

VIETNAM VET "GAZETTE"

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In Service to America

Up-Coming Meetings

BOD Meeting

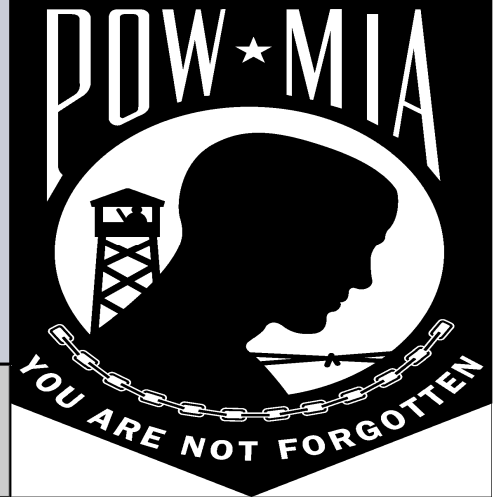
2nd Wed of the Month
7:00 PM

3rd Wed of the month
AVVA - Meets 6:00 PM

Regular Meeting

7:00 PM
at the
ROCHESTER VFW

Be Sure To See
Important Dates to Remember
Upcoming Events— Page 15



VVA/AVVA ANNUAL SPRING BANQUET

Saturday, May 3, 2014

Rochester VFW Banquet Hall

6:00 PM to 7:00 PM - Happy Hour

7:00 PM to 8:15 PM - Dinner

8:15 PM - Program

Sign up at the VVA/AVVA Meeting

Wed. April 16

Cost \$15.00 Per Person when you Sign Up.

RSVP to Donna Corfield **ASAP** at 724-775-3027

All members, family & friends invited

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(All 724 Area Codes unless noted)

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POW - Update as of
Information taken from the
National League of POW/MIA Families

UPDATE: March 20, 2014

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: There are **1,642** personnel listed by the Department of Defense (DoD) as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, a number that had not changed since October of last year until this month. Very recently, the name of **Captain Douglas Ferguson, USAF**, listed as MIA in Laos on December 30, 1969, was released. Captain Ferguson's remains were recovered April 13, 2013, and identified February 14, 2014. The number of Americans announced by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now **941**. Another 63 US personnel, recovered by the US and ID'd before the end of the war, bring the official total of US personnel accounted for from the Vietnam War to 1,004. Of the 1,642 unaccounted-for personnel, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,275 (VN-469, VS-806); Laos-307; Cambodia-53; PRC territorial waters-7; over-water losses on DoD's list of No Further Pursuit cases number well over 600.

LAOS & US HOLD POW/MIA CONSULTATIONS: On February 28th, JPAC Commander Major General Kelly McKeague, USAF, led a US delegation for talks in Vientiane. Discussions reportedly were very positive and affirmed the significant maturity that has evolved over decades, with real exchanges and dialogue, rather than the relatively stiff, formal presentations of old. In reality, less formal discussions have been ongoing at higher levels for many years, but due to complex technical questions and specific arrangements required for field operations, greater formality had continued at the technical level. General McKeague and his staff, as well as Lao Ambassador Southam and his staff, are to be commended for bringing this constructive dialogue into a more suitable, cordial atmosphere, in keeping with the broader bilateral relationship that exists today.

Laos: With budget agreement reached, JPAC conducted a Joint Field Activity (JFA) in Laos January 14th to February 17th. Three Recovery Teams (RTs) conducted operations and one Investigation Team (IT), augmented by the DIA Stony Beach specialist, conducted several investigations. A longer JFA in Laos began March 4th and is expected to conclude April 14th, though only one RT and one IT are taking place. It also appears that the next JFA in Laos will be comprised of only one RT and one IT, though possibly two RTs. If these reductions hold, it means an unsatisfactory, dramatic reduction in the scope of Vietnam War accounting operations.

POW News (cont on Page 3)

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&**

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Barb Googins869-7090

POW Update (cont from Page 2)

Cambodia: Operations in Cambodia by one RT and one Underwater Recovery Team (URT), postponed twice in 2013, have been ongoing since January 28th and are expected to conclude on April 2nd. Since the Stony Beach specialist is permanently in-country and conducts investigations whenever needed, there are no ITs scheduled in conjunction with the JFA.

