Between The Lines

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MEMORIAL DAY
CELEBRATE • HONOR • REMEMBER
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

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Roger W. Gaede
Michael P. Couture
Michael T. Donlon
Keith M. Reitz
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Edward M. Hickey
Don W. Webber
Dale R. Aiello
Gerald R. Mart
Gregory D. Carter
John Arthur
George Stevens
Ronald A. Michalski  
Robert Anderson  
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David G. Eng  
William P. Cook  
Charles M. Helberg  
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Joseph J. Albano Jr.  
Paul A. Dailey  
William (Bill) Follett  
Kenneth J. DeLorme  
David F. Wido  
Jim McDermott  
Patrick M. Jimenez  
Thomas D. Tette  
Yale Seils  
Donald C. Lippens  
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Dave Stamp  
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Gerald A. Irland  
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James E. Hall  
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James R. Myers  
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Frank H. Peace *  
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John Dusinberre  
Louis Colangelo  
Allan L. (Parks  
Chuck Stanton  
Gerald Luzum  
Richard L. King  
Dennis F. Gauger  
Steve Pratt  
Brian Wirpsa  
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Peter Galle  
Daniel R. Murray  
John A. Graham  
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George Polosky  
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Frederick A. Leipold III  
Charles (Chuck) Sawyer  
Henry E. Meschi  
Andrew Allocco  
Michael E. Geisler  
Jim Hanley  
Thurston Chisholm  
Jacob W. Dewolf  
James Jay Garlock  
Gregory K. Dunlap  
David Hendrix  
Richard Maas  
Stephen L. Burritt  
Michael Dinsmore  
Ronald L. Bryant  
Jack C. Walters  
Thomas J. Cray *  
Joel E. Durham  
Robert E. Dezen  
Brian D. Cole  
Tom Gleason  
Gary J. Colombo  
William D. Cappoli Jr.

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 member.
ELECTION RESULTS

And the winners are.....

Val Gatto - President
Joe Peck - Secretary
Dan Corona - Director
Stan Patykiewicz - Director

Hank Wallace - Vice President
Alan Frisa - Treasurer
Bill Auble - Director

Jerry McDermott, Val Gatto, Nick DeLeo, Bill Auble, and Kenny Moore
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Born in May

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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

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To be placed on the volunteer contact list, contact Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com
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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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2. ____________________________
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Return the completed form to the - Veterans Walk Committee, c/o Chuck Macaluso, 154 Mendota Drive, Rochester, New York 14626.
Include: Payment and “Proof of Service” for above recipient.

Please Note: Engraved bricks will be installed prior to Memorial Day and Veterans Day (twice annually).
Questions please call Chuck or Joan Macaluso as 585-225-8288
There are currently new reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the National League of Families and the DOD of two more service men that have been recovered, returned and identified. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War now stands at 1598.

SSgt. Marshall Frederick Kipina, US Army from Calumet, Michigan was an observer/ Airborne sensor operator on board an OV-1C Mohawk aircraft and was assigned to the 131st Aviation Company, 223rd Aviation Battalion of the 1st Aviation Brigade at Phu Bai Airbase in South Vietnam. On July 13, 1966 Then Capt. Nopp (accounted for on February 2, 2018) and SSgt. Marshall Kipina departed on a classified night surveillance mission over the Ho Chi Minh trail (call sign “Iron Spud”). The weather conditions at the time were thunderstorms, heavy rain and poor visibility. The target of surveillance was the south eastern section of Laos where enemy activity and supply routes aided the communist forces in South Vietnam. The last known voice and radar contact was approximately 25 miles southwest of the city of Attopeu in Laos. This was an extremely rugged, jungle covered mountainous area. Search and Rescue, SAR, teams located a parachute but it was determined that it was a trap for the rescue team. After an extended search, with no results, the formal SAR effort was terminated. Both Robert Nopp and SSgt. Marshall Kipina were listed as MIA’s. With the help of the Government of Laos, The remains of both missing men were located and returned on February 17, 2016 and Identified on February 1 2018. SSgt. Marshall Frederick Kipina was officially accounted for on March 28, 2018. Interment services are currently pending and he will be laid to rest with full military honors.
**Col. Peter Joseph Stewart**, US Air Force from Winter Haven, Florida was a co-pilot of a 2 man F4C Phantom fighter/bomber aircraft assigned to Headquarters of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing under the Command of the 13th Air Force. On March 15, 1966 at Ubon Air Base in Thailand, then Lt. Colonel Peter Stewart was the 2nd aircraft (call sign Baron 02) in a flight of two conducting a late afternoon armed reconnaissance mission along a heavily defended part of Rt. 19 south of Dien Binh Phu in North Vietnam. Once in the target area, the aircraft was instructed to observe any enemy activity. Lt. Col. Stewart’s aircraft saw two trucks on the main road and signs of enemy activity. After confirming this, Lt. Col. Stewart’s aircraft initiated a staffing run. The first aircraft in this group then witnessed a bright orange explosion on the ground. Communications could not be established with the 2nd aircraft, no parachutes were deployed and no emergency signals were heard. Search and rescue (SAR) teams could not be initiated because of being lost so deep within enemy held territory and subjected to extreme hostile ground fire. Both the Pilot (Col. Martin Ronald Scott, Accounted for on July 13, 2017) and Col. Peter Joseph Stewart were located and returned on December 12, 2015. Col. Stewart was identified on February 1, 2018 and officially accounted for on March 19, 2018. Interment services are currently pending and he will be laid to rest with full military honors.

