Happy 229th Birthday!!
Butler, Lionel 8-1-1931
Cook, Roger John 8-1-1948
Prete, Robert Nicholas 8-2-1947
Warren, Stephen Edward 8-2-1950
Holleder, Donald Walter 8-3-1936
Bernreuther, John Walter 8-3-1942
Duryea, Arnold M. 8-7-1947
Perkins, William T. 8-10-1947
Lane, Louis Michael 8-11-1946
Case, David Duane 8-14-1945
Moore, James Rodney 8-16-1947
Jamrock, Stanley M. 8-17-1943
Crane, David Chauncey 8-18-1947
Elliott, Richard 8-19-1948
Skebeck Jr., Edward John 8-21-1946
Howard Jr., Taylor Brooks 8-22-1939
Hornyak, John Joseph 8-24-1938
Bortle, Jonathan R. 8-25-1946
Coye, Roger Herbert 8-26-1930
Hopps, Gary D. 8-28-1936
Papke, Theodore Arthur 8-28-1947
Cornish, Larry Irving 8-30-1948
Grauert, Hans Herbert 8-31-1942

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
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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**

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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.

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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 that another servicemen was recovered, returned and identified this month. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War now stands at 1588.

Col. Roy Abner Knight Jr. US Air Force from Millsap, Texas, was a pilot of a Douglas A1 Skyraider (Spud) assigned to the 602nd Fighter Squadron, 56th Air Commando Wing in the 7th Air Force at Udorn Airbase in Thailand. On May 19, 1967 Maj. Knight led his flight in a strike mission over the extreme Northern part of Houa Rhan Province in Laos against one of the most important and heavily defended target complexes in Southeast Asia. Against overwhelming odds Maj. Knight pressed his attack on the designated targets. His aircraft was hit by a devastating barrage of enemy anti-aircraft fire. Maj. Knight fully realizing that he could not regain control of his aircraft jettisoned his ordinance on the target in a valiant attempt to destroy it and his aircraft subsequently impacted in the target area. The site of the crash was located and excavated twice in 2018 which was heavily scavenged by locals and plowed by farmers. On February 28, 2019 the site was excavated a third time by a team from the DPAA and additional evidence as well as remains belonging to Maj. Knight and his aircraft was located and sent to the US for identification. On June 4th, Col. Roy A. Knight Jr. was positivity identified and officially accounted for. He will be laid to rest with full military honors next to his brother at Holden Chapel in Cool, Texas.

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

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• Pvt. Penn Franks Jr., US Army was lost February 10, 1945 in Italy. He was accounted for on June 26, 2019.
• Pfc. Kenneth W. Likens, US Marine Corps Reserves was lost November 22, 1943 in Tarawa. He was accounted for on June 26, 2019.
• Sgt. Vernon R. Judd, US Army was lost November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on June 26, 2019.
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OUR FALLEN HERO’S HAVE RETURNED. REST IN PEACE BROTHERS, YOU ARE FINALLY HOME.
According to the calendar, we should be at the mid-point of a typical Rochester summer. That could mean enjoying the things that summer means for each of us. For me enjoying warm weather, longer days, flower gardens coming in bloom, BBQ's, golfing, and some trips seeing family and friends are on the remaining schedule. I hope that you are enjoying your own summer activities too.

But even trying to relax and enjoy all that we associate with summer, I want to remind all of you not to lose sight of a personal responsibility to yourself and family. Namely, your health! So, don't put off any needed appointments til later, (later may never come). If something has changed in your physical, mental or emotional well being, get it check out. Studies have shown, waiting to investigate a certain health issue, rather than early intervention can often lead to more treatments or therapies required to get you back to your old self. In terms of health related issues, PROCRASTINATION is not a good treatment option. ACTION, is what is needed. Don't wait, as Larry the Cable guy says.... get her done!

Some current items that you should find interesting and beneficial are included below. The Blue Water Navy Act and what our Navy and others should be doing in gathering evidence to peruse disability claims associated with Agent Orange exposure. Some frequently ask questions about the Urgent Care component of the Mission Act, and changes in the case law allowing veterans to form class action law suits against the VA.

