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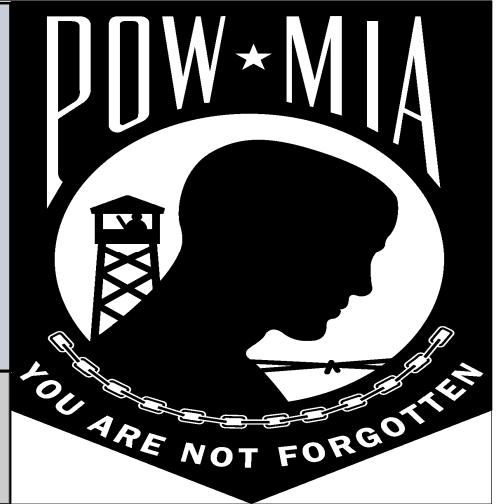
August 2014



In Service to America

Up-Coming Meetings
BOD Meeting
2nd Wed of the Month
7:00 PM @ Rochester VFW
"NO MEETING" this month
VVA 862 Picnic is being held at
Industry Park
Picnic start at 1:00 PM
Eating at 5:00 PM
Bring your favorite Covered Dish

Be Sure To See
Important Dates to Remember
Upcoming Events— Page 19



THE WALL THAT HEALS

The Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial and Museum

The Vietnam Veterans of American, Beaver County Chapter 862 will be bringing in The "Wall that Heals," a half scale replica of the Vietnam Wall in Washington, DC. It will be arriving in Beaver County the evening of September 23rd, 2014. The exhibit will be on display in the park behind our Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Beaver.

There is No Charge for admission. Viewing is permitted 24 / 7 from September 24th through September 28th.

September 24 - Welcoming & Opening Ceremony 7:00 PM

September 24 - Reading of 73 names KIA's from Beaver County on the wall at 7:00 PM.

September 25 - Gold Star Mothers Luncheon- 1:00 PM at Wooden Angel

September 27 - POW Ride Leaves Rochester VFW at 3:00 PM and Arrives between 6:00 PM & 7:00 PM

September 28 - Closing Ceremony 5:00 PM

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

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: There are now **1641** personnel listed by the Department of Defense (DoD) as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War, a number that just changed with release of the name of **Colonel Thomas W. Dugan, USAF**, listed as MIA in Laos on December 13, 1968. Colonel Dugan's remains were recovered June 6, 2012, and identified as part of a group ID on August 28, 2013. The number of Americans announced by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is now 942. 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 1,005. Of the 1,641 missing and 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-306; Cambodia-53; PRC territorial waters-7. Over-water losses on DoD's list of No Further Pursuit cases number well over 600.

ONGOING REORGANIZATION: Senior DoD civilian, Alisa Stack, was appointed to head a transition team, the Personnel Accounting Consolidation Task Force (PACT) that, reportedly, includes government specialists in each area to be addressed, from structure of the new agency, to the number of personnel, budget requirements, interface with other departments and agencies, and communication with the families. Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel and Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations & Low Intensity Conflict (ASD/SOLIC) Michael Lumpkin both stated that communication with the families must be a very high priority consideration in how the new agency performs. Since her appointment, Ms. Stack and PACT members have been actively interviewing interested people, in and out of government, plus appear to be focused on ensuring that a wide variety of voices are heard, responsible and irresponsible, rational and irrational, so the outcome will be interesting.

An outside firm, The Clearing, was contracted to branch out to obtain input from family members from all wars on their personal experiences in dealing with the various accounting community organizations. In addition to DPMO, JPAC and LSEL (specifically named in the restructure directive and by Congress), these include the Service Casualty Offices, AFDIL, and individuals within the various organizations. The Clearing is seeking the views of all who are willing to talk with them and can be reached via the Internet by emailing voiceofthefamilies@theclearing.com. Family members from all wars are urged to provide their views and, in light of the comparatively small number of Vietnam War family members affected, the League is hopeful that ALL Vietnam War families take this opportunity to remind members of PACT, The Clearing and senior DoD officials that uncertainty about Vietnam War missing men is still a significant factor for the families, much more so than remains recoveries of known dead from earlier wars and conflicts. The League supports accounting for losses in WWII, Korean War and Cold War, but in addition to focusing priority on Vietnam War accounting, not to its detriment.

Following review and approval by newly confirmed Undersecretary of Defense for Policy (USD-P) Christine Wormuth, the PACT recommendations will be provided to Deputy Secretary of Defense (DepSecDef) Robert Work. That presentation is anticipated in mid-August and, once he has approved, final recommendations will go to Secretary Hagel. In the interim, ASD/SOLIC Lumpkin testified before the House Armed Services Committee's (HASC's) Subcommittee on Military Personnel on July 15th, along with the newly named head of DoD's Cost Assessment & Program Evaluation (CAPE) office, Dr. Jamie Morin. Dr. Morin, only confirmed two weeks ago, reported on CAPE's findings from their lengthy investigation. ASD Lumpkin testified about ongoing efforts to restructure the accounting community, pledging continued efforts by JPAC, DPMO, LSEL and others as the consolidation occurs. He provided the date of January 1, 2015 as the initial start date for the new POW/MIA Accounting Agency, assuring the Subcommittee of full implementation in place by January 1, 2016.

POW News (cont on Page 3)

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POW Update (cont from Page 2).

