

VIETNAM VET "GAZETTE"

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April 2015



In Service to America

Up-Coming Meetings

BOD Meeting

2nd Wed of the Month
7:00 PM

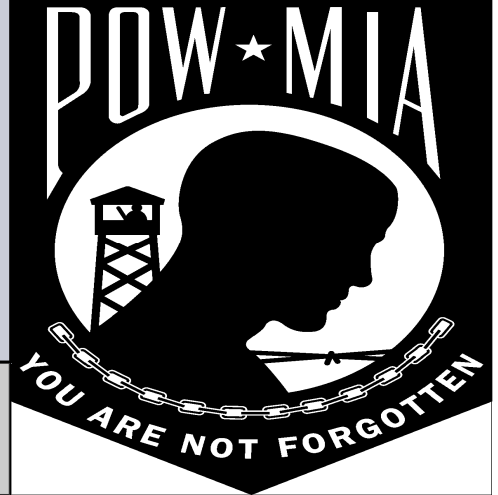
Regular Meeting

3rd Wed of Month
AVVA meet at 6:00 PM

VVA meet @ 7:00 PM

at the
ROCHESTER VFW

Be Sure To See
Important Dates to Remember
Upcoming Events— Page 17



KOKOMO VIETNAM VETERANS REUNION SEPTEMBER 16 - 20 2015 NOTICE TO ALL VVA 862 MEMBERS

AS WE HAVE DONE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS CHAPTER 862 WILL BE GOING TO KOKOMO, INDIANA TO ATTEND THE **33rd ANNUAL VIETNAM VETERANS REUNION**. WE CURRENTLY HAVE 40 ROOMS RESERVED UNTIL AUGUST 19, 2015. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING PLEASE EMAIL ME AT wlaugh@comcast.net AND INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER .

WE HAVE A MEMBER WHO VOLUNTEERED TO DRIVE A VAN, SO IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GOING IN THE VAN, PLEASE INCLUDE THAT IN YOUR EMAIL.

ROOM RATES AT THE MARRIOTT THIS YEAR WILL BE **\$119.00 PER NIGHT**.

ESTIMATED COST TO RIDE IN THE VAN IF THERE ARE 6-8 RIDERS WILL BE BETWEEN \$65.00 - \$80.00 PER PERSON.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE 13 ROOMS RESERVED FOR OUR MEMBERS **THEY ARE:**

SKIP HASKELL

STOKES (2) Rooms

JOHN MCPHERSON

TOM MCCORMACK (FRIDAY & SATURDAY)

AARON JOHNSON

LUKE PATRINO (2) Rooms

RON GARDNER

RICH RAICH

LAUGHNER, LAUGHNER, HASWELL

GOOGINS

CORFIELD

WILLIAM G. LAUGHNER

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(All 724 Area Codes unless noted)

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Need Volunteer

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Bart Farzati*.....777-2193

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Reuben Fuller*.....378-4990

**POW / MIA - Information taken from the
 DPAA & National League of POW/MIA Families**

With the ongoing POW/MIA reorganization, the new DPAA has reported the largest list of officially accounted for MIA's this month than ever before and has presented its new web site (www.dpaa.mil). There have been a few errors in its contents and the web functions but it is still being updated and hopefully will be a valuable tool to the families and the public on the fate of our missing Americans.

There are new reports from the **Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA)** and the **National League of Families** that 7 more missing Americans from the Vietnam War have been located, accounted for and returned to their families this month. Several of those named serve as examples of how remains repatriated many years ago can now be identified using contemporary science that was not available in earlier years. The total number of Americans still missing and unaccounted for from the Vietnam War stands unofficially at **1628**

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: Since the League Newsletter, November 24, 2014,

10 US personnel have been announced as accounted for; those most recently announced are:

Capt Richard D. Chorlins, USAF, MIA

LT Richard C. Clark, USNR, MIA, NVN

Col William E. Cooper, USAF, MIA

MSG James W. Holt, USA, MIA

CMSgt Edwin E. Morgan, USAF

SSG Warren E. Newton, USA

CW3 Larry Phipps, USA, MIA

SSG Bunyan D. Price, Jr., USA

CW3 Ranier S. Ramos, USA

LTJG Neil B. Taylor, USNR

POW News (cont on Page 3)

**VVA 862
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Bill Laughner*601-3597

Hospital Committee

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Woman Veterans

Michelle Wilcox... *847-3463

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Bart Farzati777-2193

Ken Pingatore876-0335

PTSD

Rich McCracken *266-4914

POW / MIA

Phil Morris* 643-5725

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AVVA 862 - Officers

President..Bobbie Morris...643-5725

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Carl Curtis.....869-0294

Sandy Giordano.....203-4569

AVVA Membership Chair

&

Parliamentarian

Veronica Grant.....462-3717

Chaplain

Barb Googins869-7090

POW News (cont from Page 2)

