Between The Lines

November 2019

VETERANS DAY
Honoring all who served

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Thankful
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO AMERICA'S NAVY
Remembering Our Fallen Heroes
Born in November
Website - http://rochestervietnammemorial.org/

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

Memorial Tours & Presentations
Persons interested in on-site tours or presentations at schools or organizations, contact Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com

Friends of the Memorial
To be placed on the volunteer contact list, contact Chuck Macaluso at 585-225-8288 or Chuckmac66@yahoo.com
VETERANS WALK COMMITTEE
154 Mendota Drive
Rochester, New York 14626

From:
Name: __________________________
Address: ________________________
City/Zip: ________________________
Phone: _________________________

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).

1. ____________________________
2. ____________________________
3. ____________________________

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 no new reports from the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the National League of Families and the DOD on any servicemen recently recovered, returned and identified this month. The total number of Americans who are still missing from the Vietnam War still stands at 1587.

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

- Sgt. R.L. Tyler, US Army Air Corps was lost July 19, 1942 in the Philippines. He was accounted for on September 11, 2019.
- Cpl. Winfred K Hussey Jr., US Army was lost December 12, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 12, 2019.
- Lt. J G Thomas J.E. Crotty, US Coast Guard was lost July 19, 1942 on Board the USS Quail in the Philippines. He was accounted for on September 12, 2019.
- Cpl. William J. McCollum., US Army was lost December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 12, 2019.
- Pfc. William J. Winchester, US Army was lost February 28, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 12, 2019.
- Cpl. Asa E. Vance, US Army was lost December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 16, 2019.
- Cpl. Lloyd B. Odom, US Army was lost December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 17, 2019.
- Cpl. Henry L. Phillips, US Army was lost November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 18, 2019.
- Cpl. Kenneth E. Ford, US Army was lost December 2, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 23, 2019.
- Sgt. David C. Sewell, US Army was lost November 28, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 24, 2019.
- Col. Jerome V. Hummel, US Army was lost November 30, 1951 in North Korea. He was accounted for on September 24, 2019.
- 1st Lt. Justin G. Mills, US Marine Corps Reserves was lost November 20, 1943 in Tarawa. He was accounted for on September 27, 2019.
- SFC. Riley Burchfield, US Army was lost November 26, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on October 1, 2019.
- Pfc. John A. Shelemba, US Army was lost November 11, 1950 in South Korea. He was accounted for on October 1, 2019.
- Pfc. Louis Wiesehan, US Marine Corps was lost November 21, 1943 in Tarawa. He was accounted for on October 1, 2019.
- Pfc. Robert J. Hatch, US Marine Corps Reserves was lost November 22, 1943 in Tarawa. He was accounted for on October 1, 2019.
- Pfc. John R. Bayens, US Marine Corps Reserves was lost November 22, 1943 in Tarawa. He was accounted for on October 1, 2019.
• Pfc. Norman A. Buan, US Marine Corps Reserves was lost November 20, 1943 in Tarawa. He was accounted for on October 3, 2019.
• Pfc. Jack B. Van Zandt, US Marine Corps Reserves was lost November 22, 1943 in Tarawa. He was accounted for on October 3, 2019.
• Pfc. Ray P. Fairchild, US Marine Corps was lost November 27, 1950 in North Korea. He was accounted for on October 3, 2019.
• Seaman 2nd Class D.T. Kyser US Navy was lost December 7, 1941 on Board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He was accounted for on September 24, 2019.
• Pfc Marley R. Arthurholz, US Marine Corps was lost December 7, 1941 on Board the USS Oklahoma at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. He was accounted for on October 1, 2019.

THEIR SACRIFICES WILL NEVER FORGETTEN
WELCOME HOME BROTHERS.