(Taken from the POW MIA League of Families)

FIELD OPERATIONS: JPAC had planned to conduct a Joint Field Activity (JFA) in Laos in October-November of last year, but it was cancelled due to complications related to receipt of timely funding. Three Recovery Teams (RTs) and one Investigation Team (IT), augmented by the DIA Stony Beach specialist, conducted a JFA January 15-February 17th. A longer JFA began March 4th and concluded April 14th; but only one RT and one IT were deployed. The next JFA was conducted May 9th to June 22nd, with only two RTs, again far below the cap of 53 US personnel operating simultaneously in Laos. JPAC will host bi-annual POW/MIA Consultations with Laos on August 26th in Hawaii.

Chairman's Comment: With the above record of on-again, off-again field operations, is it any wonder that Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are questioning US commitment to the accounting mission? The relatively well-developed working relationship that has evolved since the first joint recovery in Laos in 1984 should mean that field operations are conducted at the pace and scope necessary to achieve long-stated accounting objectives, but such is not the case. There are multiple reasons, initially from congressionally-imposed sequestration, to mandatory budget cuts that hit JPAC disproportionately, due to PACOM "borrowing" some of JPAC's funding for other uses. Cutbacks and cancellations are also due to an inadequate number of deployable JPAC forensic anthropologists, weather restrictions in some areas, often complicated by lack of specialists needed for specific recoveries, and the list goes on and on, with many complications that can arise unexpectedly. Of immediate concern is the need to change existing policy concerning deployable scientific personnel for field operations. If not changed, there will continue to be sporadic reductions in Vietnam War accounting operations, due to competing attention to WWII recoveries in the congressionally-mandated quest for higher numbers of IDs. If enough evidence is found a site will be recommended for recovery. Once the decision has been made to excavate a site, a recovery team is activated.

The command has 21 recovery teams including one underwater and one mountaineering team. Each team consists of 10 to 14 people comprised of a forensic anthropologist, team leader and sergeant, linguist, medic, life support technician, communications technician, forensic photographer, explosive ordnance disposal technician and mortuary affairs specialists. Standard recovery missions last 35 to 60 days depending on the location and recovery methods used on site.

Team members have to be in top physical condition to reach excavation sites, which are often in very remote places. Teams routinely walk through dense jungles, hike mountains and glaciers and rappel down cliffs to reach a site. Adding to the difficulty, teams travel with up to 10,000 pounds in survival and excavation equipment.

At any given time, JPAC has a queue of more than two sites that have already been investigated, validated and are ready for recovery. Recovery sites can be as small as a few meters for individual burials to areas exceeding the size of a football field for aircraft crashes. Recovery teams use standard field archaeology methods in the excavation as directed by the on-site anthropologist.

At a recovery site, the anthropologist, also referred to as the recovery leader, directs the excavation much like a detective oversees a crime scene. Each mission is unique, but there are certain processes each recovery has in common.

The first step for the anthropologist is to define the site or determine the site perimeter. Once a site perimeter has been defined, the anthropologist establishes a grid system and sections the site with stakes and string. Each section is then excavated one grid at a time. Every inch of soil that comes out of the site is screened for any potential remains, or material evidence.

When enabled by the environment, wet-screening techniques, where all soil is washed through wire mesh with high-pressure hoses, are used. To help with what can be a massive soil removal effort, JPAC may hire anywhere from a few to more than 100 local workers.

Philip Morris - VVA 862 POW Chairman

Minutes from July 16, 2014 meeting

Meeting called to order by Pres Skip Haswell @ 7:00 PM with Pledge of Allegiance and an Opening Prayer by Chaplain Don Villella.

Attendance was **(103)**

Veterans "Sick or In Distress" – Ron Robes, Al Whitehill, Tom Robes & Bernie Strauss recently deceased.

Guests and/or Prospective Members – Bob Cervi, Gary Kane,

Roll Call of Officers – Present – 13, Absent – 0, Excused – .2

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

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

Committee Reports :

Membership - VVA - 676 LIFE - 457

Honor Guard - Ray mentioned that Georgiann Rose Thanks all that helped with Toms Robes. Rich Raich mentioned several other events the Honor Guard has participated in.

Legislative - Bart Farzati reported on things that congress is working on. He also gave a report on the VA.

AVVA - Bobbie gave her report on what AVVA is doing

Motions from the BOD that need the approval of the body.

(1) Motion was made by Dave Marchetti 2nd by Reuben Fuller to donate \$250.00 to Padgio Gordon who is the son of one of Rich Tindell's son's friend who has many expenses towards medical trips to hospitals.

Old Business - Skip Haswell gave report about what he received from Congressmen Keith Rothfus pertaining to the Marine who is being held captive in Mexico. Discussion Followed. Skip gave the details on when The Wall That Heals comes to Beaver in September.

New Business - Skip spoke about Kokomo and him only having 5 rooms left. Gold Star Mothers Luncheon will be Sept 25th at the Wooden Angel at 1:00 PM \$25.00. Alzheimer's Walk will be Sept 6th at the Horse Track at Brady's Run Shelter #3.

Due to no Volunteers for taking charge of the Picnic, there will be No Picnic this year.

The Sept meeting will be the 2nd Wed of the month. Due to us attending Kokomo.

Aug 15 16 & 17 will be the River Regatta.

AVVA Ticket Winner was Leland Bundy who gave \$90.00 back to VVA.

Good of the Order:

Rich Raich spoke about selling Signs \$40.00 to be displayed across from the wall. You put on them what you want. After the Wall is here you can take them home and use them for what ever you want. You design them the way you want.