ONGOING POW/MIA REORGANIZATION: In response to growing concerns over direction, a Veteran Service Organization (VSO) and League letter was sent to former Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel on December 11, 2014, laying out very serious concerns over lost momentum and lack of confidence in the ongoing reorganization effort. The former Secretary again responded to our concerns, but it was not until January 9, 2015, that specific decisions were announced. While Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USDP) Christine Wormuth will continue to be the senior DoD official directly responsible, RADM Michael T. Franken, USN, was named Interim Director of the new Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) and former JPAC Commander Maj Gen Kelly K. McKeague, USAF, was named the Interim Deputy Director. In addition, and as promised, LTG Michael Linnington, USA, currently serving as Military Deputy to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, was named as special advisor to USDP Wormuth.

Chairman's Assessment: Secretary Hagel's personal involvement and commitment gave reason for cautious optimism that the reorganization he directed would prove to be beneficial. The outcome is now less certain; however, senior military officers were selected to restructure the various elements into one efficient, effective agency with higher priority and support. Clearly, former Secretary Hagel was determined to "get this right" and was not tolerant of excuses; however, initial implementation by the PACT, The Clearing and other inexperienced staff showed reluctance to build on strengths and look for ways to improve the existing process. While that may seem simple enough, educated insights from experienced, dedicated professionals were neither sought nor welcomed by the earlier transition team. We urged Under Secretary Wormuth to proceed thoughtfully, and she did, supported by Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (ASD/SOLIC) Michael Lumpkin and Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Community Outreach René Bardorf.

Now, the reorganization is in the hands of RADM Michael T. Franken, USN, for the initial six months. A permanent Director is due to be in place before the League's 46th Annual Meeting in June so, again, we wait and see.

Respectfully Submitted

Chairman POW/MIA

Philip Morris

(Special Thanks) to VVA Chapter 20 N.Y.)

Minutes from March 18th, 2015 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Exec. V P Pres Bill Laughner @ 7:00 PM **Attendance - (105)**

Veterans "Sick or In Distress" - Hank Labik,

Guests and/or Prospective New Members - Tom Simon, Wm Gressen II, Rich Pope, Dave Brailey

Roll Call of Officers - 13 - Present 0 - Absent 2 - Excused

Secretary's Report: Minutes: were accepted as printed in the recent Newsletter.

Communications: Lee read all the communications.

Website: Nothing to report.

Treasurer's Report: was read by Treasurer Larry Googins to be accepted as read, pending audit.

Motions made by the BOD that need voted on by Membership:

- (1) Motion was made by Dave Marchetti, 2nd by Luke Patrino to purchase a hole for the Ryan Reott Golf Outing at a cost of **\$100.00**. Motion Carried.
- (2) Motion was made by Dave Walker, 2nd by Frank Petz to donate **\$250.00** to the upcoming Alzheimer's Walk. Motion Carried.
- (3) Motion was made by Nick Vietz, 2nd by John Szatkiewicz to donate **\$100.00** to the "It's About The Warrior Foundation" to the Fund Raising Project for a Service Dog for a Retired Army Vet (Iraq) from the Butler area. Motion Carried.
- (4) Motion was made by Luther Burrows, 2nd by Steve Kisio to donate **\$100.00** towards the 1st Armed Forces Day Golf Outing. Motion Carried.
- (5) Motion was made by Dave Marchetti and 2nd by Nick Vietz to donate **\$100.00** to the Fund Raiser for the Beaver County Special Unit being held at the Monaca American Legion.

Committee Reports:

Honor Guard - Rich Raich, went over a list of recent funerals that our VVA 862 Honor Guard did.

Membership - Gary Shaffer reported that we have **704** - VVA members with **LIFE 500**. **There is about \$300.00 left in the membership drive.**

Scholarship - Lon Hogue stated that all paperwork has been mailed to all school districts. Waiting on essays.

Women Vets - Michelle spoke about a quilt that the Butler VA is working on.

Nominations - Will be coming up in March. We will be voting for 3 BOD members. Nominations will also be taken from the floor.

Maple Syrup Festival - Frank Petz gave all the details on festival.

Highway Clean up Last Saturday in April Rain Date will be 2nd Saturday in May which is the 9th.

AVVA - Bobbie Morris gave the report on what the AVVA is up to 141 with 54 Life Members. AVVA is going to waive the cost of their membership for a 3 year membership. VVA 862 was presented a \$4,000.00 check from the recent TET Party.

50/50 was \$229.00 and the winner was Lee Bundy who donated \$100.00 back to AVVA.

