Nominating Committee
by Chuck Macaluso, Chair

The Annual Meeting & Elections will be held April 11, 2019 at 6:15 PM

Location: Italian American Sports Club - 1250 Buffalo Road

Driving Directions - The Club is located on Buffalo Road close to the intersection of Howard Road. Directly across the Stone quarry. Next to the Eagles Club, and the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

From the East. Heading West bound on 490, exit Mount Read Blvd and turn left. South bound on Mt. Read to Buffalo Road circle, turn right West bound on Buffalo Road. 1.4 miles West bound on the right side North is 1250 Buffalo Rd.

From the West: Heading East bound on 490, exit 33 East bound, Buffalo Road (Gates Center). Head East bound on Buffalo Road. Pass Howard Road 1250 will be on the left North side about .5 miles.

Positions for nominations -
Five Board (5) - Directors

The "new" Nominating Committee will also be elected by the membership that evening. In order to vote in the Annual Election, voters must be a member for at least 30 days.

- Only paid members with a DD214 on file by 28 February of previous fiscal year are eligible to vote. (For example - 28 February 2018 to vote April 2019).
- A quorum is defined as 10% of VVA 20 membership as of 28 February of the previous fiscal year. Voting for candidates will take place between 6:30 PM till 7:15 PM, after which no new ballots will be taken and votes will be tabulated.
- According to the National VVA Constitution, “Additional persons may be nominated by any member at the Annual Meeting.” These candidates will fall under the category of Floor Nominations.
- Floor nominated candidates can only receive votes from members present at Annual Meeting. (A “Special Note” stating such will be placed March and April BTL issues.)

The slated candidates for this year (as of 2/19) are as follows:

Director Positions (5)
Mike Sanfilippo
Mike General
Dick Oleksyn
Lynn Gursslin
Ken Allocco

Any member interested in running for any of the above-mentioned positions, please contact one of the following Nominating Committee members:
Chuck Macaluso 225-8288, Dan Corona 406-6108
1. My Primary Goal, is to serve all Veterans and their Families. I am a “Life Member” of Chapter 20.
2. I have been on the Board of Directors of Chapter 20 for 9 years and have enjoyed serving the Chapter.
3. I am the Membership Chairman and have served in that capacity for 11 years.
4. I have been involved in many Trailer Events and many Veteran’s Outreach Events through-out Monroe County.
5. I am a Member of Chapter 20 Honor Guard and Marching Unit.
6. I am Past Commander of Greece Memorial Post 206. (American Legion)
7. I am a Member of Operation Welcome Home.
8. I am a Patriot Guard Member with over 40 Missions.
9. Worked for Honor Flight as The Speakers Bureau Coordinator, also Saturday departures and Sunday Welcome Home.
10. I was in the Air Force from 1962-1966.
11. I serve at Hope Lutheran Church “Hope For Vets” in monthly food distribution for Vets and their Families.
12. Married to Diane for 55 years and have a Son and Daughter with 5 Grandchildren and 3 Great Grand Daughters.

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Mike General
Candidate for Director
Mike Sanfilippo, Candidate

My name is Mike Sanfilippo and I am running for reelection to the VVA Chapter 20 Board of Directors. I would like to give you a little background about myself. I served with the US Army for two years in Transportation as a five ton tractor trailer driver. I also served eight years in the US Army Reserve 98th Division Committee Group as a Basic Training Instructor at Fort Dix and Fort Leonard Wood.

I graduated from Edison Tech in Rochester. When I returned from the Army, I entered an apprenticeship working as a welder and precision sheet metal fabricator at Uni-weld and Mixing Equipment Corp. I then spent twenty-eight years at Eastman Kodak. After Kodak, I worked as a supervisor for a major security company for four years before retiring. I have been married to my wife, Joan for 52 years. Our family consisted of two daughters and two grandchildren with the recent addition of great grandchildren.

I have been a life member of Chapter 20 since the 1980’s. I have been a member of the Chili American Legion Post 1830 for over twenty nine years and I am also a life member of Chili VFW Memorial Post 412. I am currently serving as a Vice Commander in both the American Legion Post and the VFW Post. I also served on the Board of Directors in the American Legion. I enjoy sports such as hunting, fishing, shooting and spending time at my hunting camp in Birdsall.