Guest Speaker - Skip Haswell introduced Ashby Daniels to speak about handling Finances.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 PM

Lee Corfield

VVA 862 Secretary

(Draft Copy until approved by the body)

Congress overwhelmingly passes \$16.3 billion plan to overhaul VA

By [Travis J. Tritten](#)

Stars and Stripes

Published: August 1, 2014

WASHINGTON — The hard-fought passage of a \$16.3 billion VA reform plan by Congress on Thursday drew applause from veterans groups, but they also warned it is only a first step toward a needed overhaul of the nationwide health care system.

The Senate voted 91-3 in favor of the bill late Thursday, following overwhelming support in the House for expanding veterans' access to private health care, hiring more Department of Veterans Affairs medical staff, leasing new health-care facilities and giving the secretary more power to fire executives.

The bill was on its way to President Barack Obama on Friday and he was expected to sign it as early as next week after months of public outrage over dangerously long patient wait times at VA facilities and widespread records manipulation by staff.

"The passage of this bill through the Senate today is not a silver bullet, but rather it is only a Band-Aid, and one that will soon fall off," Paul Rieckhoff, CEO and founder of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said in a statement after the late-evening vote.

IAVA, which claims 270,000 members including veterans from America's two most recent wars, is "glad and relieved" that an agreement was reached, but said Congress should not be praised for finally addressing long-time problems in the VA health care system.

American Legion National Commander Daniel Dellinger did praise lawmakers for putting aside political differences to pass a bipartisan compromise bill. But he said the measure to decrease wait times by expanding veteran access to private care must only be temporary.

A permanent solution to the department's crisis in access must be found, Dellinger said.

"The VA reform package that passed overwhelmingly in the Senate Thursday night is an important step in the process to begin repairing systemic problems in the Department of Veterans Affairs," Dellinger said in a release Friday. "But it is only one step, and only a beginning."

Lawmakers repeatedly have warned that it likely will take years to turn around the deeply dysfunctional VA, which is the second-largest federal agency and runs the nation's largest integrated health care system. Each day, 200,000 veterans seek care in about 1,700 facilities.

The department reported Thursday that about 636,000 veterans have been waiting more than a month to get care at its hospitals and clinics. VA inspector general audits and congressional testimony during the past few months have revealed that staff attempted to cover up the long wait times and were awarded bonuses based on false treatment statistics.

"This bill is a beginning — not an end — to the efforts that must be taken to address this crisis," Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who defended the overhaul bill on the Senate floor Thursday, said in a release. "Still, it includes some of the most significant changes to the VA in decades."

The bill passed by Congress calls for \$10 billion in emergency spending to let vets who cannot get VA appointments within 30 days of requests or who live more than 40 miles from VA health care facilities seek treatment from private providers.

It aims to increase the capacity of the VA health care system by pumping \$5 billion into hiring new doctors, nurses and other VA medical staff. Also, \$1.27 billion would be spent on leases for 27 new medical centers in 18 states and Puerto Rico, according to a cost estimate released Wednesday by the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office.

Congress would pay for about \$4.46 billion of the price tag by capping VA employee bonuses to save \$350 million per year, deferring planned reductions in housing loan interest rates and trimming other areas of the department budget, the CBO said.

Overall, the reform would cost U.S. taxpayers about \$10 billion in new deficit spending during the coming decade, the agency found.

It is a compromise struck by Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee, and his counterpart in the House Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., after a month of tense debate, but it was almost undone by opponents on the Senate floor Thursday evening.

Fiscal hawk Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., moved to block a vote and argued that spending billions of dollars on the VA would not solve an embedded culture of corruption and irresponsibility.

"The culture is one of looking good, protecting those in the VA and not protecting our veterans," Coburn said. "You have to have a bill that fixes that. I don't believe this is going to do it."

He argued that for years, the VA budget has increased much faster than its workload, yet severe problems with getting veterans timely health care have grown worse.

Sen. Bob Corker, R-Tenn., who voted against the reform bill, said it would expand veterans' access to outside health care for about three years with \$10 billion but creates a "massive" unfunded liability after that. Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., also voted against it.

KOKOMO - 2014**D/D = TWO BEDS****RAB = ROLL AWAY BED****BALCONY****CHECK IN WED. SEPT. 17 / CHECK OUT SUNDAY SEPT. 21**

John & Charlie McPherson/Ray Stallings - D/D - RAW

Harry Suttelle - King - Handicap Room - 1st. floor

Don & Gloria VILLELLA - D/D

Kathy Keister - D/D - BALCONY

Charlie Hobbs - TWO ROOMS - D/D both Rooms

Roy Barlett - D/D

Ron & Marlene Gardner - D/D

Mike Butera - King

Clem Blazewick & Jim Fisher - D/D

Pete Herman - D/D - BALCONY - Rooms Side by Side

Pete Herman - D/D BALCONY

Check in Wed. Sept. 17 check in / out SAT. Sept. 20

Rich & Bonnie Gillin - D/D

Tom & Barb Bowman - D/D - Room beside Gillin

Petz, Cordes & Hogue - D/D plus RAW

Scott & Bonnie Little - King - TOP FLOOR -

BALCONY

Luke Patrino - D/D - BALCONY - Both Rooms

Side by Side

Luke Patrino - D/D - BALCONY

Lee Corfield, Donna, Sean, Dawn - SUITE - 3rd.