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

- Cpl. James I. Jubb, US Army was lost August 10, 1950 in South Korea. He was accounted for on March 14, 2018.
- Sgt. Donald R. Baker, US Army was lost September 6, 1950 in South Korea. He was accounted for on March 20, 2018.
- Capt. George Van Vleet, US Army Air Corps was lost January 21, 1944 in Tarawa. He was accounted for on March 22, 2018.
- Staff Sgt. Percy C. Mathews, US Army Air Corps was lost May 29, 1943 in France. He was accounted for on March 28, 2018.
- Sgt. Julius E. Mckinney, US Army was lost December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on March 14, 2018.
- Staff Sgt. David Rosenkrantz, US Army was lost September 28, 1944 in the Netherlands. He was accounted for on March 14, 2018.
• Cpl. Thomas W. Reagan, US Army was lost August 12, 1950 in South Korea. He was accounted for on April 3, 2018.
• Fireman 1st Class Jarvis G. Outland, Radioman 3rd Class Jack R. Goldwater, Seaman 2nd Class Bernard V. Doyle, Seaman 1st Class William C. Foley, William G. Bruesewitz and Robert V. Young, Chief Machinist Mate Dean S. Sanders and Stewart Mate 1st Class Ignacio C. Farfan were all members of the US Navy on board the USS Oklahoma were lost on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. They were all accounted for in March and April 2018

With Memorial Day approaching, we will continue to remember and to stay vigilant for our missing brothers until they are all accounted for. God Bless them and their families.
Membership Update  
Mike General, Membership Chair  

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 625 members and AVVA is at 40 members as of 03/31/18. Membership has been growing (only 0 new members in the last month), **We need your help in recruiting new members.** Don't forget to renew on time. Don’t let your membership expire. We had 0 members who did not renew this last month and 3 members who passed away.

**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](mailto: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

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Home Phone: ( 555 )________________________

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I am not a Vietnam Veteran, but I want to help Vietnam Veterans and their families.
Please accept my donation:
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Chapter 20, Vietnam Veterans of America
P.O. Box 12580
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Term: ( ) 1 Year $20 ( ) 3 Years $50
( ) Life Membership $100

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Lots of news coming from the Attica Active Veterans Group at the Attica Correctional Facility. The Dept. of Veterans Affairs re-entry coordinator for Western New York, Cindy Thayer, will be at Attica in April to help transition those veterans who will be released during the next 12 months. She used to visit Attica every six months but now goes in once a year.

Chapter 20 along with the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsford got a hearty thank you for the yarn we have donated to the Crochet Squad at Attica. Last year they made 111 hats and 45 scarves for kids as well as 80 matching sets of hats and scarves, 66 Christmas stockings and 34 stuffed animals from the yarn we and others sent in.