Most of my years at Kodak included working the “B” trick which prevented me from being as involved in community activities as I would have liked. However, I was involved with the United Way at Kodak for many of those years.

The past six years as a board member has been very interesting. I enjoy being involved in keeping the Chapter on track to being solvent for many years to come. With the closing of the Thrift store we have limited funds coming in so we have to make the right decisions to preserve our savings and investments. I have learned a lot and met some really nice people in the last six years.

I have been the Chapter’s Public Relations person the past few years. This includes working with the D&C and community newspapers as well as television stations when we have major events. I also am involved helping with health and membership outreaches. Currently, I am in the process of joining the Chapter Honor Guard. I also have been participating in the Lifetime Care Hospice Program since 2015 which is a very rewarding experience.

I find being on the board of an organization, volunteering and working with other people to be very rewarding. I am looking forward to the opportunity to lead Chapter 20 into the future.
Dick Oleksyn, Candidate

My primary goal is to stand together and be a part of a strong voice of advocacy for every Vietnam veteran, their families, and all veterans. I am a life member of Chapter 20 and have served 24 of my 31 years on the Board of Directors. I cochaired the VVA NYS convention in Rochester; chaired the 20th Anniversary celebration and subsequent annual dinners; was a delegate at VVA National Conventions in 1999 and 2001; served as liaison between the VVA Thrift Store and the BOD pre-LLC; coordinated several bus trips to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC; worked with the Chapter to raise funds for and worked on our own Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park.

My wife, Sue, and I worked on every March for the Memorial (to raise funds needed). I assist on the Veterans’ Walk at the Memorial as well. I was Social Events Chair for the Chapter for 10 years. I am a member of the Marching Unit and Honor Guard and have participated in parades and funeral details and many other events. I had the honor to be on the Honor Guard unit for the repatriation of two of our local MIAs in Arlington Cemetery at their funerals. I also work on details to send boxes to our active duty military in harm’s way and conduct tours at the Memorial or address classes of students of all ages as requested on Memorial Day and Veterans’ Day. We also have helped provide food baskets, etc. to our local veterans in need.

I graduated from Edison Tech in 1964 and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1965, with a 13-month tour in Vietnam (1966-67) with the 6/71 Arty – Cam Rahn Bay and Nha Trang. I retired from Eastman Kodak Company after 34-1/2 years of service. I co-founded and am active in The Shoremont (neighborhood) Association, Inc., and NYS Certified Neighborhood Watch for our community. We work with the police and fire departments and local officials to maintain the integrity and safety of our community.

I belong to DAV Post 15 as a life member, am a member of American Legion Post 474, a life member of VFW Post 16 and was appointed by the NYS Governor to the NYS Board of Visitors for the NYS Veterans Nursing Home in Batavia; I have served 15 years in this role.

My wife, Sue, and I have been married for 46 years. We have two children – Cory (an IT engineer at Xerox and Past Chief, Lake Shore Fire Department) and Laura (a tenured early childhood teacher who received the VVA college scholarship). Laura married our son-in-law, Kyle, in 2011; they have blessed us with our Grandchildren, Luke and Christian, and our grand-dog, Teddy Bear.

If elected, I will continue to be a strong voice for the Chapter and every veteran to the best of my ability. NOTHING IS MORE IMPORTANT!!
Remembering Our Fallen Heroes
Born in April

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Bierlein, Patrick M. 4-3-1949
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Smith, Carl Arthur 4-5-1946
Bornheimer, Richard Irving 4-5-1947
Paniccia, Ronald James 4-7-1949
Tette, John Bernard 4-8-1946
Bowen, Howard Lewis 4-9-1946
Potter, James Frank 4-10-1946
Downey, Gerald Joseph 4-10-1949
Christiano, Joseph 4-11-1922
Judd, Donald R. 4-11-1943
Strong III, Andrew Carnegie 4-11-1951
Menzies, Alexander John 4-12-1945
Wuertenberger, Charles E. 4-13-1942
Bundy, Wayne Phillip 4-14-1939
Vanderbrook, Gary 4-15-1944
Lawrence
States, David 4-15-1945
Sochaki, Nicholas 4-18-1944
Seefeldt, Jr., Charles L. 4-18-1948
Haupt III, William Henry 4-19-1950
Forest, Donald Steven 4-20-1944
Priesthoff, John Howard 4-20-1946
LaFlair, Richard L. 4-21-1948
Geary, John Wesley 4-22-1944
Jacques, Donald 4-23-1947
Cardot, John Andrew 4-27-1928
DeVos, William M. 4-28-1949
Silvernail, Douglas Harold 4-28-1949
Sheldon, Kimball H. 4-29-1947
Engle, Richard Eugene 4-29-1948
Thompson, James 4-30-1947

Friends of the Memorial
To be placed on the volunteer contact list, contact Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com

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
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).