Respectfully submitted by,
Jerry McDermott
Health Affairs Chair

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- Parkinson’s disease
- Peripheral neuropathy, early-onset
- Porphyria cutanea tarda
- Prostate cancer
- Respiratory cancers (lung, bronchus, larynx or trachea)
- Soft-tissue sarcoma (other than osteosarcoma, chondrosarcoma, Kaposi’s sarcoma or mesothelioma).

Veterans seeking more information should contact their Veterans Service Officer, call VA’s toll-free number at 800-827-1000 or visit the VA Blue Water Navy Agent Orange website.

Urgent care is one of the new benefits offered as part of the VA MISSION Act that gives Veterans greater choice in their health care. The benefit is offered in addition to the opportunity to receive care from a VA provider, as VA also offers same-day services. We are working to ensure Veterans understand how to use the new urgent care benefit as part of VA’s comprehensive benefits package. In this article, we answer some common questions about the new urgent care benefit.

1. **What is urgent care?** Urgent care is a type of walk-in health care for situations where you need help but don’t have an emergency, such as colds, ear infections, minor injuries, pink eye, skin infections, and strep throat.

2. **Why are there different urgent care locations?** There are two types of urgent care network locations: Retail and Urgent.
   - Retail locations such as CVS or Walgreens are places where you can get care for minor ailments like a sore throat or earache.
   - Urgent locations provide more comprehensive walk-in care for illnesses or injuries that are not life-threatening, like splinting, casting, lacerations, or wound treatment.

   Both retail and urgent locations are staffed with healthcare professionals who are licensed and credentialed.

3. **Are there urgent care providers near me?** VA launched the urgent care benefit on June 6, 2019, and we are working to expand our network of urgent care providers, adding more every week. Urgent care providers are vetted and must meet strict standards of care and other requirements before they are added to VA’s network. To find a location, use the VA facility locator at [https://www.va.gov/find-locations/](https://www.va.gov/find-locations/). Select the link entitled “Find VA approved urgent care locations and pharmacies near you”. If you arrive at an urgent care network location and have difficulty receiving care, call 866-620-2071 for assistance. More information.

4. **How do I get prescription medication with the urgent care benefit?** You can get up to a 14-day supply of prescription medication through VA, a VA-contracted pharmacy, or a non-contracted pharmacy. If you choose to fill an urgent care prescription at a non-contracted pharmacy, you will be required to pay for the prescription when you pick it up and then file a claim for reimbursement at your local VA medical facility. Prescription medication for longer than a 14-day supply must be filled by a VA pharmacy. More information.

5. **Do I have to make copayments for urgent care?** Copayments for urgent care depend on your assigned priority group and the number of times you visit any urgent care provider in a calendar year. Urgent care copayments are not charged when you receive care from an urgent care provider, but are billed separately by VA. More information.

For additional information about the VA MISSION Act, visit [https://missionact.va.gov/](https://missionact.va.gov/)

**VA Lawsuit | Godsey v. Wilkie**  Excessive Claim Appeal Wait Times

A federal court for the first time will allow a class-action lawsuit against the Department of Veterans Affairs to move ahead, a move that legal experts said opens the doors for a host of similar cases against the bureaucracy. The decision, which could affect thousands of veterans, came late last week in the U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims. Last August, the same court for the first time ruled that class-action lawsuits would be allowed against VA in “appropriate cases,” but no such claims met court standards until now.
This case — Godsey v. Wilkie — sought relief for veterans facing waits of more than two months for the department to certify their disability benefits appeals claims. The case was originally filed in 2017 on behalf of four veterans facing lengthy delays, but lawyers argued it should be broadened to include an entire class of individuals waiting for their benefits. VA officials in oral arguments last year testified that more than 2,500 veterans had been waiting for certification for more than two years. In a 2-1 decision, the court modified the class to include only veterans facing a wait of more than 18 months for VA to advance their appeals, saying those delays “deprive (veterans) of their constitutional right to due process.”