The AAVG Veterans picnic is scheduled for June 10th and I am hoping to attend along with Kenny Moore. My Committee is sending in a donation to help with expenses for that special event which always gets a big turnout as well as folks from the Dept. Of Corrections in Albany that come in.

As of this writing there are 160 veterans at the Attica Correctional Facility and 78 are dues paying members of the Attica Active Veterans Group.

I’ve kept busy with the vet to vet hospice program at Lifetime Care as well as my veteran’s bereavement group that meets there twice a month. On April 19th I, along with some other speakers, will be talking to Lifetimes staff at a training to provide information to staff on how best to deal with veterans in hospice and benefits which they or their spouses may be eligible for. Then on April 25th and 26th I plan to be with Ken Allocco and some other Chapter members at Churchville-Chili High School to talk to
several classes of students taking American History there and I always look forward to that.

Sometimes I want to roll out of bed and call it a day. The country is seriously messed up and I don’t think it would be this way if the Greatest Generation were still around in force. I feel like a dinosaur waiting for, no, hoping for the asteroid to strike. You are supposed to watch what you say or take your chances with the gender meat grinder out there. Congress has become a public nuisance not unlike the media which seems to be a form of verbal fentanyl. Watching TV is a soul crushing series of deadening commercials of ambulance chasing attorneys and people with irritable bowel syndrome. I’m getting older and think often of the toilet paper roll conception of time and things I can do after I fall down and can’t get up while waiting for someone to notice. Everybody seems to be a wussy beta male pajama boy metric system loving Al gore type and it is driving me to the ledge.

Then when I think all is lost I remember we have the VVA annual dinner coming up and life is good again! We get to recognize and honor our own. Take care and see you there!
And the winner of the 2018 Weight Loss Program is...THE ARMY!!
CONGRATULATIONS ARMY!

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2018 FINAL WEIGHT LOSS REPORT
THE WINNING SERVICE FOR THE 2018 WEIGHT LOSS PROGRAM IS THE ARMY!

AIR FORCE  Biggest losers were David Alley loss 12.5 lbs! And Tom Puff loss 9.1 lbs!

ARMY   Biggest losers were Dale Webster loss 19.8 lbs! Bill Wickum and Jim Myers loss 9.0 lbs each!

NAVY   Biggest loser was Bill Heinrich loss 9.0 lbs!

USMC   Biggest loser was Rose Rossi-Williams loss 12.6 lbs!

This year the participating members lost a total of 108.5 lbs! Keep up the good work!

**The methodology and reporting is as follows.**

Monthly totals will only include consistent member weigh-ins.
The total gain/loss will be based on the aggregate accumulation
of all the months gains and losses.
Below please find the notice of relation to expansion of VAMC at Canandaigua, NY. This project is now underway with a completion date of 2022. The project will involve a new clinic as well as a nursing home component for veterans. The project is estimated to cost $161 million for the first phase. Long overdue and very much needed for our area and veteran population. The second article may be of interest for any veteran who has dealt with pain, and possibility filed a claim, and had a VA rejection notice. Please read carefully. If you think that you may have been adversely affected, please take the time to contact your "power of attorney" or advocate who may have helped you with the initial claim. Make contact with that person/agency and set an appointment to discuss the issue further.

Respectfully submitted by:
Jerry McDermott, Director VVA Chapter # 20
Health Affairs
A groundbreaking ceremony 10 APR at the Canandaigua VA Medical Center marked the kickoff of a $161 million project to give veterans across the region a modern, state-of-the-art outpatient clinic and related upgrades. Gathered under the pavilion overlooking the VA courtyard and area where the new 84,200-square-foot clinic will be housed were many involved with the project. They included members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers from Buffalo, Ohio and Kentucky. “This will be the first VA project with the Army Corps as construction agent,” said Stella Fiotes, executive director with VA construction and facilities management. “We will learn from this project,” she said of the partnership expected to mark future joint endeavors. Those include a planned second phase for modernizing the campus at 400 Fort Hill Ave.

Brigadier General Mark Toy, commander and division engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Great Lakes and Ohio River, said the division has 4,100 members involved. The project will be managed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with support from the medical center and VA Construction and Facilities Management. Construction for the project was awarded in January to Ontario County-based Pike-P.J. Dick Joint Venture. Kenneth Piazza, acting director of the Canandaigua VA, said the new outpatient clinic will provide the latest in primary and specialty care, radiology and a new dental clinic. The new outpatient clinic is expected to be completed in 2022.