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).
* Due to natural wear and tear, bricks will be replaced once (free of charge) at the discretion of the committee.

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 one serviceman was recovered, returned and identified this month. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War still stands at 1589.

Seaman Journalist Petty Officer 3rd Class Raul Antonio Guerra, US Navy Reserves from Los Angeles, California was a passenger on board an E1B aircraft from the USS Oriskany CVA 34. On October 8, 1967, the crew of 4 as well as Seaman Guerra, were on a morning combat mission as part of the Early Warning Squadron 111, in support and assistance of a major strike over North Vietnam. After the completion of the mission, the aircraft landed in Chu Lai to refuel for the next mission. They were headed for DaNang and then back to the USS Oriskany. Contact with the aircraft was lost but reestablished after missing the DaNang air base by 10 miles. After turning around to head back to the designated flight plan, Contact was again lost and an aggressive search and rescue operation was conducted. All efforts to locate and recover the aircraft were hampered by adverse weather. The aircraft wreckage was eventually sited scattered over a wide area on a sheer face of Monkey Mountain near DaNang. The crash site was inaccessible by helicopter and too dangerous for ground parties to be sent in.

The remains of the 4 crew members and Seaman Guerra were all located on August 15, 2005, Seaman Raul Antonio Guerra was officially accounted for on February 20, 2019.

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

- Sgt. George R. Schipani, US Army was lost November 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on February 1, 2019.
- Tech Sgt. Alfred R. Sandini, US Army Air Corps was lost February 15, 1944 in French Indochina. He was accounted for on February 13, 2019.
- Cpl. James C. Rix, US Army was lost November 30, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on February 13, 2019.
- Capt. Rufus J. Hyman, US Army was lost July 30, 1950 in South Korea. He was accounted for on February 21, 2019.
• Cpl. Stephen P. Nemec, US Army was lost November 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on February 20, 2019.
• 2nd Lt. Walter B. Stone, US Army Air Corps was lost October 22, 1943 in France. He was accounted for on February 21, 2019.
• Cpl. Benjamin W. Scott, US Army was lost July 21, 1950 in South Korea. He was accounted for on February 25, 2019.
• Sgt. Cread E. Shuey, US Army was lost September 27, 1942 in the Philippines. He was accounted for on March 4, 2019.
• The following Naval and Marine Personnel were on Board the USS Oklahoma and were lost December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii: Electricians Mate 3rd Class William A. Klasing, Fireman 1st Class Billy J. Johnson, Seaman 1st Class Oris V. Brandt, Fire Controlman 3rd Class Vistor P. Tumlinson and Seaman 1st Class Ernest R. West. Accounted for on February 13th, 28th and March 1st, 4th and 6th.

WELCOME HOME BROTHERS
WE WILL NEVER FORGET YOUR SACRIFICES
Membership Update
Mike General Membership Chair

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 619 members and AVVA is at 39 members as of 02/28/19. Membership has been growing (only 2 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 3 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)
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
Member Application

For new members, print this membership form and complete, then mail with your payment and a copy of the DD214 form. Renewal members may complete and print the form and mail it with your payment. Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #20, P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14692

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As of October 20, 2018, there will be one paid class of membership.

1. LIFE MEMBERSHIP: $50.00
2. All 3-year members who have paid $50 will automatically become a life member.
3. All one-year members will continue as an individual 1-year member until their membership expires, one-year members will then be required to pay $50.00 to remain a member of VVA.
Want to prevent deadly diseases? Eat fiber

By Alice Park

IF YOU WANT TO EAT SOMETHING FOR BETTER HEALTH, make it fiber. A new review of 53 studies on fiber, published in January in the Lancet, shows just how beneficial a diet rich in fiber can be. People who ate more of the nutrient substantially lowered their risk for at least four major diseases, some of which have little to do with the gut.