In our quest to locate photos of all 280 members whose names are enshrined at our Memorial in Highland Park. We would like to announce the finding of one more picture. I would like to introduce 1st Sgt. Albert Leroy French

This now only leaves one more of our 280 members whose picture is still being sought after (Spec. 4 James Guinan Scott). The photos and information on each of the individuals are available on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial of Greater Rochester web site.
Membership Update

Mike General Membership Chair

Chapter 20 Membership currently is at 622 members and AVVA is at 40 members as of 08/31/19. 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 2 members who did not renew this last month and 2 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
Veterans Incarcerated Committee by Ron Trovato

Well the Fall Season is upon us and change is in the air. I want to thank everyone for the recent yarn donations which I sorted by color and shipped off to Attica just under the wire. New regulations there make it very difficult to ship yarn in the future so I will not be needing any more yarn donations. If you have been saving it for me I would suggest donating it to Nancy VanApeldoorn for her hospice lap blankets. I really want to thank so many chapter members for donating so much yarn over the years and it was put to such good use by the Auburn and Attica crochet squads. It is unfortunate that the Department of Corrections has made it almost like dealing with the DMV these days. I have decided to step down from my committee and concentrate on the Vet to Vet Hospice Program run by the Rochester Regional Health Care system as well as my veterans bereavement group and the Memorial Board. My VVA board term expires in April and I’ll continue to answer mail as it comes in although even prison correspondence is becoming dicey. Chapter member Jack Michel is still going into Attica and I’m not sure how long he will continue. His recent “Come Fly a Kite” fundraiser for homeless veterans raised $11,000 which was donated to the Western New York Veterans Housing Coalition and to two other veterans groups. Well done Jack! I have had this Committee for over 30 years and the Chapter has always supported me, given me a free hand and financed my outreach to Auburn, Attica, Oneida, Groveland and the Collins Correctional Facilities and I am very thankful for that. I may even still write the occasional tasteless article for the BTL as the VA continues to adjust my medications. All in all it has been a long and very satisfying ride. See ya at the next membership meeting!

West Point Do Over by Ron Trovato

Hank Wallace has once again orchestrated a football excursion to West Point and the trip down is mercifully uneventful. We are a motley crew of eight and I am, after Hank, Mark, Kurt, Jerry, George, Ed, and Gerry, a leader by popular acclimation and if therapy has taught me anything, it is to expect the unexpected. We run the gamut from raggedy Vietnam vets seemingly just out of the jungle to sensitive, gifted, humble intellectuals like myself all molded into a geriatric line unit by the indefatigable Captain Wallace. We have even embedded my buddy into our group, Kurt “The Civilian” Jones, who is also not tormented by conscience nor is he the type of guy that would order a drink with an umbrella. Our hotel is circa Berlin 1945 and the distracted desk clerk books Kurt and I into a room already occupied by an understandably irate couple on meth. This uncomfortable situation is eventually rectified and we settle in for a less potentially homicidal evening. This Era of Good Feelings ends quickly as I have become infuriated because the Yankee game is not on TV and all I get are shows lonely women drinking wine in the dark watch with their cats. Fortunately Kurt is a techie and not the kind quietly typing their lives away for Google. He breaks out CIA level equipment...
from his backpack and we are soon watching the Yankees dismember the Twins via some satellite over North Korea. My life has meaning again!

Meaning in life is fleeting and overrated as Hank has us up at 0430 and we fall out into formation with my ex-friend Kurt somehow promoted to Hanks Executive Officer and exempted from the mandatory PT that Hank pounds into us. I am glad to check out of this hostile hostel and I have no qualms about leaving Category 4 type hurricane damage in the bathroom. We saddle up and Jerry McDermott expertly guides us through the spectacular country surrounding The Point to the Washington Gate where we punk everybody and are waived to the head of the line. It is a gorgeous homecoming weekend and we are treated to a revue of the entire student body in dress uniform and enough brass to warrant Brigadier Generals working KP. Hank gives his customary tour of West Point explaining to Kurt how the metal chains across the Hudson kept the British out otherwise we would all be speaking English right now. He is totally unflappable and effortlessly deflects Kurts questions about serving under Custer as we hump our way to hallowed Michie Stadium. It is good to be at the Academy, no worries about transgender bathrooms or Russian interference here. We ease through the checkpoints and make our way to the concession stands to grab lunch as the first notes of the National Anthem are played and I am becoming very emotional. It is then that I hear the most soul crushing, un-American words in the English language; “We’re outa hot dogs!” I can’t believe this and place my order for eight hot dogs once again. The human test pattern has the same answer; “We’re outa hot dogs!” This is like talking to voice mail and I beg for a hot dog. The remorseless reply is, “We have some pretzels.” My life has no meaning.