VVA 862 Minutes (cont from Page 4)

Good of the Order - Nick Veitz spoke about how he attended the Westmoreland TET Party. Mike Stovall spoke about a boat trip he took on the Colorado River. Chuck Inman spoke about have a few TET Party shirts left. Sandy Giordano spoke about needing any pictures you might have to give to her for the History of the chapter. She would like them at the next meeting next month if possible. Phil Morris talked about the upcoming 1st Armed Forces Golf Outing being held at Blackhawk Golf Course. Phil went over all the details. Luther Burrows announced about writing REFUSED on mail that you don't want and give it back. You do not have to keep it. Cliff Hawes spoke about the Ryan Reott Golf Outing and why he holds it. He is looking for help and Golfers Outing is June 12th. Linwood Alford & Alex Del a Cruz spoke about the Flag Boxes that was made by the Beaver County Labor Council. Jake Barsottini spoke about Veterans Claims and if you're having any problems please contact Senator Toomey's office.

We will be electing 3 BOD members to fill out-going members Rich Tindell, Gary Shaffer, Pete Herman

Upcoming Events: VVA 862 Blood Drive will be May 22nd. Bill Laughner spoke about the upcoming Kokomo Trip. Please email Bill if you want to go or come up and see him tonight.

Motion adjourned at 8:05 PM.

Closing Prayer - Don Villella

Respectfully Submitted
Lee Corfield - VVA 862 - Sec

FYI - For Your Information

Go to "Center at the Mall"
to Print your Newsletter!

For those of you who do not print out your newsletter, you may now go up to the "**Center at the Mall**" and Print out your newsletter for \$.15 for both sides. So If You have a 16 Page newsletter, that equals 8 pages, both sides = \$1.20. That is a very reasonable price to keep your newsletter. Stop up and ask them. They will be glad to help you.

CALLING ALL GOLFERS.

Just a first reminder that the [Ryan Reott Memorial Golf Outing](#) will be held at Rolling Acres Golf Course on [Friday June 12th](#). We are seeking golfers, prize donators, and hole sponsors for this charity event. We will also be making a special monetary presentation to VVA 862 to thank you for your support for the past six years. Come on out and have a great time for a great cause. Contact Cliff Hawes at [724-888-6272](tel:724-888-6272) or hawes131@comcast.net.

Next VVA 862 Meeting
April 15th - 7:00 P.M

FREE

WWII & KW Veteran's Bus Trip

to the

National Memorials

Date: Tuesday May 5, 2015

Call to Register
724-709-3614



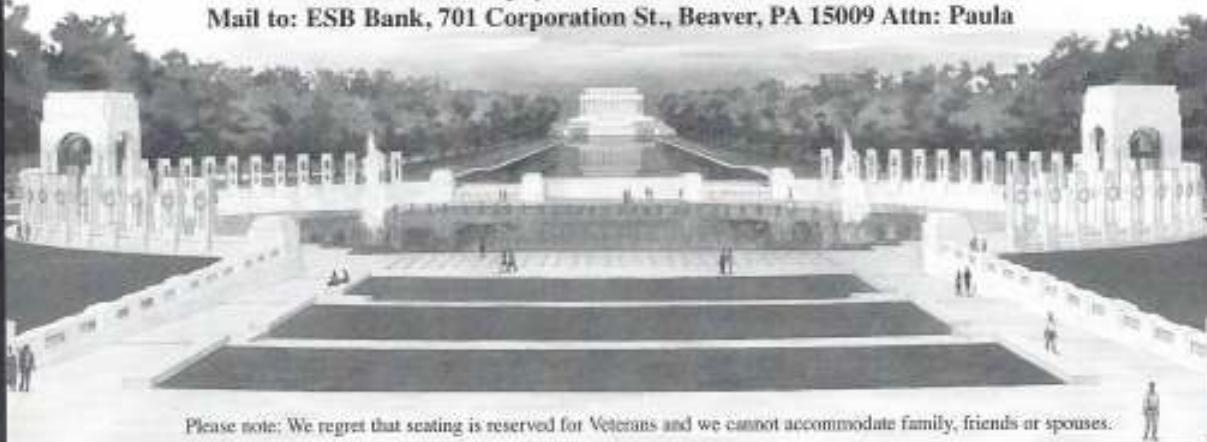
Buses leave 6:00 AM & return approx. 9:00 PM
 Boxed lunches, dinners & beverages are provided
 Wheelchairs available if requested
 Nurse and helpers on board



Departure Points: Ross Park • Monroeville • Greentree • Beaver

Since our first trip November 2006, almost 1600 WWII/KW Veterans, 34 bus loads, have had the opportunity to see our country's tribute to their sacrifice and service. We are gratefully accepting donations, which will enable us to continue to provide this trip free of charge to our veterans. Each busload costs approximately \$3000.00.

Please make checks payable to: WWII Memorial Vets Trip
Mail to: ESB Bank, 701 Corporation St., Beaver, PA 15009 Attn: Paula



Please note: We regret that seating is reserved for Veterans and we cannot accommodate family, friends or spouses.