Compared with people who are less fiber, those who ate more cut their risk of heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes and colon cancer—as well as their risk of dying early from any cause—by 15% to 30%. The strongest reductions in disease risk were among people who ate 25 g to 39 g each day in fruits, vegetables and whole grains. The more fiber people ate, the more their risk dropped.

“One reason that we should consider the quality of the carbohydrates we eat, with high fiber and whole-grain states reducing both range of prevalent diseases and reducing possible mortality,” says Andrew Raynolds, lead study author and a researcher at the University of Otago in New Zealand.

BUT MORE AMERICANS ARE EATING LESS FIBER. The Dietary Guidelines for Americans recommend that women eat 25 g of fiber a day and men eat 38 g a day, the average American consumes only about 15 g of fiber a day. According to federal health data.

The nutrients has far-reaching benefits in the human body for many reasons. Fiber-rich foods tend to be bulky and take longer to chew, which helps people feel full sooner and may lower their risk of obesity, a condition linked to heart disease and cancer. Fiber also nourishes beneficial bacteria in the gut, reducing the risk of colon cancer. Additionally, certain foods help slow the absorption of sugar found in these foods, which means a person’s sugar levels won’t spike as quickly. Steeper changes in blood sugar make it harder for the body to break down sugar with insulin, and essentially high blood sugar can contribute to diabetes.

Getting more fiber in your diet doesn’t mean you have to cut tasteless, unappetizing foods. Lose your mind and search around whole grains (swap out refined flour for whole-grain versions, for example), vegetables, beans, legumes and whole fruits. Raynolds says, strawberries, peas and apples are particularly rich in fiber, as are artichokes, green peas and broccoli. While it’s possible to take supplements and powders, getting fiber from whole-food sources is best, since they come packed with other nutrients.

Fruits and vegetables, for example, also chug in cancer-fighting antioxidants, inflammation-fighting compounds and vitamins that can improve the immune system and build healthy cells and tissues. Together with the other components of naturally healthy foods, fiber can be a powerful way to help prevent disease.
Hopefully, we all will be enjoying some much-needed warm temperatures and sunshine as we enter into the month of April! Good buy winter and hello springtime. April is also our final month for the 11th Annual Fit Vet Challenge. The last time you need to step up on the scales and try and help your branch of service become this year's winner of the "biggest losers" contest. Yep, in May the winning service branch will be named, and that group will be named the Champs! So, one more time, accept the challenge, do it for you, and your buddies. I want to thank all for participating in this good-natured event. Your all winners in my book!

At some of our recent general membership meetings some of you have ask me questions concerning VA correspondence coming to you in regard to unemployability issue. As with any VA correspondence, I strongly urge you to meet with your certified veterans service officer for review, but I did find a recent reference to letters going out to vets recently, maybe it will shed some light. Also, more news about Toxic Exposure issues, Blue Water Navy legal and legislative actions, and the mess at the VA's appeal process and opined by a retiring judge's remarks before Congress.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jerry McDermott, Director
Health Affairs

PFAS Toxic Exposure Update 03  ➤  Evidence Suggests DoD’s Awareness Since 1980s

The Pentagon’s decision not to take action to protect military families from decades of exposure to cancer-causing chemicals until a 2016 Environmental Protection Agency warning did not sit well with members of Congress, who questioned Defense Department leadership on the issue at a hearing 6 MAR. “To put it charitably: it is unclear why DoD feels justified in passing the buck to the EPA,” said House Oversight and Reform subcommittee on the environment chairman Rep. Harley Rouda (D-CA) “Particularly in light of evidence suggesting DoD’s awareness of the toxicity of the chemicals since the early 1980s.”

Rouda and ranking member James Comer R-KY) heard testimony from EPA Assistant Administrator for Water Dave Ross and Maureen Sullivan, deputy assistant secretary of defense for environment. The perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl chemical compounds in question are found in everyday household items, but they were concentrated in firefighting foam the military used until just last year. But at least one other DoD installation, Fort Carson in Colorado, use of the chemicals was stopped in 1991 after an Army Corps of Engineers study looked at harmful chemicals at its installations. “Aqueous film forming foam (AFF) is considered a hazardous material in a number of states,” the 1991 study, which was obtained by Military Times, read. “Firefighting operations that use AFF must be replaced with nonhazardous substitutes.”