Discouraged but not totally defeated, Jerry McDermott leads Kurt, George and I in the hike up to our seats only to find them occupied. We have been wheezing, hacking and coughing during this ascent and in no mood for this unexpected dilemma. After a brief conversation Jerry evicts the squatters and they reluctantly move on taking their walkers, oxygen tanks and therapy dogs with them and we settle in for the kickoff. Midway through the first quarter we spot Hank and his group and it becomes painfully obvious that we are the ones in the wrong section and we sheepishly move out while being pelted with stadium trash and profanities. Army is game but Tulane is the better team with a passing game that takes us apart like a cheap watch. Tackling the Tulane receivers is like trying to pick up spilled mercury and the Taliban refs don’t do us any favors. The game is pretty much over by the end of the third quarter but we stay for the Army Alma Mater and file out with the crowd past the Benedict Arnold hot dog stands. The death march back to Jerrys SUV is long and painful but we are once again rewarded by his bounty of salty snacks and we are soon filled with boundless sugar induced nervous energy that will not be expended in a constructive way. We say goodbye to Hanks squad and Jerry cruises into the traffic leaving The Point. George checks his phone and informs us that about two hours up ahead is a string of fast food joints, one of which has hot dogs. My life has meaning again.
Once again, we are facing changing seasons here in Rochester, there is a certain early morning nip in the air, and day light is shorter too! But change is constant and we should not be too surprised by what maybe coming in our western New York area where weather and Mother Nature are concerned. The leaves from trees and shrubs are turning some vivid and spectacular colors, and the wind is blowing strong to take the leaves down and deposit them in your gutters and window wells. Pumpkin picking and carvings are fun family activities along with apple cider and fried cake donuts. Not far behind is the Thanksgiving holiday and coming on fast will be Christmas time festivities. So please, get out and enjoy this fall season. FYI, remember too that on November 3rd to set your clocks back one hour, and make sure that smoke alarms and carbon dioxide monitors are in good working order with fresh batteries.

Since we did not have the chance to meet in October and discuss some timely health issues, I will do so in this message. I want to remind everyone about the need to get vaccinated. The flu season usually is considered to last from October through March of every year. Please get your flu shots soon if you have not already done so, and check out other shots too, like shingles, pneumonia and updated tetanus vaccines if you need them. All VA health enrolled veterans can obtain their flu shots at Walgreens, and other community clinics are available around the county to access the flu vaccine.

Other noteworthy information is included in this report. Important information about VA patient medical information sharing, as part of the new MISSION ACT, that allows community health partners access to your medical information. You can act accordingly if you want such info shared with community health partners in the event of needing services outside the VA health care system. A VA Care Givers Guide to assist families and veterans with needed support and obtain services is available. There is a new service being added by the VA National Cemetery Administration called Veteran Legacy, a virtual page can be established for any veteran buried in a federal cemetery that can be viewed by anyone, such as future generations of the family.

So, in closing I want to remind everyone to get out and vote on Tuesday, the 5th for your local and county wide candidates, that’s one of our most cherished “rights” and we all served to ensure that freedom of choice would continue. Also, want to extend my best wishes to our US Marine Corps veterans on their 244th birthday celebration Sunday, November 10th. Semper Fi! Finally, wishing all a safe and memorable 2019 Veteran's Day celebration!

Respectfully submitted by:
Jerry McDermott, Chair Health Affairs
As a Caregiver, the very best thing you can do for those who depend on you is to take care of yourself. VA offers a number of services to support Family Caregivers. These services are available in and out of the home to help you care for the Veteran you love and for yourself.