The Sgt. Joshua J. Rimer Memorial Fund

January 5th, 2015

To Whom It May Concern:

Hello, my name is Shannon Fenton, sister of Sgt. Joshua James Rimer of the United States Army. On July 22nd, 2009, Joshua was killed in action in Zabul, Afghanistan. We are honoring his life and the lives of all who have fallen by supporting those who have served and are still serving today.

At this time, we are planning a Memorial Walk along with a Chinese Auction. We are asking for donations from various establishments to use in the Chinese Auction or to help with the cost of the memorial walk itself. The Sgt. Joshua J. Rimer Memorial Walk will be held on Saturday April 18th, 2015 at the Green Valley Park in New Sewickley Twp. from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

We will be giving donations to Battle Buddies, an organization which helps veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and The Yellow Ribbon Girls, a local organization who sends monthly care packages to troops serving outside the United States.

If you are able to help us in any way, it would be greatly appreciated. If so, you may contact me at sdr175@gmail.com or call me at (724) 462-9781.

We appreciate your time and THANK YOU in advance for any assistance that you can provide for our memorial walk.

Sincerely,

Shannon Fenton



Date:

April 18, 2015

Time:

Registration starts at 10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Memorial Walk

Location:

Green Valley Park, New Sewickley Twp.
184 Snyder Drive
Rochester, PA 15074

Pricing:

\$10 per person (includes t-shirt)
Registration deadline is March 15, 2015

\$15 per person after deadline
(includes t-shirt while supplies last)



*Chinese Auction
50/50 Raffle*

Food & Bake Sale

Entertainment

Proceeds from walk to benefit:

The Yellow Ribbon Girls (who ship care packages to soldiers overseas)
and Battle Buddies (who furnish counseling and service dogs for soldiers with PTSD)

To Register:

www.walkforjosh.com

Registration and Fundraising forms
are on the website.

Contact us at Shannon (Rimer) Fenton

Email: sdr175@gmail.com





Associates of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 862 March 18, 2015

A regular meeting of the AVVA Chapter 862 was called to order by President Bobbie Morris at 6:00 p.m. with a word of prayer by Chaplain Barb Googins, the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA.

All Officers and Board Members were present.

A motion by Sandy Giordano to accept the minutes of February 18, 2015 as drafted in the March newsletter, seconded by Rita Swesey. Motion carried.

Sue Bridgewater, Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report. Treasurer's report approved pending audit. Sue reported that an informal audit was done February 28, 2015 and the 990-N and the financial report were done as well.

Membership Chair Veronica Grant reported that our Chapter has 141 members and 54 are life members. Gold Star Mother Nancy Hoffman is a new member.

Vice President Marji Slawianowski reported that our next visit to Beaver Valley Nursing Center will be on Friday, April 17, 2015 at 2:30 pm. There are approximately 20 veterans residing at the Center.

Historian Sandy Giordano still needs photos for her scrap books. She would like to have them before the Spring Banquet so she can display them.

President Morris reminded everyone about the VISTA Program and encouraged members to fill out the forms and bring them to the meetings.

President Morris thanked everyone who volunteered for the TET party. The chair next year is Philip Morris and co-chair Barb Googins. A check in the amount of \$4,000.00 was presented to the VVA by AVVA from the ticket sale.

A total of \$375.00 was collected for the auction baskets at AVVA PA State Council for the "2015 Project Friendship" which is the Fischer House in Pittsburgh. Our chapter donated \$100.00. PA State Council AVVA raised \$1,000.00 for the "In Memory Plaque" last year.

Spring Banquet/Awards Dinner will be Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the VFW Post 128. Kathy Swazuk will be the guest speaker. Cost of the dinner is \$15.00 and must be paid when making reservations. Barb Googins and Donna Corfield are the chair and co-chair.

A new P&P was written by President Morris for the chapter to pay the dues of current and new Gold Star Mothers, Motion to accept the P&P was made by Sandy Giordano and seconded by Donna Corfield. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barb Googins and seconded by Judy Hage to make a donation of \$100.00 and sponsor a hole for \$25.00 for the 1st Annual VVA 862 golf outing to be held on May 16, 2015. Motion carried.

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A motion by Donna Corfield and seconded by Judy Hage to reimburse Sandy Giordano \$22.05 for Easter gifts for the veterans at the Beaver Valley Nursing Home. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm; the next meeting will be April 15, 2015 at 6:00 P.M. at the VFW Post 128 in Rochester, PA.

