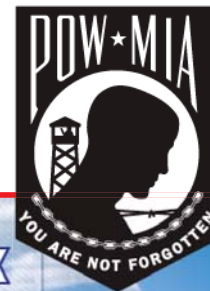


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## Don't Get Left In the Dark...

**Go to our  
Chapter Picnic  
at Industry Park**

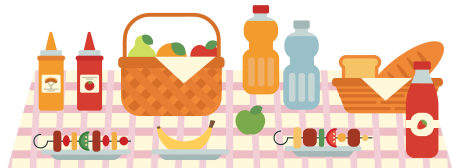
Engle Rd / Rte 68

**Wednesday, August 15**

**2:00pm-? \***

**(food served at 4:30pm)**

**\* Please bring your favorite Side  
Dish or Dessert to share**



August 15, 6 p.m.  
Rochester VFW

uh, where is  
everyone.....?



### Chairman's Notes

1. Help is needed at 12:00 noon for set up and cleaning the tables.
2. We will be doing a 50/50 and door prizes after dinner. If you have any door prizes please bring them the day of the picnic.
3. We will also need volunteers to help with clean-up afterwards

**Thank you,  
Philip Morris**

**Vietnam Veterans of America  
Chapter 862, Southwestern Pa.**

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**Monthly  
Meetings  
— 7pm —**

**Board of Directors  
Second Wednesday**

**General Membership  
Third Wednesday**

*All meetings held at*

**Rochester VFW • 179 Virginia Ave • Rochester, PA 15074**

**Our Motto: Never again will one generation of veterans abandon another.**



# September BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Leland Foy
- 2 Paul Cupp Jr  
Vic Horvath  
Vernon Kaminski
- 3 Bill Battisti  
Bruce Brown  
Ray Fischer  
Roy Hoak
- 4 Ron Taylor
- 5 Donna Doughty  
Ken Dunn  
George Haught  
Fred Steinkirchner
- 6 Norman Fortune  
Reuben Fuller

- 7 Dan Sinclair  
Gerald Stewart Jr.  
Jim Gibboney
- 8 Robert Davies  
Leland Foy  
Chet Kozlowski  
Tom Pashuta  
George Porvaznik
- 12 Robert Brown  
John Girting
- 13 Stan Miller  
Tim Milligan  
John Sergeant  
Fred Spigler
- 14 Ray Carter Sr.  
Homer Tack
- 15 Jim Hill  
Guy Moore

- 15 Russell Tanner
- 16 Mike Nahod  
Dan Vaughn  
Bill Young Jr
- 17 Richard Conkle  
Paul Ferrari  
Dan Parsons  
Steve Yurich  
Bob Weismantle
- 18 John Potopa
- 19 Michael Galvin  
David Graver  
Gary Prentice  
Roy Whipple
- 20 George Brummitt  
James Sneed
- 21 Oliver Mihm  
Rick Ruperto  
Mark Szedny  
Frank Wilson
- 22 Joe Subroski
- 23 Robert Ketterer
- 23 Mardy Sinclair
- 24 Gregory Rice  
Art Terracio  
John Wilson
- 25 Joe Checca  
Craig Martin  
Patrick McMullen  
Paulena Melvin
- 26 Jerry Fulton  
Dan Jones  
Cheri Pickering
- 27 Frank Kosela  
Bill Marshall  
Tony Yannachione
- 28 John Albrecht  
Paul Smedley
- 29 Bill Dunn  
Ernest Funari  
Edward Hewitt  
Dale Holliday  
Tom Tray
- 30 Sam Harrison

## Upcoming Chapter 862 Special Meetings & Events

- Sep 2 – Blaine Allinder Annual Golf Outing (Corey Allinder)
- Sep 12 – NO BOD Meeting (moved to Sep 19)
- Sep 19– BOD Meeting @ 5:00 pm, Membership Meeting, @ 7:00 pm
- Sep 27 – Gold Star Mothers/Families Dinner, Beaver Valley Golf Club, 6:00pm (Michelle Wilcox / Bobbie Morris)
- Sep 29 - POW/MIA Bike Run (Philip Morris)
- Oct 6 - Autumn Leaf Festival Parade, Clarion, PA (Rick Raich)