Floor

Jake & Pam Barsottini - D/D

Rick Raich & Ray Litzinger - D/D - BALCONY

Larry & Barb Googins - D/D - BALCONY

Charles Smith - King - BALCONY

Larry Tanner - King - BALCONY

Joe Feltes - King OR D/D - 1st. Floor - Handi-

cap Room

Skip Haswell, Bill & Bob Laughner - SUITE -

2nd Floor - RAW

Check in Wed Sept 17/ Check out Friday Sept 19

Susan Fudurich - (Looking for a Female roomie)

CHECK IN Thursday Sept. 18 / OUT Sunday Sept. 21

(1) Tony Pallatto - King (ground floor)

(1) Bob Uzmack - King (ground floor)

(2) Tom & Loann Cekovich - D/D

(2) John Szatkiewicz - King - HC - Ground Floor

CHECK IN Thursday Sept. 18 - OUT Saturday Sept. 20

(2) Bill Stokes - D/D - Room 1 of 2

(2) Bill Stokes - D/D - Room 2 of 2

(2) Chuck Inman /Wayne Kemp D/D - Balcony

(1) Paul Cupp - King

(1) Reuben Fuller

CHECK IN Friday Sept. 19 - OUT Sunday Sept. 21

(2) Tom McCormack - King

(3) Mike Bano - Suite - First Floor

(2) Mike Bano - D/D

(1) John Lynn

NOTE - Any changes PLEASE contact ME.....NOT the hotel....If you must change and you call the hotel, I don't know of the change and it would cause much confusion. My e mail addy is marinenam-vet66@yahoo.com phone 724 495 9612. For the FNG's bring shorts and T Shirts for the day, sun screen, warm clothes for the evening. Lawn chair. small flash light and ur Visa card. We have probably 10 or 15 more camping in the camp grounds.

Courtyard by Marriott, 411 Kentucky Dr., Kokomo, In. Your room will be held the day of "check in" by the VVA Visa Card. When you check in, change it to your own credit card. IF you cancel and do not let me know....YOU will be charged one night's stay. The room rate is \$110.00 plus tax. Any other questions please give me a call.

SHORTROUNDS

KOKOMO - Check in / Check out dates... make sure these are correct.- Check the Kokomo page in this newsletter to make sure I have everything right. As of this date we have almost 80 people going with only two (2) rooms left !!!!!!!!

VVA/AVVA PICNIC - At July's meeting I could not get anyone to step up and chair our annual chapter picnic so I had to cancel it. Thanks to Phil Morris who came up to me after the meeting and said in honor of Pete Petrosky, he would chair it. The family picnic will be Wed., Aug. 20, meeting night....Location is Industry Park at 1:00 PM till ? We usually eat at 5:00 PM. Give Phil a call at **724 643 5725** and we always need help cleaning up. Please bring a covered dish. If you want to become involved in a chapter event...this is one I know you can handle. Please do not be late with your dish. We eat at 5:00 PM sharp

Ice Cream Trucks - Remember when you were a kid and the ice cream truck would come around the neighborhood playing the music? I had a friend tell me.....Her dad told her....."When the Ice Cream Truck was playing music, that meant they were all out of ice cream" Now that's a classic !

Cell Phones - How many of you have an old cell phone laying around you no longer use? Bring it to the next meeting....Turn them over to Rick Raich as the chapter is collecting them again. There are 5 billion cell phones being used worldwide with a world population of 6.9 billion. More and more are getting rid of home phones and using only cell phones.

Do you know who the most recognized person in the world is??? Yep... Santa Clause. Now... who is the 2nd most recognized??? Ronald McDonald ! Who is the third??? Who cares !!!

Oct. Meeting - The Butler VA will again have a health fair before our Oct. meeting from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Bring your DD 214 or your VA Health Card and receive free services, flu shots etc.

In 1971, Vietnam Veterans against the war, over 800 lined up in front of the white house in Washington D.C. and threw the medals away that they had earned.

The July meeting, we had a Air Force Brother who attended. Bob Cevi from Center Township, Bob served in Vietnam earning the Distinguished Flying Cross. I hope Bob joins our chapter, we would be honored. We many times do not know the military history of our brothers and sisters. Our chapter treasurer, Larry Googins, who we nicknamed "Major" because of rank he earned also earned the Distinguished Flying Cross while serving with the Air Force in Vietnam flying almost 200 missions over Vietnam. We also have another Brother who earned the Silver Star. We sometimes don't know because they sometimes don't talk about when they served, but we thank them for the service to America.

CIVIL WAR - During the Civil War over 180,000 amputations took place.

VETERANS - One quarter of the 22 million veterans live in rural areas and many times it is a 4 hour trip to get VA care in the Western States. They have no medical vans with many Eastern States having 2 or 3 vans.

MIDLAND'S City Hardware - A nice write-up in the Beaver County Times Supplement about one of the very few family-owned hardware stores. City Hardware is owned by our own VVA Life Member Don Pickering who has operated the store for 45 years. It has been owned and operated by the Pickering family for the past century. I have been in there a few times and any hardware you need, stop and see Don. It is very near the Midland VFW.

SHORTROUNDS (cont on Page 8)

SHORTROUNDS (cont from Page 7)

THE “WALL That Heals” coming the last full week in Sept. I will list several things we need help on and what you can do.