DoD has previously said that until the 2016 guidance from EPA on recommended exposure level limits, it did not know the severity of its exposure problem, which spurred it voluntarily providing filters and shutting some water sources, EPA’s guidance is not enforceable. In March 2018, at the direction of Congress, DoD published its first-ever assessment of each contaminated base where the compounds had been found in either on-base or off-base water sources. More than 126 locations were identified — some with exposure levels hundreds of times greater than EPA’s 70 parts per trillion recommendation.
Since the release of the list, scores of families and veterans have contacted Military Times with stories of families or neighbors with cancer, or children with birth defects. Hope Martinell Grosse, who attended Wednesday’s hearing, is one of them. Grosse grew up in a neighborhood that was across the street from the firefighting training center at Naval Air Warfare Center Warminster, in Pennsylvania. Her family and others in the neighborhood relied on their private well for water. Now, not only that well, but a public water well installed in the late 1990s is shut down — with remaining levels of PFAS at more than 1200 parts per trillion, Her father died in 1990 at age 52, from cancer. Three months later, at age 25, Grosse was diagnosed with cancer as well. She has successfully fought it since, but “anytime something is wrong with my health — just about anything — I am immediately filled with a crippling fear that it is cancer,” she said in testimony submitted for the hearing. [Source: MilitaryTimes | Tara Copp | March 6, 2019 ++]

**VA Appeals Update Times**

The retiring chief judge for the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims told lawmakers 12 MAR that the Department of Veterans Affairs appeals system is “ancient” and “inefficient” and in need of drastic change. While testifying before a House Appropriations subcommittee, Chief Judge Robert Davis said the pressure on VA employees to get through a large backlog of benefits claims leads to poor decision-making and a high number of appeals. Davis, a Navy veteran, has held a seat on the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims for nearly 15 years. The court, often referred to as “Veterans Court,” provides veterans an impartial review of decisions made by the VA Board of Veterans’ Appeals.

“I think it’s a tragedy, the way the system operates currently,” Davis said. “I think we’ve been tied to a structure that is ancient and inefficient. The sooner Congress and all of us in this area look at this system from a 50,000-foot level and say, ‘We need to make these kinds of adjustments,’ the sooner we’ll be able to meet the needs of our veterans in a much better way.” Davis has been critical of the VA system. The topic was brought up Tuesday by Rep. Matt Cartwright (D-PA) who cited an August article by the Wall Street Journal in which Davis criticized the appeals process as “horribly flawed. “We can’t ignore that when you come here to testify, chief judge,” Cartwright said. Davis elaborated Tuesday on his comments to the Wall Street Journal. He said he remains skeptical of a new law implemented last month that VA officials promised would allow veterans to receive decisions on their benefits claims in days or months, instead of years.

The new law, titled the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act, was approved by Congress in 2017 and went into effect 19 FEB. It involves multiple avenues for veterans to appeal their claims, including an option to get a review from a higher-level adjudicator or go directly to the Board of Veterans’ Appeals. Under the old system, veterans waited three to seven years to reconcile their appeals. The new one could get veterans through the process in as few as 125 days, VA officials vowed. Officials also said the new system would help cut down the backlog of appeals, which included 402,000 cases as of last month. “I’m cautiously optimistic that this modernization act may help the system, but in my view, congressman, it is tinkering around the edges, when a larger fix is needed,” Davis said. “And it’s a fix that might be viewed as radical by some.”

When pressed for specifics, Davis suggested using mediation to negotiate a settlement between the VA and veterans or providing them general pensions. He said there were “a lot of possibilities” that he believed should be discussed with the VA secretary. Once he retires from the court, Davis agreed to discuss the issue further with Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz (D-FL) who is chairwoman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies. Davis appeared before the subcommittee Tuesday to discuss the court’s budget request for fiscal year 2020, which totals $35.4 million. The proposed amount — released Monday as part of President Donald Trump’s budget plan — didn’t increase from the fiscal year 2019, though Davis said the court experienced a surge of work in 2018.

The court had its first surge in 2009, when its case load increased from about 2,000 cases each year to more than 4,000. That year, Congress temporarily approved two more judges to join the court, bringing it from seven judges to nine. Davis described a “second surge” last year, during which the case load rose from about 4,000 to more than 6,800. The VA touted last year that the Board of Veterans’ Appeals had worked through a record number of cases — about 85,000, up from 52,000 cases the previous year. Davis attributed the surge at the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims to the board’s increased pace.