### Other Events

- Aug 8–12 – Wall That Heals, McKeesport Park, PA (sponsored by VVI),
- Sep 12–16 – Vietnam Veterans Reunion, Kokomo, IN (Bill Laughner)



## Red Rose Honors

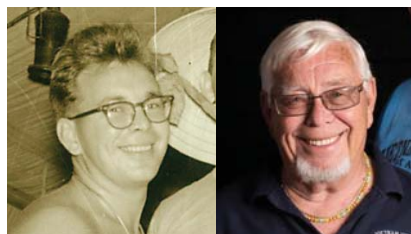
In July, red roses were sent in memory of eight deceased Vietnam Era veterans

*Our Chapter sends a single red rose and vase to the funeral home for every military veteran, or family member of a member of our chapter, who passes away. Chaplain*

*Don Villella scans the newspapers daily and orders the roses sent to the appropriate funeral home in honor of the deceased veteran(s) or family member.*

## Answer to Last Month's Viet Nam Flashback

★ Bill Laughner ★



# General Meeting MINUTES

July 18, 2018

Michelle Wilcox, Secretary VVA 862

**VVA Motto: "Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another"**

**Called to order** by President Larry Googins @ 7:00 PM

Opening Prayer by Don Villella. Attendance was 127.

**Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Exec VP Bill Laughner.

**Introduction of Guests** – Bill Drambel from Clear Captions talked about the TTY phone available free of charge to anyone with hearing loss. He will also help set the phone up in your home.

**Guests & Prospective Members** – Leo Valle

**Members Sick or in Distress** – Clem Blazewick, Judy & Harry Hage

**Roll Call of Officers Present** – 11, Excused - 3, Absent – 0

**Secretary's Report:** All communications were read. June's minutes accepted as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jake Barsottini reviewed all acct balances, which were approved pending audit. Jake talked about PVAF, which is a 501.c3. He asked anyone who knows a person or corporation that would be able to contribute to the fund to take a form to them.

Larry Googins talked about the Pro Football Alumni/Shell award dinner he attended. We were awarded a check for \$10,000.00.

**Review of BOD recommended motions** awaiting membership approval

There is a Rock N' Rods car cruise in Rochester on Saturday the 21st sponsored by the Legion Riders. The recipient of this year's cruise will be given to AB Canine Training "Michael's Mission".

(1) Motion made by Frank Petz and 2nd by John Szatkiewicz donate \$200.00 to Rock N' Rods.  
Motion carried.

(2) A Motion was made by John Szatkiewicz and 2nd by Randy Tallon to donate \$300.00 to AB Canine Training "Michael's Mission". Motion carried

(3) Motion made by Bill Harlow and 2nd by Lee Corfield to donate \$500.00 to the American Veterans Tribute Vietnam Traveling Wall in Murrysville. Motion carried.

Larry talked about Troop D Camp Cadet being held at Camp Lutherlyn in Prospect, PA. Carl Curtis has been involved with this organization for years. The cost is \$400.00 per cadet.

(4) Motion made by Ben Wright and 2nd by Don Bucciere to donate \$1200.00 to send three cadets to Camp Cadet. Motion carried.

There was discussion concerning the Wall That Heals coming to McKeesport August 9-12, 2018.

(5) A motion was made by Rich Kamzelski and 2nd by Frank Petz to donate \$583.18 to support the Wall that Heals. Motion carried.

(6) A motion was made by Ben Wright and 2nd by Ray Rapp to donate \$250.00 to Project Friendship. Motion carried.

(7) A motion was made by Dick Pegg and 2nd by Jim Juillerat to place a full-page ad at a cost of \$150.00 in the Beaver County Choral Society program. Motion carried.

## Vice-President's Reports

**Exec VP Bill Laughner** – Anyone who is scheduled to go to the Kokomo reunion will be receiving an email from the Marriott asking them to submit their credit card information to expedite registration.

**1st Vice President Philip Morris** – The annual chapter picnic is scheduled for Wednesday August 15th.

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*VVA Minutes continued from page 3*

He will be stepping down from chairing the event after this year. Come at noon to help with setup. Dinner will be at 4:30 pm.