Canandaigua Mayor Ellen Polimeni acknowledged the hard work and perseverance of veterans and other community members including VA employees. “We came close to losing the VA,” said Polimeni. In 2003 it was targeted for closure under a national restructuring plan. Now, the project breaking ground is just the first phase of a planned $351 million overhaul. U.S. Sen. Chuck Schumer was in Canandaigua last month to announce his push for approval of the $190 million needed for the second phase. That will bring a new community living center for nursing home level care; short-term housing for veterans recovering from substance abuse, homelessness and mental or behavioral health conditions; and renovations to improve rehabilitation and physical therapy services.

The Medical Center, officially opened in FEB 1933, has been designated as a VA Center of Excellence for research and education of mental health issues. The national VA Suicide/Crisis Hotline call center is also located on the Canandaigua campus. Located on 150 acres with 14 patient care buildings, the Canandaigua VA Medical Center currently provides: Primary, mental health, and specialty care, disease prevention and wellness programs, alcohol and drug abuse rehabilitation, posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) care, a domiciliary program and community living center (nursing home) care. [Source: Daily Messenger | Julie Sherwood | April 10, 2018 ++]

Thousands of veterans previously denied disability benefits for pain issues related to their military service may now be eligible for that assistance, thanks to a federal court ruling this week. On 4 APR, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit overturned a 19-year-old precedent used in more than 11,000 VA claims denials that stated veterans had to have a clear medical diagnosis connected to their pain in order to be eligible for those disability payouts. Advocates said the ruling could be life-changing for individuals who are unable to work because of service-connected injuries but excluded from veterans assistance because of medical technicalities.

“This was an all-or-nothing issue,” said Bart Stichman, executive director and co-founder of the National Veterans Legal Services Program (NVLSP). “This isn’t about arguing over the degree of disability where it is the difference of $2,000 or $3,000 a month in help. These are people who are getting zero benefits, despite their pain.” The court challenge, which was brought by NVLSP, involved Army veteran Melba Saunders, who served in first Gulf War. She injured her knees during her seven years in service, a fact that military doctors noted in her
files without determining a specific medical diagnosis of the issue. When she left the service and applied for veterans disability benefits, her claim was denied. VA officials acknowledged the problem stemmed from her time in service but the Board of Veterans’ Appeals cited a 1999 Veterans Court decision which held that “pain alone is not a disability for the purpose of VA disability compensation.”

The new court ruling erases that precedent, at least for now. Veterans still need to show a clear connection between their pain and their military service to be eligible, but would not longer have to have a specific medical reason for the pain to apply for benefits. VA officials can appeal the decision, although it’s unclear if they will do so. In a statement, Saunders’ lawyer, Mel Bostwick, called the court case “a significant victory for disabled veterans” and a long-overdue correction in VA policy. “Congress recognized that the nation owes these veterans for their sacrifices, and the court today vindicated the common-sense notion that this debt does not depend on whether a veteran’s disabling pain can be labeled with a specific medical diagnosis,” she said.

Stichman said veterans who have previously been rejected for disability benefits — or who have avoided applying in the past because they assumed they would not be eligible — should now reapply to see if the new ruling will allow them to qualify. “We just don’t know how many veterans this could affect,” he said. “We know the Board of Veterans Appeals has cited this precedent in more than 11,000 cases. But we don’t know about all the other veterans who never even applied.” [Source: MarineCorpsTimes | Leo Shane III | April 5, 2018 ++]
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Dear Veteran,

Congratulations on registering for your My HealtheVet Account! You can now enjoy convenient access to your personal health information and communicate with your health care team online.

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• **Secure Messaging** - Communicate with your VA health care team
• **VA Appointments** - Schedule and manage VA appointments online
• **Military Service Information** from the Department of Defense

We need to make sure we connect you to your VA medical records. To do that, you will have to authenticate your account, which you have already created.