Caregiver Support Line
Help is just a phone call away with VA's Caregiver Support Line – 1-855-260-3274. Caring licensed professionals staffing the support line can connect you with VA services, a Caregiver Support Coordinator at your nearest VA medical center, or just listen if that’s what you need right now. Caregivers can participate in monthly telephone education groups, where they can discuss self-care tips and ask questions on a variety of topics. If you want to learn more about the monthly calls, you can listen to a recording at https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support-line/presentations.asp or view one of the following educational handouts:

- **Burnt Out OK Now What Handout** - (PDF)
- **Caregiver Partners Understanding and Healing the Wounds of PTSD Handout** - (PDF)
- **Choosing Your Words Harnessing the Power of Communication Handout** - (PDF)
- **Finding Comfort in the Healing Gifts of the Season Handout** - (PDF)
- **Free Yourself Don't Get Tripped Up with Caregiver Guilt Handout** - (PDF)
- **Good Grief Finding Hope in the Necessary Losses of Being a Caregiver Handout** - (PDF)
- **Leaning into Love Building Strong Relationship Bonds Handout** - (PDF)
- **Let's Talk About Money Managing Your Financial Reality Handout** - (PDF)
- **Making My Goals Matter Looking Forward to the Year Ahead Handout** - (PDF)
- **Own Your Emotions Labeling and Communicating Your Feelings Handout** - (PDF)
- **Quiet on the Homefront Restoring Connections at Home Handout** - (PDF)
- **Sailing in Turbulent Waters How to Have Positive Conflict Resolution Handout** - (PDF)
- **Setting Boundaries Defining What is Best for You Handout** - (PDF)
- **Standing on Solid Ground Finding Your Path Along the Challenging Road of Caregiving and Mental Illness Handout** - (PDF)
- **Stepping Into Stillness Maintaining Your Center of Gravity When Caring for a Veteran Loved One Handout** - (PDF)

Peer Support Mentoring
Caregivers of Veterans of all eras may participate in peer support mentoring, both as mentors and as mentees usually for 6 months. Mentors and Mentees communicate using email, telephone, and letter writing depending on what works best for both of them. If you are unable to commit to 6 months, one-time support is available through the Compassionate Connections Program.

Building Better Caregivers
Caregivers can build their skills and confidence to care for their Veteran at home with the free, online workshop, Building Better Caregivers™ at https://va.buildingbettercaregivers.org. The program has been recognized for its ability to reduce caregiver stress and depression, and increase caregiver overall well-being.

Caring for Seriously injured Post-9/11 Veterans
The program at https://www.caregiver.va.gov/support/support_benefits.asp for Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers provides approved caregivers services such as a monthly stipend, travel expenses, health insurance, mental health services, and respite care.

REACH VA
Mentoring in the challenging areas of caregiving, stress management, mood management, and problem-solving is available through REACH VA at https://www.caregiver.va.gov/REACH_VA_Program.asp. The program is available for Caregivers of Veterans diagnosed with: ALS, Dementia, MS, PTSD, or Spinal Cord Injury/Disorder.

Additional Support
Visit Tips & Tools at https://www.caregiver.va.gov/Tips_Tools.asp for additional information on the following subjects:

- Managing Medicines
- Talking with Your Provider
- Caring for Oneself
- Caring for your Finances
- Plan Ahead for Disasters
- Staying Organized
- Moving around Safely - (Video Series)
- Office of Rural Health - Caregivers "Dementia Video Series"
- Series Two: Managing Dementia Behavior - ABCs for Caregivers
The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will implement new procedures by January 2020, for sharing medical information for Veterans accessing health care in the community. The department is changing its procedures for electronic health information sharing in accordance with Section 132 of the VA Maintaining Internal Systems and Strengthening Integrated Outside Networks Act of 2018 (MISSION Act). “The MISSION Act gives Veterans greater access to care, whether at VA facilities or in the community,” said VA Secretary Robert Wilkie. “We are providing seamless access to care, improving efficiency and helping to ensure Veterans get the care they need, where and when they need it.”

The change moves VA from an ‘opt-in’ to an ‘opt-out’ model of electronic health information sharing. Veterans will no longer be required to provide signed, written authorization for VA to release electronic health information to community providers for the purposes of receiving medical treatment. VA shares health information with community providers using a secure and safe electronic system called the Veterans Health Information Exchange. This electronic exchange of information improves patient safety — particularly during emergency situations — and allows for improved care coordination for Veterans receiving care in the community.