Vietnam: Four RTs began conducting operations in Vietnam on February 28th and expect to conclude on March 27th. Two ITs also deployed on this JFA, plus the RIT (Research Investigation Team) and a Field Forensic Review (FFR).

League Chairman of the Board Comment: Secretary Hagel's welcome action gives a short-term deadline to the senior official he selected to lead the POW/MIA accounting community reorganization effort – recently confirmed Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations and Low Intensity Conflict (ASD/SOLIC) Michael Lumpkin, retired Naval officer and former SEAL Team Commander. Assistant Secretary Lumpkin, also serving as Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD-P), must provide his recommendations to Secretary Hagel by the end of March. Secretary Lumpkin held an in-process review of where things stand with major national veteran organizations and the League as follow-up to the teleconference briefing he provided prior to Secretary Hagel's announced directive. The League looks forward to actions that will finally correct systemic dysfunction.

As previously reported, Chairman of the Board Ann Mills-Griffiths met on December 4th with the Secretary of Defense to discuss the way ahead for the entire accounting community. Recognizing the growing negative impact on Vietnam War accounting caused by the US bureaucracy's internal dysfunction and the bias of some in pursuing accounting objectives, the League leadership determined the need to develop a cohesive structure to reorganize the entire effort. Critical August 1st hearings in the House and Senate reinforced the urgency of moving quickly. The usual outcome of such hearings, held by lawmakers frustrated in seeking answers, is to require investigations and assessments; however, they are too often limited in scope and based on pursuing answers to unverified, misleading accusations from biased, relatively uninformed individuals.

Rather than awaiting results from further internal investigations and assessments, and based on decades of experience dealing with successive organizations and administrations, Mills-Griffiths quietly sought input from selected former and current US officials who are firmly committed to the mission. The task for the League of generating a reorganization proposal was made more critical by negative media focused almost solely and, in many instances, unfairly on the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command (JPAC). The Secretary pledged to carefully review the League's background memo and proposed reorganization plan and respond.

The challenges are complex and so will be the solutions based on recommendations and resulting decisions. Many factors led to Secretary Hagel's February 20th Directive and, hopefully, he found helpful and instructive the League's background memo and reorganization plan provided on December 4th. There undoubtedly were also many other inputs to Secretary Hagel from individuals, organizations and Congress, but few have the League's four decades of experience, knowledge and consistent dedication to the accounting mission. In reality, the League has the greatest direct investment in Secretary Lumpkin's recommendations and Secretary Hagel's resulting decisions, but many thousands will be affected by the ultimate outcome, including those serving our Nation today.

Phil Morris - VVA 862 POW Committee Chair

Minutes from March 19, 2014 Meeting

Meeting called to order by Exec Vice Pres Bill Laughner @ 7:00 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and an Opening Prayer by Chaplain Don Villella. Attendance was “ 115 ”

Veterans “Sick or In Distress” - Tom Robes

Guests and/or Prospective Members - Tony Spataro, Ken Hughes, Gary Bishoff, George Wick, Mrs. Georgiann “Squirrel” Robes gave us a report on Tom.. She Thanked everyone who sent cards & prayers.

Roll Call of Officers - 12 - Present 0 - Absent 3 - Excused

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

Communications - were read by Secretary

Treasurer’s Report: was read by Treasurer Larry Googins to be accepted as read, pending audit. Larry spoke a about a Air Force Iraq Vet in Ambridge that needs help.

Following Nominations were taken from the floor.

(A) Motion was made by Tee Patillo and 2nd by Dennis Thompson to pay the \$775.00 to help the Veteran in Ambridge. Motion Carried. At this time, Bill Laughner explained about Skip receiving a call from a wife of one of our deceased Vietnam Veterans who had no heat. Bill was \$640.00 to deliver Fuel for this lady. (B) Motion was made by Rich Orsen and 2nd by Dave Marchetti. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports:

Motions that need approved by the body:

- 1) Motion was made by Frank Petz 2nd by Wally Chevront that we renew the dues for Skip Haswell & Phil Morris at \$25.00 each and a \$50.00 donation totaling \$100.00. Motion Carried.
- 2) Motion was made by Joe Gallagher 2nd by Michelle Wilcox that we be a sponsor for the upcoming Alzheimer’s Walk at a cost of \$250.00. Motion Carried.
- 3) Motion was made by Rich Orsen 2nd by Dave Marchetti to pay the credit card bill for the oil this time. Also the Invoice needs to be given to the Treasurer. Motion Carried.
- 4) Motion was made by Nick Pavkovich 2nd by Hank Labic that VVA 862 march in the Beaver Memorial Day Parade. Motion Carried.
- 5) Motion was made by Dennis Thompson 2nd by Dave Walker to buy 20 Duck Tickets from Chapter 948 St Mary’s, Pa. Cost was \$100.00. Motion Carried