* Security - We will have security 24/7 , Tuesday, Sept. 23 to Sunday, Sept. 28. Contact Kamm, head of security at **724 728 2479**

* We need, Wall Guides, Members for Information Tent to look up names for visitors, Tent of Memories & Tent of Valor. Help setting up the Wall and Tents and takedown. Trash clean-up.

* Vietnam War Memorabilia - If you have something you would like to put on display in the tent of memories give Bobbie Morris a call at **724 643 5725**. Security will be in the tent 24/7

* If you know someone who has military vehicles and/or equipment please have them call me at 724 495 9612. The other two parks we want all military vehicles and equipment in both parks with security 24/7

* **POW/MIA Motorcycle Run** - We need **1,641** riders & bikes. One rider for each man still MIA. He/she will be issued a black armband for a donation with the MIA's name on it.

MEMORIAL WALL SERVICES

* **Sept 24th - OPENING SERVICE - 7:00 PM**

* **Sept 25th - GOLD STAR MOTHERS LUNCHEON - 1:00 PM Wooden Angel**

* **Sept 27th - POW/MIA MEMORIAL RIDE & SERVICE - Staging Rochester VFW Noon to 3:00 PM / Ride leaves @ 3:00 PM / Arrive at Wall in Beaver between 6 & 7:00 PM. POW/MIA Memorial Service starts as soon as all 2,000 bikes arrive.**

* **Sept 28th - CLOSING SERVICE - 5:00 PM**

We have many singers for the program and a couple speakers. Vanessa, The Hilltop Singers, Ron Taylor, Mick, Etc.

VIETNAM MEMORIAL - Just to let everyone know,,, we need the Memorial power washed.

VETERANS BRIDGE - What a beautiful bridge and memorial. Much work was done by the committee but something is missing. The American Flag is flying proud but we are missing the POW/MIA Flag under it. Yes the POW/MIA is on the memorial itself, but somehow, someway the POW/MIA Flag needs to fly !!!!!

Hope to see all of you at the chapter picnic.....third Wed. August 20th @ 1:00 pm

Walk Tall - Wall Proud !

Skip

Upcoming “Wall That Heals” Committees**Security Guards:**

At the upcoming meeting, we will be looking for Security Guards for the WALL. They can Sign Up at August 13th Picnic.

Tent of Information Guides:

Lee will pass around the sheets for you to sign up to help with the Computers. 4 people per 4 hour shifts.

We may not need as many thru the middle of the night but we will need at least 4 per shift during the day.

Think about it now and you can also Sign Up at the August Picnic on August 13th, 2014

Death Notices

Bernard Strauss 71 of Coraopolis, Pa. passed away on July 6th. 2014. Bernie was a Vietnam Era Vet who served with the U S Army.

Thomas Victor “Squirrel” Robes 68 of Center Twp. Pa. passed away on July 10th 2014. Tom served with the U S Marines in Vietnam and was past Vice President of VVA 862

May They Rest In Peace!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

August

- Tom Preston..... Aug 1
- David Walker..... Aug 1
- Julia Dever..... Aug 2
- James Wolfe..... Aug 2
- Jay Alstadt..... Aug 3
- John Haas..... Aug 3
- Lon Hogue..... Aug 3
- Edward Moore..... Aug 3
- Gary Palyszeski..... Aug 3
- Henry Rousseau..... Aug 4
- Theodore Rutkowski..... Aug 4
- Maitland Fraser..... Aug 6
- Rich Hogue..... Aug 7
- Ginger Muns..... Aug 7
- Nick Pavkovich..... Aug 7
- Carl Rectenwald..... Aug 7
- Carl Vincent..... Aug 8
- Joe Bembnowski..... Aug 9
- Rose Kelly..... Aug 9
- Rich Webster..... Aug 9
- Dean Carte..... Aug 10
- Bob Feick..... Aug 10
- Linda Moore..... Aug 10
- Al Mixon..... Aug 10
- Al Martin..... Aug 11
- Mike Kidder..... Aug 12
- Richard Sutton..... Aug 13
- Roger Scatton..... Aug 13
- George Gillin..... Aug 15
- Dan DeFloria..... Aug 15
- France Karas..... Aug 15
- Roger Chabot..... Aug 16
- Jim Dowarth..... Aug 17

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

August

- Vincent Heider..... Aug 17
- Jack Jamison..... Aug 17
- Jacob Sokolowski..... Aug 17
- Larry Tanner..... Aug 19
- Bill Manners..... Aug 20
- Mike Ochoa..... Aug 20
- Lee Corfield..... Aug 21
- Earl Lee..... Aug 21
- Jim Fischer..... Aug 22
- David Allen..... Aug 23
- Luther Burrows Jr..... Aug 23
- William Lloyd..... Aug 23
- Bob Hardman..... Aug 23
- Dave Mehera..... Aug 23
- Dan Reznik..... Aug 23
- Harold Travis Jr..... Aug 23
- Sullivan Tonti..... Aug 23
- Don Cripe..... Aug 24
- Bob Reott..... Aug 24
- Joe Grimm..... Aug 25
- Rudy Zetz Jr..... Aug 26
- Mike Oakey..... Aug 26
- Herman Clingenpool..... Aug 27
- Dave Kost..... Aug 27
- Ray Rapp..... Aug 28
- Dave Sciarretta..... Aug 28
- Duilio Bonazza..... Aug 29
- Deb Bowers..... Aug 29
- Sam Giordano..... Aug 29
- Bob Buzzelli..... Aug 30
- Dan Neal..... Aug 30
- Bob Harding..... Aug 31

Lee's Tid Bits

Congratulations goes out to VVA 862 member Joe Tucci from Ellwood City. Joe was recently elected as Commander of Unionville American Legion Post 512 in Rochester, Pa. I'm confident that Joe will do a fine job for the Legion.