Submitted by,

Veronica Grant,
Secretary, Chapter 862

DRAFT UNTL APPROVED

VVA Spring Banquet - May 2nd 2015

**Reservations can be made at the upcoming April 15th VVA meeting.
Payment must be made with the Reservation. Cost = \$15.00**

You may also email Donna Corfield at n3ial@comcast.net or call **724-775-3027.**

**If you make a reservation by phone or email, Please mail your check to:
Donna Corfield
140 Knob Vue Drive
Freedom, Pa. 15042**

Please Note:

The views and opinions are solely that of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views and opinions or policies of the Vietnam Veterans of America, (National, State or Local).

All articles written by the editor unless otherwise stated.

Submissions will be gladly accepted by the editor

**Lee Corfield - Editor VVA 862 Beaver Co., Pa
140 Knob Vue Drive
Freedom, Pa. 15042**

We reserve the right to edit submissions as space allows.

Death Notices

Donald Erickson 81 of Center Twp, Pa. Passed away on March 19, 2015. He was the father in law of VVA 862 members Donna (George) Gillin, Bonnie (Rich) Gillin & Janice (John) Gural.

Robert Allen Feick 61 of Conway, Pa. passed away on Monday March 23rd. Bob was a LIFE member of VVA 862 and served with the US Navy while in Vietnam

Dolliver W. Pierce 96 of Baden, Pa. passed away on Saturday April 4th. Dolliver was the Gold Star Father of Larry Wendell Pierce who was killed in Vietnam on December 24th, 1967. Larry's name is listed as one of the 73 from Beaver County on our Memorial in Beaver.

May They Rest in Peace!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

April

Rich Bombich.....	Apr 1
Wm Gresson II.....	Apr 1
Howard Gillin.....	Apr 2
Bob Mizwa.....	Apr 3
Ray Becker.....	Apr 4
Gary Daugherty.....	Apr 4
Douglas Helms.....	Apr 4
Nancy Mallinder.....	Apr 4
Bruce Sasser.....	Apr 4
Kathy Smart.....	Apr 4
Harry Hughes.....	Apr 4
William Buchanan.....	Apr 5
Tom Kuhlman.....	Apr 5
Charles Juillerat.....	Apr 6
Robert Toth.....	Apr 6
Jean Lemieux.....	Apr 7
John Uhernik.....	Apr 7
Henry Labik.....	Apr 8
Wesley Field.....	Apr 9
Larry Googins.....	Apr 9
Wayne Dobos.....	Apr 10
David Metheny.....	Apr 10
Sean Corfield.....	Apr 11
Frank Gottlieb.....	Apr 12
Bob Frey.....	Apr 12
Bob Grant.....	Apr 12
Ron Heitzenrater.....	Apr 12
Eddie Marx.....	Apr 12
Jim Milnes.....	Apr 12
James Shaffer.....	Apr 12
Joe Gallagher.....	Apr 13
Clyde Barr.....	Apr 14
Harry Suttelle.....	Apr 14
Richard Bell.....	Apr 15
Mellies Stettler III.....	Apr 15

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

April

Bill Tomko.....	Apr 15
Joe Tucci Jr.....	Apr 15
Gary Bischoff.....	Apr 16
Bill Wise.....	Apr 16
Al Whitehill.....	Apr 17
Rich Cribbs.....	Apr 18
Roy Bartlett.....	Apr 19
Harvey Flinchum.....	Apr 19
Glenn McDonald.....	Apr 19
Dale Wissner.....	Apr 19
Rich Barrett.....	Apr 20
George Hutman.....	Apr 20
Rich Warrick.....	Apr 20
Don Wolfe.....	Apr 20
Martin Beichner Jr.....	Apr 21
Rich Pegg.....	Apr 21
Jim Murray.....	Apr 22
Jim Allingham.....	Apr 24
Jim Brison.....	Apr 24
“Bud” Craver.....	Apr 24
John Gural.....	Apr 25
Janet George.....	Apr 25
Don King.....	Apr 26
Jim Murray.....	Apr 26
Ken Palmer.....	Apr 26
Don Bucciere.....	Apr 27
Frank Guttuso.....	Apr 27
Richard Bennett.....	Apr 28
Bob Kirker.....	Apr 28
Dennis List.....	Apr 29
Ken Magestro.....	Apr 29
Bruce Maratta.....	Apr 29
Jacob Barsottini.....	Apr 30
Linda Pavkovich.....	Apr 30

Lee’s Tid Bits:

FYI - Cranberry VA Clinic is looking for Volunteers. Right now it looks like Wednesday and Fridays are open in the mornings. They could always use help in the afternoons too. You would have to take a course up at the Butler VA and get an ID Card. The course is a must as you have to learn the Privacy Rights. It really does not take that long. They have to check and make sure you don’t have any kind of previous record. 1st they do Fingerprints, then after a couple weeks they call you back and Take your Picture. While you run down to the Café and get a bite to eat, by the time you come back up, Your card should be ready. If anyone has any questions you may contact as I have been there every Tuesday morning from 8:00 to 12:00 since it opened. In fact, I sang the National Anthem for the Opening Ceremony.