He warned appropriators Tuesday that the court might soon need congressional approval for an additional two judges, bringing the total to 11. Of the nine judges now on the court, two — including Davis — are scheduled to retire at the end of their 15-year terms in December 2019. “We’re watching our numbers carefully to track the very real possibility that nine judges may not be sufficient to keep pace with this growth trend,” Davis said. [Source: Stars & Stripes | Nikki Wentling | March 12, 2019 ++]
Ten national veterans organizations pleaded with President Donald Trump on 12 MAR, asking him to direct the Justice Department not to appeal a recent federal court decision that could extend benefits to thousands of Vietnam War veterans. The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit ruled 9-2 in January that “Blue Water” Navy veterans, those who served aboard ships offshore during the war, are eligible for benefits to treat illnesses linked to exposure to the chemical herbicide Agent Orange. The Justice Department and Department of Veterans Affairs have until the end of the month to seek a review of the case from the U.S. Supreme Court. VA General Counsel James Byrne said last month that the agency hadn’t decided whether it would appeal but officials were “taking it under advisement.”

Veterans and lawmakers have asked VA Secretary Robert Wilkie not to contest the decision. On Tuesday night, 10 groups appealed directly to Trump. “On behalf of the undersigned veterans service organizations and our millions of members, we urge you to direct the Justice Department NOT to appeal the U.S. Appeals Court for the Federal Circuit decision,” they wrote in a letter to the president. The court ruled in favor of Alfred Procopio, Jr., 73, who served on the USS Intrepid during the Vietnam War. Procopio is one of tens of thousands of veterans who served aboard aircraft carriers, destroyers and other ships and were deemed ineligible for the same disability benefits as those veterans who served on the ground and inland waterways. The decision came 10 years after the VA denied Procopio’s disability claims for diabetes and prostate cancer.

At issue was interpretation of the current law, which allows easier access to disability benefits for veterans who “served in the Republic of Vietnam” and suffer from one of a list of illnesses linked to the Agent Orange. The herbicide has been found to cause respiratory cancers, Parkinson’s disease and heart disease, as well as other conditions. The court determined territorial seas should be included in the definition of “Republic of Vietnam” – a point the government disputed. For Procopio and other Blue Water Navy veterans, the decision could result in thousands of dollars of disability benefits each month. John Wells, one of the attorneys on the case, estimated 50,000 to 70,000 veterans could become eligible for benefits.

The ruling followed a failed effort in Congress last year to approve the benefits. The House voted unanimously in favor of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act last year, but the legislation stalled in the Senate after Wilkie voiced his opposition, citing high costs and insufficient scientific evidence linking Blue Water Navy veterans to Agent Orange. The House and Senate reintroduced the legislation at the start of the new congressional session. The top lawmakers on the veterans committees – Sens. Johnny Isakson (R-GA), Jon Tester (D-MT), and Reps. Mark Takano (D-CA) and Phil Roe (R-TN) – said in February that they would attempt again to pass the legislation.

The 10 veterans groups argued Tuesday that the court decision authorizes the VA to make the benefits available now, without having to wait for legislation. “We call on you to direct [Wilkie] to immediately begin implementing this decision so that justice is finally provided to the men and women who served in Vietnam, suffered from the devastating long-term health effects of Agent Orange exposure, but who today are denied the benefits and health care they have earned,” they wrote. The letter was signed by Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, Paralyzed Veterans of America, AMVETS, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Association of the United States Navy, Fleet Reserve Association, Vietnam Veterans of America and Military Officers Association of America.