Air Force Museum Trip - Not Wasted

My son-in-law (Fabian) called me yesterday as he had just dropped my grandson, Jordan off at his music lessons. On the way out to his lesson, Fabian asked Jordan about how his summer was going so far. Jordan said, you know what dad, the best trip I've had this summer was when I went to the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum Trip with Grandma & Pap Pap and VVA 862. Now that, my friends, made the trip worth it. Jordan had been there before with the Boy Scouts but it wasn't like this time. He got to talk to many of us about the way things were done in Vietnam and the aircraft that several of us had worked on. So glad you enjoyed the trip. I know we enjoyed having you with us. Jordan had recently become the youngest member of AVVA 862. Jordan takes his music seriously, He's playing Piano, Guitar, Sax, and Steel Drums with the Ambridge High School Band. Oh and you may also find him as the 2nd Drum Major. Jordan is one of 6 grandkids that make Donna and me very proud.

That's it for this month — Lee





Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 862

"4th Annual Blaine Allinder Memorial Golf Outing"

Saturday August 30th, 2014 at 1:30pm

The Club At Shadow Lakes

2000 Beaver Lakes Boulevard

Aliquippa Pennsylvania

\$100 per Golfer or \$400 per Foursome

4 Man Scramble with a 1:30pm Shotgun Start

**Registration/Food and use of the Driving Range starts at 12:30
(50/50, Team Skins, Raffle Tickets)**

Includes:

18 Holes with cart

Lunch and Refreshments on Course

Buffet Dinner

Complimentary Gift

Skill Prizes

Door Prizes

Chinese Auction

Chance to Win a Car!

All Proceeds Benefit:

The Blaine Allinder Memorial Scholarship Fund

Agent Orange Awareness

Vets Helping Vets Fight Cancer

Associate Vietnam Veterans of America



**Thank You for Your Continued Support
For Sponsorship and Team Information Contact:
Corey Allinder 724-630-3453
coreyallinder@gmail.com**



**BEAVER
COUNTY'S
13th ANNUAL**

**POW/MIA
RUN**



IN HONOR OF POW/MIA'S FROM ALL WARS

**We need 1642 Motorcycles to cover those
"Missing" from the Vietnam War!**

SATURDAY - September 27th, 2014

50-50 RAFFLE

GIFT CERTIFICATES

DOOR PRIZES

**"Donations" WILL BE ACCEPTED
Run will leave the Rochester VFW at
3:00 P.M. "SHARP"**

**Staging will begin at 12:00 Noon
Return to Rochester VFW for an evening of
Fun - Food - DJ - Dancing**

**Any Questions? Contact: Rochester VFW Post 128
179 Virginia Ave
Rochester Pa 15074
724 -774 - 4378**

E-mail - vfwpost128@comcast.net

**"No"
Registration Fee!**

They've Already
Paid the Price**

The Veteran Voices of Pittsburgh

Oral History Initiative, in partnership with The Veterans Breakfast Club, is a nonprofit educational media organization based in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Our mission is to preserve and share the voices, images, and experiences of Pittsburgh area veterans of all branches of service and eras, including peace and war-time service.

After recording and documenting veterans' stories, our aim is to move beyond the traditional oral history archive. We believe that a story not told is a story not heard, so our focus is on storytelling by using creative and interpretive techniques across different media, including audiographic, videographic, photographic, and literary genres.

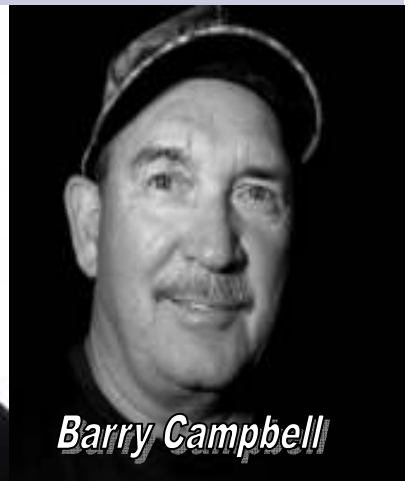
Each medium allows for new and creative ways to tell veterans' stories and to make them more accessible to diverse audiences through a wide variety of opportunities, including social networking, blogging, podcasting, traditional radio and television broadcasting, and print.

The Pittsburgh area includes all of southwestern Pennsylvania and the tri-state area

Recently, several of our chapter members took part in one of these interviews. It is worth capturing your military history for your family. It only take a little while and it will provide your history for your grand kids.

Contact: Kevin Farkas, Director

Phone: 412-423-8034 **Email:** kevin@veteranvoicesofpittsburgh.com



WOW - I got One of These!!!! Did You????!

This letter passed through many hands in Vietnam. The author is unknown. I acquired my copy while waiting for the freedom bird to take me stateside. The letter is a humorous layman summation of what the medical establishment refers to as Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome, commonly called PTSD.