Plaintiffs hailed the decision as a win for the veterans frustrated by the appeals process and for advocates trying to force changes within the department. “(The court’s) order certifying a class action for the first time in its 30-year history is a landmark moment, and will help ensure that our veterans and their families have more access to the justice they deserve,” said Bart Stichman, executive director of the National Veterans Legal Services Program, which has helped oversee the case. “It has been a long time coming.”

Legal advocates for years have pushed the courts to overturn a long-held ban on class-action lawsuits against the department, arguing it effectively allows VA officials to push off systemic corrections by addressing only complaints from individual veterans. In private lawsuits, individuals must prove they suffered a specific injury or hardship in order to win judgment. But in class-action lawsuits, plaintiffs can show illegal or harmful activity against a larger group, bringing with it different standards for correction. The court thus far has not allowed class-action lawsuits involving direct payouts to veterans. But Stichman said the move will force VA to address rules and regulations to respond to a collection a veterans complaints at once, instead of reacting to individual problems separately.

And the court in its decision said on these veterans’ complaints, VA has not acted quickly enough. “We are not content to wait for the (VA) Secretary to remedy these unreasonable delays on his own,” the judges wrote. “The Secretary has had many years to act and initiate pre-certification review of class members’ cases, and he has failed to do so ... Simply put: the time has come for judicial intervention.” The ruling requires VA to conduct a precertification review of all cases for all class members within 120 days for their initial filing, and requires the department to provide a status update on that work back to the court before the end of the summer. Covington & Burling LLP and NVLSP officials will serve as counsel for the class.

[Source: MilitaryTimes | Leo Shane III | June 17, 2019 ++]

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**VA’s PSA urges everyone to “Be There for Veterans”**

In the [video](#), which is narrated by actor and filmmaker Tom Hanks, VA issues an urgent call to action: to support our nation’s Veterans and reach out to Veterans who may be in need.

This PSA is being released in recognition of Independence Day and the brave men and women who have served — and are serving — in our nation’s military. It will run throughout VA’s #BeThere campaign for Suicide Prevention Month in September and will last be available on Veterans Day 2019.

This PSA issues a call to action that underscores VA’s public health approach to preventing Veteran suicide, which encourages everyone to make suicide prevention their business. The #BeThere campaign provides some simple yet tremendously impactful ways individuals can reach out to and engage Veterans. Simple acts such as a phone call, text or email can be exactly what someone in crisis needs to hear. The PSA calls for everyone to reach out to Veterans and show support, stating that we, as a nation, must “honor the code and Be There for them, as they were there for us.”
Please join the conversation by sharing this video and using #BeThere on social media. In addition, BeThereForVeterans.com offers more information on how to create supportive communities for Veterans and their families.
Membership Update

Mike General Membership Chair

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 617 members and AVVA is at 39 members as of 05/31/19. Membership has not 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 0 members who did not renew this last month and 0 members who passed away..

Please Renew Your Membership!

All Life Memberships are $50.00

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)
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

Membership Application

(bold fields are required.)

First Name
Last Name
Address

City, State, Zip Code

Home Phone, Ext.
Work Phone, Ext.
Primary Email
Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY

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.
Linda Grentzenger accepted a Certificate of Honor Membership from Val in recognition of her husband John Grentzenger.

Winner of the Flag Drawing, Gerry Daniels

Winner of the 50/50 Drawing, RoseMarie Rossi-Williams
This is the fifth personal story about one of our fallen 280 Brothers. We will continue to publish these stories as long as we receive them from you. If you knew one of our fallen Brothers and would like to honor him with a shared memory, please write your story and submit it for publication in the BTL. Include a picture(s) of the Brother if available. *Your story may also be submitted to the Living Wall site, www.vvmf.org.

If you have an article and would appreciate a second opinion on grammar and sentence structure email it to Kathy Gleason at Kathy14470@msn.com. If you just don't know where to start but would appreciate some help writing the article you can call Kathy at 585-978-1331 or email her for an appointment.

If you would like to submit a story, please send it to vietvet6748@gmail.com.