Veterans who do not want their health information shared electronically can opt out by submitting VA Form 10-10164 (opt out of sharing) to the Release of Information Office at the nearest VA medical center now or at any time going forward. Veterans who previously opted out on VA Form 10-0484 prior to Sept. 30, do not need to submit new forms. However, Veterans who restricted what information VA shared by submitting VA Form 10-0525 (restriction request) will need to opt out entirely by submitting Form 10-10164. VA is committed to protecting Veteran privacy. Only community health care providers and organizations that have partnership agreements with VA and are part of VA’s approved, trusted network may receive VA health information. For information about VA’s health information exchange visit [www.va.gov/vler](http://www.va.gov/vler).

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), National Cemetery Administration (NCA) launched the Veterans Legacy Memorial (VLM), the country’s first digital platform dedicated entirely to the preservation of the memory of the 3.7 million Veterans interred in VA national cemeteries.

Each Veteran will have their own memorial page on the VLM, a secure, web-based platform that creates a perpetual memorial extending beyond the physical border of the national cemetery.
NCA, in conjunction with VA’s Office of Information and Technology built the architecture for the site starting with the information contained on every Veteran’s headstone.

In the initial rollout, the public will be able to search the site for Veterans, find out where they are buried and read the basic details of their lives and service. Future capabilities may be expanded to allow families, survivors, fellow Veterans and others to add historic photos and share memories to a deceased Veteran’s memorial page. Such capabilities will include provisions that allows NCA to manage the site in a manner that maintains the same level of decorum our customers experience in our national cemeteries.
This is the sixth 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, wwwvvmf.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.

Article prepared by Bruce Van Apeldoorn.

Name: John E. Ehrmentraut Jr.
Location on Vietnam Memorial, Washington, DC: 1E/108
Location in Vietnam Memorial, Highland Park, NY: Bollard# 4
Branch of Service: USMC
Date of Birth: 09191945
Date of Death: 04241965

REMEMBRANCES
LEFT FOR JOHN E EHRMENTRAUT JR
POSTED ON 12.2.2018
POSTED BY: WKILLIAN@SMUHSD.ORG
GROUND CASUALTY
PFC John E. Ehrmentraut Jr. (nicknamed “The Trout”) was a Shore Party Marine, a designation for Marines who are among those who are in the first wave of an amphibious landing as well as working with helicopters to deliver material and weapons further inland. On a beachhead they establish supply dumps and handle incoming supplies. They are kin to the Navy's Beach Masters and the Sea Bees. They are the only Marines in the Fleet Marine Force that wear red patches on their uniforms so that they will stand out and be recognized by their officers and others. PFC Ehrmentraut was assigned to B Company, 3rd Shore Party Battalion, 1st Marine Brigade, 3rd Marine Division. On the evening of April 24, 1965, Ehrmentraut was in a fighting hole near the beach in Phu Bai in Thua Thien Province, RVN, where his unit had come ashore. He was taking his turn providing nighttime
perimeter security manning an M60 machine gun. While at his position, Ehrmentraut reportedly pulled the pin on a fragmentation grenade. When the spoon flew off, he froze. In a moment of indecisiveness, the grenade detonated in his right hand. Ehrmentraut died after receiving the brunt of the blast. A second Marine, LCPL Stanley Tieman (nicknamed “Ty”), in the fighting hole with him, was injured, knocked unconscious by the concussion of the explosion. It was speculated that Ehrmentraut may have thought he had reached for an illumination grenade, and after realizing his mistake, paused while the 5-second fuse ran down. [Taken from coffeltdatabase.org and 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines (Rein) Command Diary for the Period of April 1965; also, information provided by Gordon Kuhn (November 2018)]
Data gathered by Bruce Van Apeldoorn 10092019.
POW / MIA RECOGNITION
NYS Council President Ned Foote, presents a check for $500.00 to Nancy VanApledorn, founder of Lap Robes for Veterans at quarterly NYSC meeting at Tioga, NY on 09/28/29. Nancy made a presentation to the state wide VVA chapters about the program. She also presented several examples of the various service designed lap robes to some lucky delegates.