You may also contact the Cranberry VA Administrator **Rachel Harrington** by calling **724-741-3131**

Lee

Veterans Court

Larry Googins is one of the Mentors and is very familiar with what is going on with the Beaver County Veterans Court and how it works.

**These cases are handled by
Judge Kim Tesla.**

“We need more Mentors”
to assist with these cases.

If you are interested in
becoming a Mentor,

Please contact Larry Googins
724-869-7090

BOD - Elections coming up!

Outgoing BOD members this year are Rich Tindell, Gary Shaffer & Pete Herman are finishing up their terms.

We will be looking for good people to take their place

If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors, have someone nominate you to have your name on the ballot.



Ryan Reott Memorial Golf Outing

Proceeds go to the Jack Ryan Education Fund



Friday, June 12, 2015
Rolling Acres Golf Course
350 Achortown Rd., Beaver Falls, PA 15010

Registration: 8:00 am
Tee Time: 9:00 am

\$340 per Foursome • \$85 per Individual

Contact Cliff Hawes

Home: 724-728-5065 • Cell: 724-888-6272 • Email: hawes131@comcast.net



First Annual Armed Forces Golf Outing Benefitting our local veterans

Proceeds will be distributed by local Vietnam Veterans Chapter #862

Sat. May 16th (Armed Forces Day)

8:00 am Shotgun Scramble

Entry Fee: \$75.00/player (\$80.00 after May 1st)

Includes golf, prizes, meal, and refreshments

*\$5.00 of every green fee goes directly to benefit VVA local #862

For \$25.00 you can be a Sponsor on our Banner Tee Sign

Name _____ Email _____

Bringing together both civilian and military golfers in an event that thanks our
Armed Forces for all their hard work and sacrifice

List Players below and remit payment to:

Black Hawk Golf Course 644 Blackhawk Rd. Beaver Falls, PA 15010

TeamCapt _____ email _____ Phone _____

Player 2 _____ Player 3 _____ Player 4 _____

For Additional Information contact Black Hawk Golf Shop 724-843-5512

www.blackhawkgolfcourse.com



VVA CHAPTER 862 IS ACCEPTING ORDERS for memorial walkway bricks to be placed at the Vietnam Memorial in Beaver. You may honor Veterans of the armed services, loved ones and friends (*both living and deceased*) with an "In Memory of" brick. You may also want to honor your American Legion post, your Veterans of Foreign Wars post and/or all Veterans Service Organizations. Orders are accepted year round, with placement every spring and fall. Engraving is donated by Rome Monument in honor of county veterans.

Mail completed forms to:
William Laughner
119 Jonathan Drive
Darlington, PA 16115

Brick Walkway Order Form

Please PRINT all information clearly in BLUE or BLACK ink only.

Donor Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

contact telephone number: _____

2 Sizes Available (*check one*) Checks payable to: **VVA CHAPTER 862**

8" x 4" **\$75**
 3 lines,
 13 characters*

8" x 8" **\$200**
 6 lines,
 13 characters*

* includes punctuation and spaces

VVA 862 GOLF SEASON

2014 GOLF SEASON HAS BEGUN

MONDAY Apr 13th - 3:30 - STONECREST GOLF COURSE
THURSDAY Apr 16th 3:30 - FOX RUN GOLF COURSE

COME AND JOIN US
IN THIS
FUN GOLF LEAGUE

Contact - Don Vilella 724-843-7401 or Cliff Hawes 724-728-5065



Vietnam Veterans of America

IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 23, 2015

No. 15-1

VA Continues to Deny Justice To C-123 Crews Exposed to Dioxin

(Washington, D.C.)— “It is an outrage that the VA, in effect, is continuing to deny these veterans justice,” said John Rowan, National President of Vietnam Veterans of America. “These VA bureaucrats attempting to delay justice ought to be relieved of their duties so that they can no longer abuse veterans with their tactic of ‘delay, deny, until they die.’ There is no excuse for why these worthy veterans are still not being treated with the appreciation and the respect their service warrants.” Rowan praised Wes Carter, the leader of the C-123 Veterans Association, for his spunk and spirit: “You’ve got to keep on keeping on,” Rowan urged, “and VVA will be at your side to convince the VA hierarchy that to continue to delay justice is to deny justice.”

For over five years, retired Air Force Reserve Major Wes Carter has led the fight of his life: to get the Department of Veterans Affairs to acknowledge that the C-123 Provider military cargo planes which transported Agent Orange to and from Vietnam had, in fact, been contaminated with dioxin. A number of reputable scientists and epidemiologists at federal agencies have gone on record, endorsing Carter’s stance that these craft remained hazardous to the health of the 2,100 crew members, flight nurses, and maintenance workers who serviced them between 1972 and 1982. “Yet the VA, in all its wisdom, maintained that these men and women who had been exposed to Agent Orange ought not be eligible to receive the same healthcare and disability compensation benefits that boots-on-the-ground veterans of Vietnam receive,” Rowan noted.