“Mr. President, a veteran is someone who at one point in their life wrote a blank check made payable to the United States of America, for an amount up to and including their life,” the groups concluded. “We ask that you and our grateful nation take another step towards meeting that commitment.” [Source: Stars & Stripes | Nikki Wentling | March 13, 2019 ++]
The form the VA requires for eligibility verification only requires the veteran to fill out the Employment Certification Section (II) or the Unemployment Certification Section (III). If employed, you must provide Employer Name/Address, Type of Work, Hours Per Week, Dates of Employment, Time Lost from Illness and Highest Gross Earnings Per Month for each employer during the past 12 months. The catch here is that the VA is really only interested in “earned income.” Military retired pay and Social Security benefits are not considered “earned income” and are not required to be reported on the questionnaire. The VA is in the process of rewriting the IU Eligibility letter, and thankfully the draft copy MOAA received no longer includes the confusing language on receipt of armed forces service retirement pay. [Source: MOAA Newsletter| Paul Frost | March 7, 2019 ++]

The March WEIGH-IN participation was up from February, 29 members participated in March vs 21 in February. For those who weighed-in in January or February and didn’t weigh-in in March, you can still participate in the running if you weigh-in in April. It’s not too late if you missed February or January you can still weigh-in for April and have your weight count.

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Highlights of the March Membership Meeting
97 People Attended

New member Don Wheat, Army

New member Ken Mundt, Navy

Flag drawing winner, Kevin Crouch

50/50 drawing winner, George Cooper
On Saturday March 2nd at the Bausch & Lomb Center downtown Rochester Jerry McDermott and Bing Reeves attended and outreach event for the Chapter. Nick Stefanovic, Director of Veterans Serves Agency is also pictured with Jerry on the right.

On March 6th and 7th members of Chapter 20 attended NYS Treatment Court Seminar for Veteran Mentors in Saratoga Springs, NY. (LtoR) Jerry McDermott, Calvin Joseph, Ray Melens, Bill Auble and Emil Anderson.
This is the first in what we hope will be an ongoing series of stories of our fallen 280 brothers. This series was suggested by Bruce VanApeldoorn. The idea is to write a story about one of the Brothers that will be published in the BTL and submitted to the Living Wall site, www.vvmf.org. If you would like to submit a story, please send it to vietvet6748@gmail.com. Bruce will start off the series with a heartfelt story of Robert L. Zornow.

One of our 280 Brothers at the Memorial, Robert Zornow….

Early on the morning of December 7, 1966 my folks, brothers and sister said good bye to me in front of the Federal Building (now Rochester’s City Hall) in downtown Rochester. I had joined the Marine Corps in October leaving Greece Olympia High School in my senior year to ensure that I would receive the best combat training prior to a tour in Vietnam (17-year-old logic – why graduate and get drafted). On that morning another 17-year-old, who had left high school in his senior year, got into the Recruiter’s car for a ride to Buffalo. We would both be sworn into the Marine Corps after a brief physical and given travel orders to head to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, SC on the afternoon train. That recruit, Robert L. Zornow, and I would spend almost every minute together for the next four months.

On day one all we had in common was that we were 17 years old, from Rochester and wanted to be United States Marines. It would not be long before we would become brothers.

The trip to Parris Island took two days by train. We first traveled to Washington, DC, then on to Richmond, VA and finally to some small town in South Carolina. That is where we were met by two Marines and told to get on the bus. No talking…no smoking…no nothing. The two plus hour ride in the middle of the night was pretty scary. It was through rural South Carolina so almost no lights…just darkness. Then all of a sudden there was a single light…it was the main gate of MCRD Parris Island. We saw Marines with guns wave the bus through.
Again, mostly dark but shortly the bus stopped in front of a building and then the shit hit the fan. Those two Marines on the bus turned our lives up-side-down in seconds. We could not get off the bus fast enough. It was on the “yellow footprints” and life as a Recruit began.

As we settled into recruit training Bob and I were assigned to the same rack (bunk bed). I got the bottom since my name started with a V and Bob got the top as his last name started with a Z. Day after day over the next nine weeks we helped one another learn to be a Marine. It was a lot and the Drill Instructors never seemed to be happy with our efforts. Physically and mentally we were challenged every waking minute. The few hours of sleep each night seemed like seconds.

Finally, our big day came. We had earned the right to wear the Eagle, Globe and Anchor on our uniforms and to be called Marines. This was just phase one.

The following morning, we were on buses to Infantry Training at Camp Geiger, NC. Bunk mates again. After a week of maintenance and mess duty we started the six-week course. Those Marines who had combat MOSs were in the six-week course while everyone else took the two-week course. Bob was Infantry/0311 and I was Tanks/1811. We learned Fire Team and Squad attack tactics, night time compass navigation and got to fire every weapon the Marine Corps had in Vietnam. Phase two was completed and we headed to Rochester….on an airplane!