Scholarship - Chairman Lon Hogue said all applications have been sent out to all the schools. Lon explained to all how the Scholarship program works . It will be for 2 (TWO) \$1,000.00 Scholarships

Elections - Lon Hogue stated that the Elections will be coming up in April. He went over all the nominations he has at this time. This is the 2nd reading.

Membership - Gary Shaffer - as of today VVA 632 Life - 444

Women’s Veterans - Michelle Wilcox- spoke about the upcoming Women’s Symposium June 6 - 8th being held at the Wyndham Grand Hotel in Pittsburgh.

Agent Orange - Mike Coligure will be starting up his Agent Orange Outreach events now that winter is over.

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Homeless - Bill Porupsky - Great need for Homeless Shelters. We need to find a place where we can put them. If you know someone who needs help that is homeless, have them contact Bill. Porupsky @ 724-495-7051

Maple Syrup Festival - Rich Kamzelski mentioned that it will be the 1st weekend in April at Brady's Run Park which will be April 5th & 6th 2014. Time is 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Rich invited everyone to come down and visit our booth. Maybe you'll recognize someone going by in line to the Pancakes.

AVVA - Bobbie Morris - **AVVA-132 LIFE - 49** AVVA donated \$1,000 to the Veterans Bridge Memorial. AVVA will be doing raffle tickets for the Wall That Heals. Tickets will be available at the next meeting on March 19th. Bobbie spoke about the recent visit to the Beaver Valley Nursing home. AVVA Elections will also be April 16th. They have candy bars for sale tonight. \$1.50 from Sarris Candies. Winner of 50-50 was Jack Jamison.

Old Business - (a) Air Force Trip is coming up. Weekend of June 6th & 7th 2014. The deadline is May 7th. Get your reservations in soon. (b) Larry Googins spoke about the Veterans Bridge Memorial on the Veterans Bridge. He explained that we need more businesses that would like to contribute to this memorial. If you know of any people that have large businesses, We need more help. We are looking for Corporate Sponsors. Please have them contact Jerry Fisher or Larry Googins ASAP. **Please Note:** None of this money for this Memorial has come from any government money or any government funds. This has been all private organizations or personal donations.

New Business - (a) We will be doing a memorial for Joe Russell in the future. (b) Bill Porupsky suggested we tell people about there US Flags being torn or tattered. Joe Mavero said the Rochester VFW, will have a Flag Retirement Ceremony on June 14th here at the VFW in the morning. The Rochester VFW will also be putting Flags on the Graves at Sylvania Hills Cemetery on May 22nd (4:30 PM) and would like our help like we do every year. Bill Laughner went over the dates of upcoming events.

Good of the Order - Bill spoke about the Veterans Breakfast coming up on March 26th at Seven Oaks Country Club. 8:30 AM Cost is \$10.00. Nick Pavkovich has brought in some items from back in the beginning that you may want to look at. He suggested we try to get some of the older vets out of the hospitals, put blankets on them if needed, and bring them to the dedication of the Veterans Bridge. Barb Googins said they are now talking reservations for the Spring Banquet. RSVP Donna Corfield if you want to go..

Closing Prayer by Don Villella

Motion to adjourn at 8:15PM **Next Meeting will be April 16th**

Respectfully Submitted (Draft Copy)
Lee Corfield - VVA 862 Secretary

Veterans Important Partners Support

VIPS Meetings are held:
Time: 7:00 PM till 8:30 PM
When: Last Thursday of the Month
Where: Kings—Center Twp - Meeting Room

For More Information Call: Connie 412-671-2475 for
any recent changes.

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READ ALL THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM! LOTS OF GOOD INFO HERE!

Costco sells Goodyear wiper blades for almost half the price that you will pay on the outside and they are made in the U.S.A. Read and do the following.. Unfortunately our politicians and top CEO's (GE etc) have pushed for trade to China and Mexico for years so Americans are now out of work.