Dear Civilians

In the very near future, the undersigned will once more be in your midst, dehydrated and demoralized, to take his place again as a human being with the well-known forms of freedom and justice for all: engaged in life, liberty and the somewhat delayed pursuit of happiness. In making your joyous preparations to welcome him back into organized society, you might take certain steps to make allowances for the past twelve months. In other words, he might be a little Asiatic from Vietnamesitis or Overseasitis, and should be handled with care. Don't be alarmed if he is infected with all forms of tropical diseases. A little time in the land of the big PX will cure his malady. Therefore, show no alarm if he insists on carrying a weapon to the dinner table, looks around for his steel pot when offered a chair, or wakes up in the middle of the night for guard duty. Keep cool when he pours gravy on his dessert at dinner of mixed peaches and Seagram's VO. Pretend not to notice if he acts dazed, eats with his fingers instead of silverware and prefers C-rations to steak.

Take it with a smile when he insists on digging up the garden to fill sandbags for the bunker he is building. Don't be alarmed when he takes a leak on the sidewalk. Be tolerant when he takes his blanket and sheet off the bed and puts them on the floor to sleep on.

Abstain from saying anything about powdered eggs, dehydrated potatoes, fried rice, fresh milk or ice cream. Don't be alarmed if he washes his dish with a toilet brush. After all, this has been his standard. Also, if it starts raining, pay no attention to him if he pulls off all his clothes, grabs a bar of soap and a towel and runs outside to shower.

When in his daily conversation he utters such things as "Xin loi" and "Choi", just be patient and simply leave quickly and calmly. If by some chance he utters "Didi" with an irritated look on his face, it's because he means for you to get the hell out of there. Do not let it shake you up if he picks up the phone and yells "Sky King forward, Sir" or says "Roger out" for goodbye, or simply "It's working." Never ask why the Jones' son held a higher rank than he did, and by no means mention the word "extend." Pretend not to notice if at a restaurant he calls the waitress Numbuh One Girl and uses his hat as an ashtray. He will probably keep listening for Homeward Bound to sound off over AFRS. If he does, comfort him, for he is still reminiscing. Be especially watchful when he is in the presence of

a woman, especially a beautiful woman.

Above all, keep in mind that beneath that tanned and rugged exterior there is a heart of gold, the only thing of value he has left. Treat him with kindness, tolerance and an occasional fifth of good liquor and you will be able to rehabilitate that which was once, and now a hollow shell, the happy go lucky guy you once knew and loved.

Last, but not least, send no more mail to the FPO, fill the ice box with beer, get the civvies out of the mothballs, fill the car with gas, and get the women and children off the streets because the kid is coming home!

VVA 862 member Ken Elliott

I just got a call from VVA 862 LIFE member Ken Elliott.

He is now at the new VA Hospital H. J. Heinz Campus in Fox Chapel, Pa.

If any of our members are ever up that way, He wouldn't mind a visit. He is in Building 51 Room 185

Stop in and surprise him. Tell him you're from VVA 862

**H. J. Heinz Campus
1010 Delafield Road
Aspinwall, Pa. 15215**

Thank You!

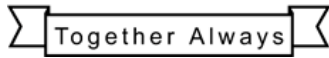
Michelle Wilcox VVA 862



Associates of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 862 July 16h, 2014

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

Chaplain Barb Googins gave the opening prayer.



All Officers and Board Members were present except for Treasurer Sue Bridgewater who was excused.

A motion by Judy Hage to accept the minutes of June 18, 2014 as printed in the July newsletter, seconded by Sandy Giordano. Motion carried.

In the absence of the Treasurer, President Morris gave the financial report and approved as pending audit.

Membership Chair Veronica Grant reported that our Chapter has 91 regular members, 51 life members for a total of 142. She also reported that our Chapter is #4 in the top ten chapters.

Marilyn Piccirilli Chair for the ticket sales for "The Wall that Heals" requested that if anyone has tickets they can't sell; please turn them in to her or Barb Googins so they may be sold at other functions.

Historian Sandy Giordano is still collecting old and current VVA and AVVA photos for the Historian Book.

A motion by Sandy Giordano and seconded by Sue Smith to have a relief fund to help a member pay their dues if in financial hardship. Motion carried.

A motion by Sandy Giordano, seconded by Sue Smith to have a line item called the "Relief Fund" for the amount of \$100.00. Motion carried.

A motion by Sandy Giordano, seconded by Donna Corfield to purchase an Olympus Recorder for the Secretary's use to aid in the accuracy and efficiency of the minutes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Sandy Giordano, seconded by Marilyn Piccirilli to donate \$200.00 to Project Friendship for the "IN Memory Plaque" in DC. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Donna Corfield, seconded by Marilyn Piccirilli to purchase the AVVA award of the year plaque from now on. (VVA has purchased it in the past). Donna Corfield amended this motion by adding that AVVA would also pay for the Presidents award as well. Motion carried

A motion made by Donna Corfield, seconded by Marilyn Piccirilli to change the Policy and Procedure for electing the AVVA member of the year. Members will nominate a member in writing and submit the names to the President at the March meeting. The winner will be decided by the previous winners. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Janie Ammon and seconded by Sandy Giordano to donate a basket of items in the amount of \$125.00 for the Alzheimer's Walk which will be held at Brady's Run Park on September 6, 2014. Motion carried. Rita Swesey volunteered to make the basket.

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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.

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

Mail completed forms to:

William Laughner
119 Jonathan Drive
Darlington, PA 16115

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.

C-123 Link Just Added! They Sprayed it!