### Committee Reports

**Membership (Gary Shaffer)** - VVA - 803, LIFE - 754. He is asking new members to join for 3 years @ \$50.00.

**AVVA (Bobbie Morris)** - 168 members. Donations given to Project Friendship and McGuire Memorial Run. Guest speaker Jamie Dean from Fleece Connection spoke at the meeting.

**Public Affairs (Dick Pegg)** - DOD has located 23 remains of Vietnam veterans and 13 remains from Korean War with the help of the 1st Cav.

**Government Affairs (Bart Farzati)** - (a) Tricare Dental will cease to exist at the end of the year. You can buy into the Federal employee plan. (b) Blue Water Navy Act passed the House. There are more presumptives in this bill than the Senate bill. Go to Archives.gov and download SF 180 for your health & military records. Shannon at Rothfus's office can help with submitting this form. (c) Congressman Lamb will be holding a Veteran Roundtable August 22nd @ 6:00 pm at the Rochester VFW.

**POW/MIA (Philip Morris)** Next planning meeting for the ride will be July 19th @ 7 PM in the board room at Rochester VFW.

**Agent Orange (Mike Coligure)** We need to get Vietnam veterans who think they don't deserve benefits to get into the VA system.

**Community Service/PX (Frank Petz)** They will be ordering more polo shirts.

**Honor/Color Guard (Ray Litzinger/Rick Raich)** Flag raising at the Beaver County Boom.

**Memorial Bricks (Ron Ippolito)** We have four bricks.

### Old Business

**Veterans Day parade** - We are sponsoring the parade this year. It will be November 10th (Saturday) Carl Curtis will be scheduling a planning meeting in August.

### Good of the Order

Jake Barsottini is urging people to register their children, especially if they have a neurological disorder. Get their information on file.

Randy Tallon talked about the meeting with Beaver Borough council. A proposal was presented to erect a memorial for the veterans of the War on Terror.

There is a Car Cruise on August 8th at the American Hangar at the airport.

50/50 is \$142.00 and won by Larry Tanner. He gave it back to AVVA.

Closing Prayer by Don Vilella. Meeting adjourned @ 8:30 PM.



### **Veterans Breakfast Club**

**Sep 5 911th Airlift Wing MWR Club,**  
8:30 am, \$15 (RSVP required  
by Sept 2nd to Lauren Del Ricci  
412-623-9029)





## Memorial Walkway Bricks at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Beaver, Pa.

Brick Walkway Order Form Please PRINT LEGIBLY in BLUE or BLACK ink

Donor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

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

8"x4" **\$75**  
3 lines,  
13 characters\*


8"x8" **\$200**  
6 lines,  
13 characters\*


\* includes punctuation  
and spaces

You may honor Veterans of the armed services, loved ones and friends (*either living or deceased*) with an "In Memory Of" brick. You may also want to honor your American Legion post, your VFW post or any other Veterans Service Organizations. Orders are accepted year round, with placement every spring and fall. Engraving is donated by Rome Monument.

**Mail completed form with check to: VVA Chapter 862, P.O. Box 26, Rochester, PA 15074**



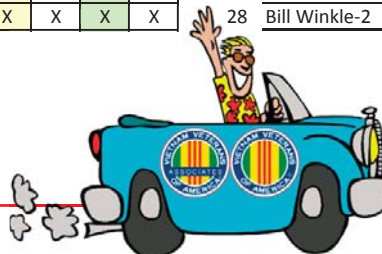
## ATTENTION Kokomo Marriott guests

Due to the high demand for hotel rooms during the Reunion Weekend, the Marriott is requiring you to secure your accommodations with a credit card. ***Please call or email the hotel by August 3.*** (765) 453-0800 or mamolder@genhotels.com