Honor Guard members; Mike General, Stan Patykiewicz, Joe Peck, Chuck Macaluso, Val Gatto, Mike Riley and Tom Puff attended the Columbus Day event at the Diplomat Party House.
The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in 1935!

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

The Swine Flu vaccine in 1976 caused more death and illness than the disease it was intended to prevent.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, that is why it is found in some medicines.

Did I read that sign right?

Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife And Daughter
This one I caught in the SGV Tribune the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day.

Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
Really? Ya' think?

Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
Now that's taking things a bit far!

Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
What a guy!
SAVE THE DATE
NOVEMBER 9th
GATES EUCHRE
TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT
LAP ROBES
FOR VETERANS

ENTRY FEE $10 AT THE DOOR  * CASH PRIZES *
50/50 RAFFLE  BASKET RAFFLE
WHEN SIGN UP @ 5PM – 5:45PM
BEGIN PLAYING @ 6PM
WHERE GATES TOWN HALL
ANNEX ROOM
1605 BUFFALO RD.

A DISH TO PASS IS WELCOME
THERE IS A EUCHRE TOURNAMENT AT THE ANNEX
ROOM THE 2nd SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH TO BENEFIT
LOCAL CHARITIES

PH. 585-548-7169 LEAVE MESSAGE
Toys For Tots Events 2019

Garden Factory Toys For Tots Drive
Garden Factory Hours are 10:00 - 4:00
Dinosaurs, kids’ rides and tractors

October 5 and 6
October 12 and 13
October 19 and 20
October 26 and 27

Point of Contact: Frank Kozlowsky
Phone: 585-455-5221
Email: Rollingstorage@netsville.net

More dates to come for November and December.

It's never too early to sign up to volunteer for 2019!

2019 L.O.C. Jason Tiefel Cell Phone: 585-208-0444
Volunteer Coordinator: Sharon Beeke Cell Phone: 585-802-8836

Toys for Tots Address: 460 Buffalo Rd, Dock 100, Rochester, NY 14611
Website: http://rochester-ny.toysfortots.org/
Email: mailto:roctoys4tots@gmail.com

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Toys for Tots needs volunteers anytime that they may have available. Drop off and pick-up boxes, count and sort toys, or help at a Toys For Tots event!
BAXTER
BOURBON
BACON

Save the Date: October 23, 2019 (6-7pm) Iron Smoke Distillery 1001 North Ave Ely, MN 55017
## Board Meetings

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## Membership Meetings

**Monthly Membership Meetings start at 6:30 pm**

*At the Italian American Sports Club, 1250 Buffalo Road, Rochester*

Driving Directions to the Italian American Sports Club:

The Club is located at 1250 Buffalo Road close to the intersection of Howard Road, directly across from the stone quarry, next to the Eagles Club and the Catholic Diocese of Rochester.

From the East: Heading west on 490, exit Mt. Read Blvd. and turn left; south on Mt. Read to Buffalo Road circle, turn right, west on Buffalo Road, 1.4 miles, the Italian-American Sports Club is on the right side.

From the West: Heading east on 490, exit 33 east, Buffalo Road (Gates Center); head east on Buffalo Road; continue past Howard Road; the Italian-American Sports Club will be on the left side in about .5 mile.
Your business card could be here. Contact Chapter Treasurer, Alan Frisa (afrisa@rochester.rr.com), for details.
In Memory Donations

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

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

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

Vietnam Veterans of America
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P.O. Box 12580
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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**
http://www.va.gov/womenvet
Benefits Line 1-855-829-6636

**Dental Care**

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

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

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

**My HealthE Vet**
http://www.myhealth.va.gov

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- 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
- 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 Buffalo: 607-664-4000
- Vietnam Veterans of America National Office: 800-882-1316
- Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund: 202-393-0090
- National League of Families
- POW/MIA Updates: 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
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- VVA New York State Council: www.nyvietnammets.org

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