the House on 459 South Ave to Vietnam Veterans. From that donation the VOC and Chapter 20 VVA was formed.

Fred Elliott won the Flag Drawing!

Val Gatto won the 50/50 drawing, BUT....... Ida Gatto got the cash!!!
Viet Nam Tattoos

Photos of some of the tattoos that will be on display at the Central Library in conjunction with the Ken Burns documentary on the Viet Nam War multi episode airing on WXXI - September 17 - 28.

Val Gatto

Joe Peck

Stan Patykiewicz
VVA NATIONAL CONVENTION

By Jerry McDermott

The VVA 18\textsuperscript{th} National Convention, held in New Orleans, Louisiana from August 8\textsuperscript{th} – 12\textsuperscript{th}, 2017 was an awesome event for me. Not only did I reconnect with many Vietnam vets and spouses from past conventions, I was able to meet and make connections with some new national delegates. In my opinion, it always helps to share what works and learn how to accomplish similar issues that are solved in other parts of the country. So, I gained a renewed energy and purpose to come back home and help my fellow Chapter 20 members meet the challenges we face ahead. Challenges such as coming face to face with general aging related health issues, and health issues caused or aggregated by our military service, but also, organizational and governmental challenges that we as veterans face thorough out the country.

Certainly, the “Big Easy” has a great reputation to offer convention goers like myself and the other Chapter 20 delegates. Warm (not just the temperature either) hospitality, great local foods to sample, fine music playing everywhere all the time, not just the establishments, but on street corners all around the French Quarter. There were young aspiring musicians entertaining with 5-gallon plastic pails and drum sticks, or brass horns, to make you smile as you walked around seeing the sights. Of course, the most noticeable issues attending a convention in the south during summer months is the weather! We had temps in the mid-eighties and humidity off the charts. Sunny one minute, then a monsoon the next five minutes or so, wet and dampness that made you appreciated AC when you got back inside and off the streets. A great deal of history was all around us, from the Spanish, French and early American past that makes New Orleans a great jewel of a city to see and experience. My roommate Hank Wallace and I walked from the Mississippi River shore line, deep into the French Quarter to see and experience all that time would allow for the dinning, and cultural experiences. Lots of history to see all around!

The Convention Election for Executive officers was an uncontested election. So, all four of the previous Executive offices held their positions. However, there were 20 At Large national candidates running for 10 open positions. These candidates, their backgrounds and positions would shape and ultimately if successful at the ballot box oversee the next two years of our national organization. It was a long and tiring process to meet and greet these folks, but both Hank and I felt it was well worth the time to listen to their positions, and hear their remarks during the Q&A’s. Our time was certainly well spent when it came time to vote for these At Large positions.

At this year’s Convention, the format was changed and I was not a fan of the new format. I did not think it was user friendly for attending some of the desired national committee hearings and reports that I wanted to attend. You see some time slots had conflicts for me, so I had to choose between attending Agent Orange and PTSD/Drug Abuse meetings held at the same time. Similar conflicts were also noted throughout the balance of many committee meetings during the convention. In addition to Agent Orange meeting, I attended Health Care, and Government Affair committee meetings. I tried to make the best use of the schedule that would give me the most information to bring back to our membership.

In closing, I want to express my appreciation to our Chapter 20 membership for the privilege and honor of attending the NOLA National Convention. I take my duty seriously, and hope the knowledge that I gained, the conversations that I had, the networking with other veterans from around the country will pay dividends for all. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your representative. Respectfully submitted by: Jerry McDermott, Director Healthy Affairs
VVA Convention Report
By: Kenny Allocco

As the doors opened at the airport the heat and humidity hit me square in the face. For a brief moment, I thought I had landed in Southeast Asia again. The fleeting flashback was gone and I was back in New Orleans, Louisiana for the 18th annual VVA Convention. This was my first VVA Convention, and I was very excited to experience the inner workings of our organization.

There was not time to relax after landing as I already had an item on my agenda; a meeting for newbies. This meeting for “cherries” was a great experience. The facilitators told me what to expect at the various meetings, as well as how to vote and ask questions appropriately. I had never experienced “Roberts Rules of Order” in the magnitude that it is used here, so this was definitely new for me.

The next day, my first convention adventure was kicked off with a Mardi Gras style party. All the attendees sat with others from their VVA Chapter’s state, while “When the Saints come Marching In” was played and beads were tossed to all. I had visited New Orleans during Mardi Gras back in 1967 and the song brought back memories of the good times back then. After the opening ceremony, we got right down to business.

There were a lot of speeches from different representatives. Being new I tried to keep it from being overwhelming. There were numerous committee meetings to choose from throughout the day. I chose to attend the Public Affairs and the Constitution committee. I found both committees to be extremely informative. In the evening, the caucuses began. In these caucuses, we heard from 15 people that were running for office. They gave information about
themselves and we were allowed to ask them questions. Like any political forum, the Q&A period got a little heated, but that made it more interesting. The following day was much the same but with different speakers, and awards were handed out. The most interesting part of the convention was the Constitution amendments. The process was long, but very informative. The last full day of the convention for me was a little more relaxed. The morning was a moving POW/MIA ceremony and it ended with a film screening of “The Vietnam War.” Despite such a busy schedule I was able to fit in a little free time to take in the sights of New Orleans.

Overall, it was a long but very interesting experience. I learned so much about the VVA as an organization and how it functions. I met so many other veterans from across the United States just like me, as there were over 850 in attendance. I am grateful for the chance to have served, and would love to be able to do it again.
Center Stage Salute to America Concert features the Perinton Concert Band and Fairport Fire Department Band performing many patriotic songs

September 10 @ 6:00pm – 1100 Ayrault Road, Fairport

Food Truck: Midnight Smokin’ BBQ


Commemoration Ceremony will take place at intermission (around 7:00pm)

All Vietnam vets will receive a lapel pin acknowledging their service

Please visit the Vietnam War 50th website or this line for program info - [http://www.perinton.org/Departments/Recreation/specialevents/centerstage](http://www.perinton.org/Departments/Recreation/specialevents/centerstage)
September 20

Vets Night

No Ride Poker Run • Prize for Best Hand

Batavia Downs Gaming & Hotel

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

Penny Auction on site

All proceeds will go towards the Monroe County Veterans Court Mentor Program

Check in starts at 4:00pm
First Race starts at 5:00pm
Buffet served until 8:00pm

To reserve your space, call 585-343-3750 ext. 6222
IMMUTABLE LAWS

Law of Random Numbers
If you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal; someone always answers.

Variation Law
If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will always move faster than the one you are in now.

Law of the Bath
When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone will ring.

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I took my wife to a restaurant.
The waiter, for some reason, took my order first.
"I'll have the rump steak, rare, please."
He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?"
"Nah, she can order for herself."
And that's when the fight started.....

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels.
She asked, "What's on TV?"
I said, "Dust."
And then the fight started...

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Cynical philosopher...

♦ I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year, not to cause any trouble but shouldn't that be an even number?:

♦ I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

♦ America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote.
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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.
Nicole and Brent Hungate talk about the “Run for Louie” event while Val sports the T-shirts that will be available for sale at the event.
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/per 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
The Hotline is established by the Canandaigua VA Medical Center in conjunction with the National Health Research Services. Studies show a huge correlation with needs directly due to the services provided at the time of the call.
1-877-424-3838
24/7 365 days/per year
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)

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

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