Did You Know that there is no electric coffee maker made in the US and that the only kitchen appliances made in the US is Viking?

I DIDN'T KNOW HALLMARK CARDS WERE MADE IN CHINA ! That is also why I don't buy cards at Hallmark anymore, They are Made in China and are more expensive! I buy them at Dollar Tree - 50 cents each and made in USA I have been looking at the blenders available on the Internet. Kitchen Aid is MADE IN The US . Top of my list already... Yesterday I was in Wal Mart looking for a wastebasket. I found some made in China for \$6.99. I didn't want to pay that much so I asked the lady if they had any others. She took me to another department and they had some at \$2.50 made in USA . They are just as good. Same as a kitchen rug I needed. I had to look, but I found some made in the USA - what a concept! - and they were \$3.00 cheaper. We are being brainwashed to believe that everything that comes from China and Mexico is cheaper. Not so. I was in Lowe's the other day and just out of curiosity, I looked at the hose attachments. They were all made in China . The next day I was In Ace Hardware and just for the heck of it I checked the hose attachments there. They were made in USA ..

Start looking, people . . . In our current economic situation, every little thing we buy or do affects someone else - most often, their job. My grandson likes Hershey's candy. I noticed, though, that it is Now Marked"made in Mexico ." My favorite toothpaste Colgate is made in Mexico .. now I have switched to Crest. You have to read the labels on everything.

This past weekend I was at Kroger . . . I needed 60W light bulbs and Bounce dryersheets I was in the light bulb aisle, and right next to the GE brand I Normally buy -- was an off-brand labeled, "Everyday Value." I picked up both types of bulbs and compared them: they were the same except for the price . . . the GE bulbs cost more than the Everyday Value Brand, but the thing that surprised me the most was the GE was Made in MEXICO and the Everyday Value brand was made in - you guessed it, the USA at a company in Cleveland , Ohio .

It's way past time to start finding and buying products you use Every Day that are made right here. So, on to the next Aisle: Bounce Dryer Sheets... Yep, you guessed it, Bounce cost more money and is made in Canada. The Everyday Value Brand cost Less, and was MADE IN THE USA ! I did laundry yesterday AND the dryer sheets performed just like the Bounce Free I have been using for years, at almost half the price.

MY CHALLENGE TO YOU IS to start reading the labels when you shop for everyday things and see what you can find that is made in the USA . The job you save may be your own or your neighbor's! If you accept the challenge, pass this on to OTHERS in your Address Book so we can ALL start buying American, one light bulb at a time! Stop buying from overseas companies - you're sending the jobs there. (We should have awakened a decade ago...)

Let's get with the program and help our fellow Americans keep their jobs and create more jobs here in the USA .

Thanks to VVA 862 LIFE Member Ron Heitzenrater for this article.

At the root of every grey hair, there is a dead brain cell.

Someone had to remind me, So I'm reminding you, too. Don't laugh....

**It is all true! Perks of reaching 50,
Or being over 60 And heading towards 70 or beyond!**

1. Kidnappers are not very Interested in you.
2. In a hostage situation, You are likely to be released first.
3. No one expects you to run -- Anywhere.
4. People call at 9 PM (or 9 AM) and ask, 'Did I wake you?'
5. People no longer view you as a Hypochondriac.
6. There is nothing left To learn the hard way.
7. Things you buy now Won't wear out.
8. You can eat Supper at 4 PM.
9. You can live without sex, But not your glasses.
10. You get into heated arguments About pension plans.
11. You no longer think of speed limits As a challenge.
12. You quit trying to hold Your stomach in no matter who walks Into the room.
13. You sing along With elevator music.
14. Your eyes won't get Much worse.
15. Your investment in health insurance Is finally beginning to pay off.
16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists Than the national weather service.
17. Your secrets are safe with your friends Because they can't remember them either.
18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to A manageable size.
19. You can't remember Who sent you this list.

***AND THE MOST IMPORTANT
THING:***

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER,

***Under any circumstances, Take
a sleeping pill, and a laxative
on the same night!***

Death Notices

Joseph Russell 69 of Industry, Pa. Joe died on Mar 6th, 2014. Joe served with the USMC in Vietnam

Roberta L DeMacio - 62 of Economy, Pa Roberta was the wife of VVA 862 member Don DeMacio.

Ann Karas - 90 of Hopewell, Pa. Ann was the mother of VVA 862 member Bill Karas.