**Any Questions: Bill Laughner (724) 601-3597**

Rm Count	Name	Accommodation	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep
1	Mike Banovsky-1	Rm 101			X	X
2	Mike Banovsky-2	2 Beds			X	X
3	Mike Banovsky-3	2 Beds			X	X
4	Clem Blazewick	2 Beds	X	X	X	X
5	Mike Butera-1	2 Beds			X	X
6	Mike Butera-2	King	X	X	X	X
7	Tom Cekovich	King	X	X	X	X
8	Lee Corfield	2 Beds; 1st Floor Handicapped	X	X	X	X
9	Susan Fudurich	King	X	X		
10	Ron Gardner	2 Beds; 1st Floor Handicapped	X	X	X	X
11	John Gillespie	King		X	X	X
12	Rich Gillin-1	2 Beds & Rollaway	X	X	X	X
13	Rich Gillin-2	2 Beds & Rollaway	X	X	X	X
14	Rich Gillin-3	2 Beds & Rollaway	X	X	X	X

Rm Count	Name	Accommodation	12-Sep	13-Sep	14-Sep	15-Sep
15	Larry Googins	King	X	X	X	X
16	Paul Hanke	2 Beds	X	X	X	X
17	Sam Harrison	King	X	X	X	X
18	Pete Herman	King	X	X	X	X
19	Don Jamiola	King	X		X	
20	Aaron Johnson	2 Beds	X	X	X	X
21	Tony Pallatto	King	X	X	X	X
22	Frank Petz	2 Beds & Rollaway	X	X	X	
23	Rick Raich	King	X	X	X	X
24	John Smith	King	X	X	X	X
25	John Szatkiewicz	King	X	X	X	X
26	Jim Walters	King	X	X	X	X
27	Bill Winkle-1	2 Beds & Rollaway	X	X	X	X
28	Bill Winkle-2	2 Beds & Rollaway	X	X	X	X



# AVVA Meeting MINUTES

July 18, 2018

Keith Black, Secretary



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

President Bobbie Morris said a word of prayer.

Roll Call: Barb Googins was excused. Jaime Dean was welcomed as a guest.

President's Report: Reminded everyone there is no meeting in August due to the picnic on the 15th. Setup is at 12:00 and starts at 3:00 p.m. Please bring a side dish or desert. August 1st, there will be a legislative hearing for Vietnam blue water veterans in the Senate. The bill has passed the House of Representatives by an overwhelming majority and will move on to the Senate. The VVA fully supports this bill. There is a section concerning the Thailand veterans but who they may be is unclear.

Vice-President's Report: Introduced Jamie Dean, a representative from Fleece Connection.

Treasurer Report: Rita Swesey – Gave the financial report for June. Approved pending audit.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Secretary Keith Black read the minutes for June. A motion was made by Sue Bridgewater to accept the minutes as corrected with a second by Linda Szatkiewicz. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Sandy Giordano is still sending out cards.

Membership Report: Sue Smith – We now have 168 members and 107 life members. We are 3rd in the Nation, 2nd in the region, and 1st in the State.

VISTA Report: Laurel Beitsinger – 155.5 hours for this month. 332.5 hours for the year.

## Old Business

Susan Fudurich expressed interest in attending the Leadership Conference. President Bobbie Morris has appointed her as an alternate delegate for the conference since our delegate is unable to attend.

## New Business

Jaimie Dean presented what Fleece Connections does concerning making blankets, coffee truck service, and providing support for deployed and wounded veterans, hosting workshops, and who they are and their history.

A motion made at our June meeting to pay for the children of our GSF's was not completed. With further discussion in our July meeting it was agreed by the majority of the members present not to move forward at this time.

Robin's Home: Due questions about the situation and legality of the home in Butler, Butler County, Sue Bridgewater made a motion that we Recinde the previously approved motion for a donation to Robin's Home. Linda Szatkiewicz made a second. Motion carried.

McGuire Memorial Home: Donna Corfield made a motion to donate \$50.00. Linda Szatkiewicz made a second. Motion Carried.

National VVA/AVVA Project Friendship: Lighthouse – A motion was made by Carl Curtis for \$100.00. Rita Swesey made a second. Motion carried.

Sue Bridgewater made a motion to donate \$200.00 to Fleece Connection. A second was made by Sue Fudurich. Motion failed. It was felt that hosting a workshop would be more appropriate and beneficial.