In an email, Frank Church (fec1950@gmail.com) wrote the following about Graham Hughes USMC KIA 5/23/69:

“I just have had the feeling to write about Graham. He and I were good friends in high school John Marshall High. He was a quite go lucky person in school. But get him out of the school grounds and there is a new BUTCH. That was what Walter (Wally) Allen, Vincent Felice and I called him even in school. When we joined the Marines it was Butch, Wally and I on the buddy system. Well that lasted from boot camp through ITR camp Geiger. After that I said good by to both of them as they were 0311 infantry and I ended up as a 3372 Chef. We all stood tall after the graduation.

That was the last time I saw the both of them. I really don't know what to say other than I miss him a lot. He gave what he could for the country and it just so happens that it was his all. That war took many good men. Please next time I am in Rochester show me where he is. I was so young back then and to see the first death in my life it has bothered be badly. Some may call it PTSD I call it a loss of a great friend.

I miss you Butch, too bad life took you so young. Take Care, Semper Fi”

Frank Church served as a Marine during the Vietnam War and currently lives in Georgia.
MEMORIAL PICTURES

Sometime ago, a project was launched to add the pictures of our 280 fallen heroes to our Memorial web site this was initiated to connect a name to a face. At that time there were still 4 individuals who we could not find photos of. Recently we were informed that 2 more photos were located and have been added to the Vietnam Veterans of Greater Rochester’s Memorial page.

Please welcome

US Army SSGT Jose A. Miranda
US Army Sp4 Dennis Keenan

We are still searching for photos of:
US Army 1st Sgt. Albert Leroy French and also
US Army Sp4 James Guinan Scott
As stated before, any help would be greatly appreciated to complete this project. Please contact me at the email below. Thank you.

Joe Peck
peckfam@hotmail.com
INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

PHOTOS BY GLENN PECK
On June 19, Bank of America sponsored an event at the Oak Hill Country Club honoring Medal of Honor recipient, Gary B. Beikirch. Mr. Beikirch shared a personal story of service and sacrifice fighting for American freedom, and receive special recognition award at the event. Bank of America has been a strong supporter of the military and veterans for nearly 100 years. Gary was presented by Robert F. Jerome, a member of the Medal of Honor Foundation and the Medal of Honor Society.

The Medal of Honor is awarded for valor in combat. Given sparingly, it is bestowed only to the bravest of the brave, and that courage must be well documented. The medal was first authorized in 1861 for Sailors and Marines, and the following year for Soldiers as well. Since then, more than 3,400 Medals of Honor have been awarded to members of all Department of Defense services and the Coast Guard.

Standing with the medal of honor winner, Gary B. Beikirch, left to right, Don Reece, President of VOC, Jerry McDermott, Gary B. Beikirch, Laura Stradley, Exec Dir of VOC and Vito Scarpetta
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For more information about Agent Orange exposure in Vietnam waters (Blue Water Navy Veterans), visit https://www.va.gov/disability/eligibility/hazardous-materials-exposure/agent-orange/navy-coast-guard-ships-vietnam/. Veterans seeking more information should contact their Veterans Service Officer, call VA's toll-free number at 800-827-1000 or visit the VA Blue Water Navy Agent Orange website.

Source: https://www.va.gov/opa/pressrel/pressrelease.cfm?id=5280

Vietnam Veterans of America is the nation's only congressionally chartered veterans' service organization dedicated to the needs of Vietnam-era veterans and their families. VVA's founding principle is "Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another."
If you are in need or know someone who needs an adjustable twin hospital bed and mattress please call Carol Visconte - 621-8373. You will need to be able to pick up and take the bed on your own.
So you thought you knew everything.....well think again!

Maine is the only state whose name is just one syllable.

**No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.**

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

**Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.**

Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

"**Stewardesses**" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "**lollipop**" with your right.

The average person's left hand does 56% of the typing.

**The cruise liner, QE2, moves only six inches for each gallon of diesel that it burns.**

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket.

**The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet.**

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

**The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes).**

There are 293 ways to make change for a dollar.
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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:

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Rochester, NY 14612
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E-Benefits Portal Site
https://www.ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits-portal/ebenefits.portal

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

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

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

Dental Care

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

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

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

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