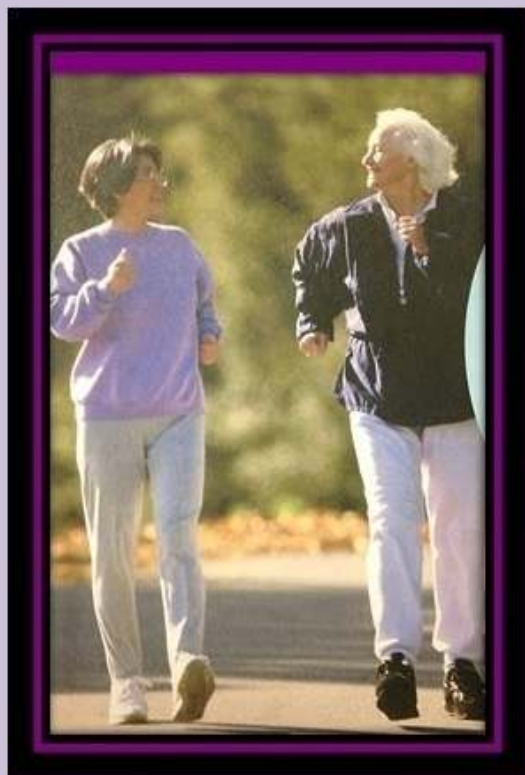
“VVA has long supported Major Carter in his quest for justice,” Rowan said. “When the Institute of Medicine (IOM) concluded, in a study funded by the VA, that the planes were actively contaminated when Air Force Reservists flew them, we were as pleased as Wes Carter, who exulted, ‘We won!’ The IOM report was released in January 2015, yet Major Carter and those who have been sickened with maladies the VA concedes are associated with exposure to Agent Orange have still not received the justice they deserve. Why? Because a few bad actors in the office of Public Health & Environmental Hazards at the VA continue their attempts to delay justice despite the conclusive report by the IOM.

**C-123 Veteran
Agent Orange Exposure
1972 - 1982**



*Beaver County Office on Aging in partnership
with State Senator Elder Vogel Jr. presents:*

“HEALTHY STEPS”



Tuesday April 14:

Center at the Mall, Beaver Valley
Mall, (724) 774 - 5654

Friday April 17:

New Brighton Circle of Friends
(724) 846 - 1959

Friday May 1:

Baden Circle of Friends
(724) 869 - 4224

* 8:30 am - 1:30 pm *

Ages 55 & Better!

- **Practical advice on how to prevent falls & related injuries**
- **All participants will receive a fall screening & evaluation**
- **Movement & staying active**
- **Making your home safer**
- **Managing your medications**
- **Tips on how to talk with your doctor**
- **Proper foot care and foot wear**
- **What to do if you fall**
- **Information about fitness programs in Beaver County**
- **Good nutrition & helping with depression, stress, & more**

**+ Information on state services available through Senator
Elder Vogel Jr's office!**

Program provided at no charge. Includes continental breakfast compliments of Sen. Vogel.
Lunch provided compliments of Beaver County Office of Aging. Door prizes!
MUST BE PRESENT AT TIME OF DRAWING TO WIN

"TOGETHER THEN"

Calendar of Events for 2015

"TOGETHER NOW"

April

Apr 8 VVA 862 BOD Meeting -7:00 PM Rochester VFW
 Apr 10 VVA 862 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW
 Apr 13 Golf League Begins @ Stonecrest @ 3:30 PM
 Apr 15 **Veterans Breakfast Club - Robert Morris 8:30 AM**
 Apr 15 AVVA 962 Meeting - 6:00 PM Rochester VFW
 VVA 862 Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Apr 16 Golf League Begins @ Fox Run @ 5:30 PM
 Apr 25 Highway Clean up - Rt 18 Meet @ 9:00 AM (Rink)

May

May 2 VVA 862 Banquet - Rochester VFW
 May 2 Rain date for Highway Clean Up
 May 5 WWII Bus Trip Contact Jerry Fisher 724-728-9370
 May 7 Vietnam Veterans Day in Pa
 May 8 VVA 862 Honor Guard Pract 6:00 PM Midland VFW Park
 May 13 VVA 862 BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM Rochester VFW
 May 16 1st Armed Forces Day Golf Outing—Blackhawk GC
 May 20 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM Rochester VFW
 VVA 862 Meeting - 7:00 PM
 May 21 Flags on Graves - Sylvania Hills
 May 25 **Memorial Day - Parade - Beaver**