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

Associates of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 862

July 16h, 2014

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The Vista program which is being implemented by AVVA National (Volunteer In-Service to America) will begin in August. This is a way to record community service and also chapters will be recognized at our National convention and leadership conferences. Forms are available on line at: www.avva.org; and forms will also be available at our meetings.

The Officers and Board of Directors would like for our chapter to have its own website. Veronica Grant volunteered to run the site and to research the cost.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.; the next meeting will be August 20, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Post 128 in Rochester, PA.

Submitted by,

Veronica Grant,
Secretary, Chapter 862

DRAFT UNTIL APROVED

VVA 862 Duck Race “Clean the Banks” Day—August 12th

We need to clean the side of the banks along the creek at the Hookstown Fair in order to be ready for the World Famous VVA 862 upcoming “**Duck Race**” which will be held on August 23rd. We will be starting at 6:00 PM. Please bring your weed eaters.

The more people we get the less time it will take. Come on down and give us a hand!

**VVA 862 GOLF SEASON****2014 GOLF SEASON HAS BEGUN**

MONDAYS 3:30 - STONECREST GOLF COURSE
THURSDAYS 3:30 - FOX RUN GOLF COURSE

**COME AND JOIN US
IN THIS
FUN GOLF LEAGUE**

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

Legislative update August 2014

Congress has passed and the president will likely sign **The Veterans Access, Choice and Accountability Act of 2014**. The act will:

Require VA to offer an authorization to receive non-VA care to any veteran who is enrolled in the VA health care system as of August 1, 2014, or who is a newly discharged combat veteran if such veteran is unable to secure an appointment at a VA medical facility within 30 days (or a future published goal established by VA) or resides more than 40 miles from the nearest VA medical facility, with certain exceptions.

Require VA to provide a Veterans Choice Card to eligible veterans to facilitate care provided by non-VA providers.

Provide \$10 billion for the newly-established "Veterans Choice Fund" to cover the costs of this increased access to non-VA care. Choice program authority would end when funds are exhausted or three years after enactment, whichever occurs first.

Require an independent assessment of VA medical care and establish a Congressional Commission on Care to evaluate access to care throughout the VA health care system.

Extend the ARCH (Access Received Closer to Home) pilot program for two years.

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The Senate on Tuesday voted 97-0 to confirm Bob McDonald, the former chief executive of Procter & Gamble and a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, to serve as the next secretary of the Veterans Affairs Department. Secretary McDonald has proposed a plan of action for his first 90 days that will surely be an uphill battle for him and the VA.

Congressman Rothfus is now a sponsor of HR 543, **The Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act of 2013**. There are now 247 cosponsors for this bill including Reps. Doyle and Murphy.

S.1602 - Toxic Exposure Research and Military Family Support Act of 2013 is being rewritten and will be introduced soon. There is a companion bill in the house that may have to be reintroduced to make it a companion bill. There is a possibility of this bill being worked on after the summer congressional recess.

Bart Farzati
VVA 862
Legislative Chairman

**KOKOMO - 2014**

Kokomo Vietnam Veterans Reunion
Sponsored by the Howard County Vietnam Veterans

Please be advised
Due to circumstances beyond our control

We just found out that there are NO VANS headed for Kokomo.
That means

“You” will be responsible for setting up your own travel arrangements.

You may want to get a hold of someone on the list and share a ride with them if they have room. That would be up to them.

"TOGETHER THEN"

Calendar of Events for 2014

"TOGETHER NOW"

August

- Aug 4 U S Coast Guard Birthday
 Aug 8 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland
 VFW Park
 Aug 5 - 9 VVA Nat Conference - Hyatt - Wichita,
 Aug 12 Clean up the Banks for the "Duck Race"
 Hookstown Fair - 6:00 PM
 Aug 13 VVA 862 BOD Meeting
 Aug 15 -- 17 Bridgewater River Regatta
 Aug 19 - 23 "Hookstown Fair" VVA Booth
 Aug 20 VVA 862 Picnic Starts at 1 Eat at 5
 Aug 23 VVA 862 "Duck Race" @ Fair 6:00 PM
 Aug 26 "Wall That Heals" Meeting 7:00 PM
 Rochester VFW
 Aug 30 4th Annual Blaine Allinder
 "Golf Outing"
 \$100 Per Golfer / \$400.00 per Foursome

Sept

- Sept 10 VVA 862 - BOD Meeting - 5:00 PM
 AVVA Meeting - 6:00 PM
 Sept 10 VVA 862 - Meeting 7:00 PM
 Sept 12 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland
 VFW Park
 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 27 POW / MIA Ride to the Wall Registration
 12:00 Noon - Leaves Rochester VFW 3:00 PM
 Sept 28 "Gold Star Mothers" Day

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 County,
 Pa

140 Knob Vue Drive
 Freedom, Pa. 15042

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 Oct 10 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland
 VFW
 Oct 13 U S 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

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 in
 Irvine Park Beaver
 Dec 17 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Short Meeting with Food / Drinks after
 Dec 25 "Merry Christmas"
 Dec 31 "New Year's Eve"

The PTSD Group of VVA Chapter 862 is cancelled effective immediately due to lack of participation.

In the future, if the need arises, we can start the group back up again. I will remain chairman for the PTSD committee. I will be available 24 hrs. a day for anyone who has a problem or has questions.

Rich McCracken 724 - 266 - 4914

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

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

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

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VVA CHAPTER 862
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Buffalo Hollow 2014