Robert P. Namath Sr. 79 of Monaca, Pa. Bob was the brother of VVA 862 Chapter LIFE member John "Chief" Namath.

Debra A. Ondo - 65 Kittaning, Pa. Debra was the wife of VVA 862 LIFE Member Tom Ondo.

May They Rest In Peace

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

April

Rich Bombich.....	Apr 1
Linda Neely.....	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
Joe Gallagher.....	Apr 13
Clyde Barr.....	Apr 14

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

April

Harry Suttelle.....	Apr 14
Bill Tomko.....	Apr 15
Joe Tucci Jr.....	Apr 15
Gary Bischoff.....	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 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
Frank Guttuso.....	Apr 27
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

U S Air Force Museum Trip

All the information is on Page 10. We still have time to add more. Call and reserve your rooms for that weekend.

Don’t Delay - Do It Today!

DEADLINE DATE MAY 7th, 2014.

Newsletters

We have a few people commenting on not receiving their newsletters in the mail. That tells me you’re not reading them in the first place. We advised everyone in the November and December (Front Page) issues that starting January 2014. We were going “**All Electronic**” We explained that we are spending over \$12,000 per year for Postage and Printing. That amount could be going to our own Wounded Warriors in our area. **Go to your local library and use their computer. Ask them to print it out for you. It’s that easy!**

Maple Syrup Festival

Brady’s Run Lodge

This weekend: April 5th & 6th.

Stop down and visit our booth on your way up to get some of those delicious pancakes. This is always a fun event. Lots of our members stop down and BS, and then pick out people they know walking past. Always a lot of “Hand Shaken” & “Backslapping” as our members and friends greet each other as they walk past.

“C’mon Down and have some fun”

“Elections” - April 16, 2014 *Lee*

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 County, Pa
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We reserve the right to edit submissions as space allows.

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.

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

* includes punctuation and spaces

VVA 862 WEBSITE

Please Note: Our Chapter Web site has been updated with several "Links" with more being added everyday. Check all the "Links" !

"Agent Orange" Link now has a Reference to all the Illnesses Related to Agent Orange along with the Birth Defects and it also includes the "Faces of Agent Orange" This would be a Good Link to refer your friends to that don't know what Agent Orange is and how it can affect your family.

Watch Daily for any "Special Announcements"

Go to <http://www.vva862.org> & "Check it Out"

National Museum of the United States Air Force - "TOUR"

We will drive out on our own on Friday June 6th. Tour the Museum on Saturday, and drive home on Sunday. Its about a 5 to 6 hour drive, pending on how you drive. You can't get in the rooms till after 3:00 PM so you can plan your trip accordingly. So far 35 people are interested but there is room for more. Everyone will be on there own schedule. Some people like to take there time and read about the history.

Actually, it's hard to do this all in one day, It depends on how fast you want to read everything. Once you check out of the hotel on Sunday morning, We can go back to the museum and see what you missed. Then leave from there to head home.. This is up to you.

Dates : June 6th & 7th, If you decide to go back Sunday, be sure to check out of your room Sunday morning before you go back to the museum.

Prices: Right now, I have blocked 20 rooms so far. 18 gone but I can get more. Looks like the price will be \$105.00 per night which is reasonable. This will cover the Full Hot Buffet in the morning. Deadline Date is May 7th, 2014. You must have your reservation in by then!

To make your Reservations: Call the Holiday Inn Express Dayton/Fairborn at:

(937) - 426 -7800 and use the Group Name - (VVA 862) when you register.



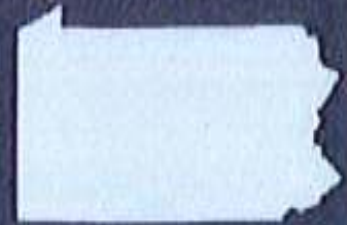
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**WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FAMILIES
FALLEN HEROES**

**9TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL - HONOR CEREMONY
HONORING OUR FALLEN AND THEIR FAMILIES
PENNSYLVANIA**

AFGHANISTAN-IRAQ WARS

WHEN: SATURDAY JUNE 14TH 2014 (1PM)

**WHERE: ROCHESTER HIGH SCHOOL, ROCHESTER PA.
FOOTBALL FIELD (WEATHER ALTERNATE- AUDITORIUM)
PUBLIC WELCOMED AND URGED TO ATTEND**