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Highlights of the April Membership Meeting
115 People Attended

New member Carl Marsocci US Army '67 - '70

Guest Bill Gifford USAF '67 - '88

All smiles 50/50 winner Robert LeBlanc

Flag drawing winner Bill Heinrich

Veteran's Memorial Clean Up --- Thursday, May 10th 8am clean up day at the memorial. Free coffee, donuts, juice and all the weeds you can take out! Bring your favorite weed puller-outer tool, protective eye wear, knee pads and muscles. Yeah, we know you still got 'em!
Nikki Hungate, MVP Medicare Supervisor and Angela Bevilacqua, MVP Medicare Manager were on hand this month to hand out goodie bags for those members who participated in the 2018 Annual Chapter 20 Weigh-In.
Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 20
Annual Dinner
April 21, 2018

Photos by Glenn Peck
The first time I heard about paraprosdokians, I liked them. Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous. (Winston Churchill loved them.)

We never really grow up.... we only learn how to act in public.

War does not determine who is right, only who is left.

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.

To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.

My wife was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to me, "I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment." I replied, "Your eyesight's perfect." And then the fight started........

Cynical philosopher…

♦ My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that.

♦ I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

♦ Money talks …but all mine ever says is good-bye.

♦ You're not fat, you're just… easier to see.

♦ Money can’t buy happiness, but it keeps the kids in touch!

The secret of a good sermon is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. - George Burns
FINAL FOOTAGE—This is the last known photo taken of combat correspondent Corporal William T. Perkins before he gave his life to protect his fellow Marines. On Oct. 12, 1967, Perkins, second from left, filmed the evacuation of wounded Marines from “Charlie” Company, 1st Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment during Operation Medina. Two hours later, the 26-year-old was killed in the Hai Lang Forest in Vietnam when he threw himself on an enemy grenade that landed in close proximity to three other Marines.

Cpl Perkins was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions that day.

In 2015, Cpl Perkins’ mother donated his Medal of Honor and other items to the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History in Washington, D.C. In addition to his Medal of Honor, Cpl Perkins’ Purple Heart and Bell and Howell camera (inset photo) are on display in the Museum’s “Price of Freedom: Americans at War” exhibition.

Staff Sergeant Bruce Martin, a Leatherneck correspondent, also was covering Co C, 1/1 during Operation Medina when he took this photo. His article “Let’s Go Charlie!” from the February 1968 issue of Leatherneck is on page 46.
Join us for
10th Annual
Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor*
“Tribute Ride”

Saturday, July 14, 2018

The 100 mile ride is free and open to the public - motorcycles, cars, trucks, planes and helicopters welcome

- Ride will Begin @: 11:00 am …
- @ Owego Free Academy, Sheldon Guile Blvd. Owego, NY
  (Register to ride between 8:00 & 10:00 AM on day of ride) (Police Escorted Ride)

- Ride Ends: @ American Legion
  Village of Hannibal, NY

Itinerary:
- Ride Route 38 to the American Legion Post 800, Groton, NY
  (stop for gas and food), and then on to the American Legion in Hannibal

Groton, Home of Medal of Honor Recipient:  
2LT TERRENCE GRAVES, USMC

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And see us on (www.Cyberspokes.com) as well.
10th Annual Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor Tribute Ride

The 10th Annual Vietnam Veterans Tribute Ride forms up at the Owego Free Academy in Owego, NY, and departs at 11 am North on State Route 38 for the 100 mile ride. The first stop is in Groton, NY for food and gas before departing at 1 pm again North on Route 38, The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor. The ride ends at the American Legion in Hannibal, NY. Ride is free and open to the public. For more Info: Call Harvey @ (607) 898-3507
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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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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
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- VA Outpatient Clinic: 465 Westfall Rd, 463-2600
- Veterans Outreach Center: 459 South Avenue, 546-1081
- VA Vet Center: 232-5040
- Veterans Administration: 800-827-1000
- Monroe County Veterans Service Agency: 753-6040
e-mail: serviceofficer@yahoo.com

- VA Veterans Benefits Hotline: 800-827-1000
- 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: 607-644-4000
- Vietnam Veterans of America National Office: 800-882-1316
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund: 202-393-0090
- National League of Families: 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

### WEB SITES / EMAIL ADDRESSES

- Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park: www.rochestervietnammemorial.org/The_Memorial
- VVA New York State Council: www.nyvietnamvets.org