June

June 11 VVA 862 BOD Meeting -7:00 PM Rochester VFW
 June 12 VVA 862 Honor Guard Pract 6:00 PM Midland VFW Park
 June 14 US Army Birthday 1775
 June 15 "Father's Day"
 June 14 "Support the Troops Rally @ 5:00 PM Beaver
 June 17 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM Rochester VFW
 VVA 862 Meeting - 7:00 PM
 June 27 - 28 PASC Meeting - State College @ Ramada

July

July 4 4th of July Parade - Midland, Pa.
 July 8 VVA 862 BOD Meeting -7:00 PM Rochester VFW
 July 10 VVA 862 Honor Guard Pract 6:00 PM Midland VFW Park
 July 15 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM Rochester VFW
 VVA 862 Meeting - 7:00 PM
 July 21 - 25 VVA Nat Convention - Springfield Il.

"Next Nearest"

VETERANS BREAKFAST CLUB

Wed April 15th - 8:30 AM

Robert Morris (Sewall Center) - \$10.00

Event is FREE without Breakfast

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You must RSVP for all Breakfasts

412-623-9029

or

todd@veteransbreakfastclub.com

August

Aug 4 U S Coast Guard Birthday
 Aug 12 VVA BOD Meeting 5:00 PM VVA 862 Meeting 7:00 PM
 Aug 14 VVA 862 Honor Guard Pract 6:00 PM Midland VFW Park
 Aug 14 - 16 Beaver River Regatta (Opening Ceremony 6:00 PM)
 Aug 19 VVA 862 Picnic - Industry Park
 Aug 25 - 29 "Hookstown Fair" VVA Booth
 Aug 29 VVA 862 "Duck Race" @ Fair 6:00 PM

Sept

Sept 5 5th Annual Blaine Allinder "Golf Outing"
 Sept 9 VVA 862 BOD Meeting - 5:00 PM - VVA Meet 7:00 PM
 Sept 11 VVA 862 Honor Guard Pract 6:00 PM Midland VFW Park
 Sept 12 POW / MIA Ride Registration Starts @ 1:00 PM
 Leaves Rochester VFW 4:00 PM
 Sept 16 - 19 33rd Vietnam Vets Reunion - Kokomo In.
 Sept 18 US Air Force Birthday - 1947
 Sept 27 "Gold Star Mothers" Day

Oct

Oct 3 Highway Clean-Up - Rt 18 9:00 AM (Rink)
 Oct 8 WWII Bus Trip Contact Jerry Fisher 724-709-3614
 Oct 9 VVA 862 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW
 Oct 10 Rain date for Highway Clean Up
 Oct 13 U S Navy Birthday
 Oct 14 VVA 862 BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM Rochester VFW
 Oct 21 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM Rochester VFW
 VVA 862 Meeting -7:00 PM
 Oct 24 - 25 PASC Meeting State College - Ramada

November

Nov 1 Daylight Savings - Ends"
 Nov 3 Election Day "Be Sure to Vote"
 Nov 10 US Marines Birthday
 Nov 11 **Veterans Day—Parade - Beaver**
 Nov 12 VVA 862 BOD Meeting -7:00 PM Rochester VFW
 Nov 13 VVA 862 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW
 Nov 18 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM
 VVA 862 Meeting -7:00 PM
 Nov 25 "Happy Thanksgiving

December

Dec 7 "Pearl Harbor Day" 74 years
 Dec 10 VVA 862 BOD Meeting Rochester VFW 7 PM
 Dec 11 VVA 862 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW
 Dec 12 "Wreaths Across America - Gazebo Beaver
 Dec 16 VVA 862 Meeting - 7:00 PM / Party afterwards
 Dec 25 "Merry Christmas"
 Dec 31 "New Year's Eve"

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN TO ANY VETERAN WHO SERVED ANYWHERE DURING THE VIETNAM WAR ERA

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Birthday ___/___/___

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

____ I served in the US military (for other than training purposes) between 8/5/64 & 5/7/75

Or

____ I served in the US military in Vietnam between 2/28/61 and 5/7/75

____ DD-214 enclosed (Applications without DD-214 will be processed as Associate Memberships)

____ Renewal Membership Card # _____ New Member: _____

____ I wish to join the (AVVA) - Associates of the Vietnam Veterans of America \$20.00 P/Year

Type:

- ____ **1 Year Individual Member-** \$20.00 ____ **3 Year-** \$50.00
- ____ **Life Member Optional Time Payment \$50 down/ \$25/mth**
- ____ **\$250.00 (Ages 49 and under)**
- ____ **\$225.00 (Ages 50-55)**
- ____ **\$200.00 (Ages 56-60)**
- ____ **\$175.00 (Ages 61-65)**
- ____ **\$150.00 (Ages 66 +)**



Return this form to:

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709 OHIO AVE
MIDLAND, PA 15059