FOUNDATION/EVENT COORDINATOR

BILL TOMKO: WT@ZOOMINTERNET.NET

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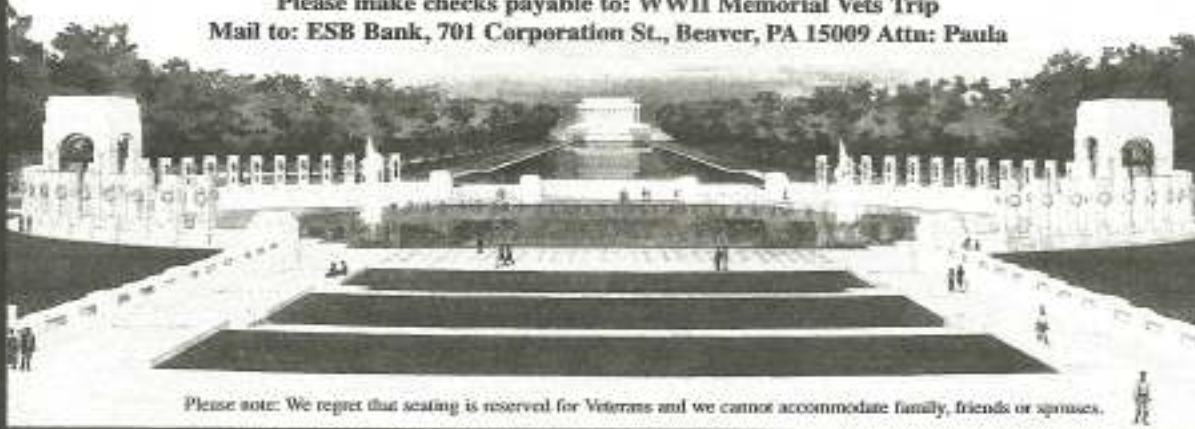
Buses leave 6:00 AM & return approx. 9:00 PM
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 Wheelchairs available if requested
 Nurse and helpers on board



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.

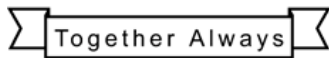
MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL

“THIS WEEKEND” April 5th & 6th

**Stop down and visit our booth on your way to get some of those
 Delicious Pancakes!**

AVVA CHAPTER 862 Minutes

MARCH 19, 2014



The March 19, 2014, meeting of AVVA Chapter 862 was opened by President Bobbie Morris with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for POW/MIAs.

A motion to accept the minutes Sue Bridgewater and seconded by Marilyn Piccirilli. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Sue Bridgewater. Audit was done. Financial Report is done and the 990 is done. The Treasurer's Report was received and will be filed for audit.

Margi Slawianowski gave the report on the nursing home visit. May go back for Easter.

Membership Report was given by Veronica Grant. Membership is now 132.

Marilynn Piccirilli gave the fundraising for the Wall That Heals.

Chuck Inman gave the report for AVVA.

Barb Googins made a motion to go to Ink Star to get flyers for the fundraiser for The Wall That Heals made up at a cost of no more than \$200. It was seconded by Veronica Grant. Motion carried.

A motion to was made by Donna Corfield to donate \$1000 to the bridge project. It was seconded by Veronica Grant. Motion carried.

Bobbie Morris gave the report on the State Council Meeting.

Maple Syrup Festival is April 5-6.

Georgiann Robes will be going to WalMart to get a date for a bake sale.

Next Meeting will be April 16.

Meeting adjourn.

Donna Corfield

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

PLEASE - Talk to your Next of Kin!!!!

Again we had a VVA 862 member who passed away last September and we only found out about it now. His name was Duane Flaherty from Canonsburg, Pa. Therefore, We had no way of going and paying our respects to this gentleman and/or provide him with his proper burial service.

Please talk to your loved ones and remind them that you belong to VVA Chapter 862 and let them know the services we provide. These services for our members can be found on our Website under the MEMORIAM link at the bottom.



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We believe that telling and listening to veterans' stories can nourish our sense of citizenship, patriotism, and compassion as a nation.