Bob and I spent some time together in Rochester mostly visiting each other’s families. At the end of our leave Bob headed to Camp Lejeune, NC and I to Camp Pendleton, CA. This was the final time we were together.

Fast forward to 2003, when Nancy & I moved back to Rochester. I visited the Vietnam Memorial in Highland Park for the first time. It’s even harder than visiting the Wall in DC because this is home and the names are friends & neighbors…..it’s real personal.

I was in shock when I saw Bob’s name. He was KIA the month after I rotated back. I must have just missed his return as I was reporting to Camp Lejuene. I have visited with Bob a lot over the years and now that I am retired, I try to not let a week go by without stopping by to see Bob. I never seem to not have something to say to him. Semper Fidelis Marine.
JOIN US

Saturday March 30th, 2019
@ The Flynn Campus Center, Building 3 Room 130 (see map for more info)
at Monroe Community College
from 1 PM - 4 PM
This event is open to public and all are welcomed.
This is an exhibition event where women veterans photographs will be presented and honored.

To get involved
Contact: Tracy LoTemple
Women Veteran Intake and Engagement Coordinator
TLOTEMPLE@COMPEER.ROCHESTER.ORG

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CompeerCorps PRESENTS

"I AM NOT INVISIBLE"

CompeerCorps strives to increase the credibility and visibility of women veterans. Many women veterans use the word "invisible" when describing how they feel as a veteran. This photo exhibit will be addressing this issue in a forward manner, allowing the community to see images of the woman veteran herself telling the viewer to see her, and that...

SHE IS NOT INVISIBLE.

See MCC map below for location
Enigmas…

(1) Isn’t it weird that in America our flag and our culture offend so many people, but our benefits don’t?

(2) How can the federal government ask U.S. citizens to pay back student loans, when illegal aliens are receiving a free education?

(3) Only in America are legal citizens labeled "racists" and "Nazis," but illegal aliens are called “Dreamers.”

(4) Liberals say, "If confiscating all guns saves just one life, it’s worth it." Well then, if deporting all illegals saves just one life, wouldn’t that be worth it?

. . JUST PLAIN NEAT INFORMATION.......... 

Zero
is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

A SHOT OF WHISKEY
In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.
### Board Meetings

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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.
In Memory Donations

When the simple act of placing flowers on a casket or placing stones on a headstone does not seem to be enough to honor the memory of a special someone who has passed away, one may choose to make a donation in his or her honor to commemorate the values and beliefs of the deceased. Chapter 20 VVA is committed to recognizing the sacrifices made by all military personnel in every branch of the armed forces. The memory of the deceased veteran is honored in the continuous work and service carried out by the dedicated Chapter members and associates. The monetary donations sent by individuals help make it possible to continue serving veterans and their families. The combined efforts of donors, lawmakers, members, and associates have far-reaching effects on the quality of all our lives.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 20 offers several ways of commemorating a special person. One of those ways is the Memorial Walk at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Walk is a pathway of bricks inscribed with the names of individuals who have served their country with valor. Their names will forever remain a reminder of the dedication and tenacity demonstrated by the thousands of men and women who have served in the U. S. Armed Forces.

If you wish to make a monetary donation directly to Chapter 20 in support of all the functions and services they provide to veterans and their families, send your check or money order payable to Chapter 20, VVA:

Vietnam Veterans of America
Chapter 20
P.O. Box 12580
Rochester, NY 14612
VA Health Care Benefits
Contacts and References

E-Benefits Portal Site
https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal

Enrollment/Eligibility
http://www.va.gov/healtheligibility
Health Resource Center 1-877-222-8387 (VETS)

OEF / OIF
http://www.oefoif.va.gov

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

Dental Care

Copays
http://www1.va.gov/CBO/brochures.asp
Health Resource Center 1-877-222-8387

Suicide Prevention Hotline
1-800-273-8255 (TALK)

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

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

Homeless Veterans Hotline
1-877-424-3838
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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
- email: 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 Bat: 607-664-4000
- 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

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- Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park: [Visit Website](https://www.rochestervietnammemorial.org/The_Memorial)
- VVA New York State Council: [Visit Website](https://www.nyvietnamvets.org)
- Honor Flight: [Visit Website](https://www.HonorFlightRochester.org)

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