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VVA 862 GOLF SEASON

2013 GOLF SEASON WILL BEGIN
THE WEEK OF **APRIL 21, 2014**

MONDAY'S 5:15 - **STONECREST GOLF COURSE**
THURSDAY'S 5:15 - **FOX RUN GOLF COURSE**

COME AND JOIN US
IN THIS
FUN GOLF LEAGUE

"TOGETHER THEN"

Calendar of Events for 2014

"TOGETHER NOW"

April

Apr 5- 6 **Maple Syrup Festival** - Brady's Run Lodge 8AM to 5 PM
 Apr 9 VVA 862 - BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Apr 11 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW
 Apr 16 AVVA 862 - Meeting - 6:00 PM
 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Apr 21 Golf League Begins - Stonecrest 5:15 PM
 Apr 24 Golf League Begins - Fox Run 5:15 PM
 Apr 24 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg

May

May 3 VVA 862 "**Spring Banquet**" Rochester VFW
 May 7 Vietnam Veterans Day in Pa
 May 9 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW Park
 May 14 VVA 862 - BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM
 May 20 WWII Bus Trip Contact Jerry Fisher 724-709-3614
 May 21 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM
 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 May 22 Flags on Graves - Sylvania Hills 4:30 PM
 May 24 Highway Clean up - Rt 18 Meet @ 9:00 AM
 May 26 Memorial Day-Parade - Beaver - Snitgers 9:30 AM
 May 26 Veterans Memorial Bridge Dedication @ 1:00 PM
 May 29 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg

June

June 6 -7 US Air Force Museum Trip - Dayton, Ohio
 June 11 VVA 862 - BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM
 June 13 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW Park
 June 14 US Army Birthday 1775
 June 14 "Fallen Hero's Ride" Rochester PA Starts at
 Zelenople American Legion
 June 15 "Father's Day"
 June 15 "Support the Troops Rally 5:00 PM Beaver
 June 18 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM
 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 June 26 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg
 June 28 -29 PASC Meeting - State College

July

July 4 4th of July Parade - Midland, Pa.
 July 9 VVA 862 - BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM
 July 11 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW Park
 July 11, 12, 13 - Buffalo Hollow 12, Opening Ceremony VVA Guard
 July 16 AVVA 862 - Meeting - 6:00 PM
 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 July 31 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg

August

Aug 4 US Coast Guard Birthday
 Aug 8 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW Park
 Aug 5 - 9 VVA Nat Conference - Hyatt - Wichita, Kansas
 Aug 13 VVA 862 Picnic - Industry Park No BOD Meeting
 Aug 15- 17 Bridgewater River Regatta
 Aug 19 - 23 "Hookstown Fair" VVA Booth
 Aug 20 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM
 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Aug 23 VVA 862 "Duck Race" @ Fair 6:00 PM
 Aug 28 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg
 Aug 30 4th Annual Blaine Allinder "Golf Outing"

Sept

Sept 10 VVA 862 - BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Sept 12 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW Park
 Sept 17 VVA 862 - Meeting 7:00 PM
 Sept 18 - 21 Kokomo 32nd Vietnam Vets Reunion Kokomo, In.
 Sept 18 US Air Force Birthday-1947
 Sept 23 - 28 "Wall That Heals" Beaver, Pa.
 Sept 25 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg
 Sept 27 POW / MIA Ride to the Wall Registration 1:00 PM
 Leaves Rochester VFW 4:00 PM
 Sept 28 "Gold Star Mothers" Day

Oct

Oct 8 VVA 862 - BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Oct 10 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW
 Oct 13 US Navy Birthday
 Oct 15 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM
 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Oct 18 Hi-Way Clean-Up - Rt 18 9:00 AM
 Oct 18 - 19 PASC Meeting State College - Ramada
 Oct 30 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg

November

Nov 2 Daylight Savings - Ends"
 Nov 14 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW
 Nov 10 US Marines Birthday
 Nov 11 Veterans Day—Parade - -Beaver
 Nov 12 VVA 862 - BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Nov 19 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM
 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Nov 25 "Happy Thanksgiving

December

Dec 7 "Pearl Harbor Day" 73 years
 Dec 10 VVA 862 - BOD Meeting Rochester VFW 7 PM
 Dec 12 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW
 Dec 13 "Wreaths Across America - Gazebo Beaver
 Dec 17 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM / Party afterwards
 Dec 25 "Merry Christmas"
 Dec 31 "New Year's Eve"

Next Meeting Date - April 16th, 2014

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 +)**



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VVA & AVVA 862 members visited the Beaver Valley Nursing Home on “St. Patty’s Day”