Chapter By-Laws were reviewed and updated. Donna Corfield made a motion to adopt the updates to the By-Laws. Sue Bridgewater made a second. Motion carried.

## Good of the Chapter

August the 15th, is the annual picnic at Industry Park. Please bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert. There will be no meeting.

The POW/MIA Bike Run meeting is July 19th at 7:00 at the Rochester VFW.

National Conference will be in Palm Springs from July 24th through 28th.

Veterans Day Parade is on Saturday, November the 10th in Beaver. The Agent Orange balloon release is immediately after the parade. This will be the 10 year anniversary for the balloon release.

Candy and 50/50 will be sold during the VVA meeting.

# Vietnam Veterans of America MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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 8/5/1964 & 5/7/1975

**OR**

I served in the US military in Vietnam between 2/28/1961 & 5/7/1975

DD-214 enclosed

I did not serve in the military during these times, but I wish to join the **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA)** - \$20.00 / Year

NEW MEMBER

RENEWAL - Membership Card # \_\_\_\_\_

One (1) Year Membership \$20.00

Three (3) Year Membership \$50.00

Life Membership \$75.00



In Service to America

Mail completed form, copy of DD-214 and check to:

VVA Chapter 862  
P.O. Box 26  
Rochester, PA 15074

## Chapter 862 Officers & Directors

(All 724 Area Codes unless noted)

### Officers

**President**– Larry Googins ..... 869-7090  
**Exec**– VP Bill Laughner ..... 843-6828  
**1st VP**– Phil Morris ..... 643-5725  
**Secretary**– Michelle Wilcox ..... 847-3463  
**Treasurer**– Jake Barsottini ..... 601-7293

### Directors

Rich Raich (3)      Bob Horner (2)      Ron Heitzenrater (1)  
 Gary Shaffer (3)      Don Tice (2)      Ron Ippolito (1)  
 Corkey Romeo (3)      Don Villella (2)      Nick Pavkovich (1)

### Chapter 862 Delegates

Jake Barsottini      Philip Morris      Gary Shaffer  
 Lee Corfield      Dick Pegg      John Szatkiewicz  
 Larry Googins      Rick Raich      Dave Walker  
 Ron Heitzenrater      Ray Rapp      Bob Weismantle  
 Ron Ippolito      Corkey Romeo      Michelle Wilcox  
 Bill Laughner

### Standing Committees

**Agent Orange / Dioxin**– Mike Coligure ..... 412-613-1810  
**Community Services**– Chuck Inman ..... 709-7747  
**Economic Opportunities**– Linwood Alford  
**Finance / Auditing**– Wayne Cumer  
**Government Affairs**– Bart Farzati ..... 777-2193  
**Membership**– Gary Shaffer ..... 643-8941  
**Minority Affairs**– Linwood Alford  
**POW / MIA**– Phil Morris ..... 643-5725  
**PTSD / Substance Abuse**– Ray Litzinger ..... 378-5855  
**Public Affairs**– Kathy (Katy) Miller ..... 709-8104  
**Veterans Benefits**– Kathy Nairn (Advisor) ..... 770-4450  
**Veterans Incarcerated & in Justice System**– Ken Pingatore  
**Women Veterans**– Michelle Wilcox ..... 847-3463

## Special Committees

**Election**– Lon Hogue ..... 846-8857  
**Gold Star Mothers/Families**– Michelle Wilcox ..... 847-3463  
**Homeless Veterans**– Bill Porupsky ..... 495-7051  
**Honor / Color Guard**– Ray Litzinger ..... 378-5855  
**Hospitalized Veterans**– Michelle Wilcox ..... 847-3463  
**Newsletter**– Susan Fudurich .print@myinkstar.com 847-2940  
**PX**– Frank Petz ..... 774-1867  
**Scholarship**– Lon Hogue ..... 846-8857  
**Veterans Assistance**– Bill Laughner ..... 601-3597  
**Veterans Memorials**– Rich Tindell ..... 336-5457  
**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bricks**  
 – Ron Heitzenrater ..... 452-7483  
**Webmaster**– Lee Corfield ..... 775-3027

## Other Positions / Chairpersons

**Chaplain**– Don Villella ..... 843-7401  
**Highway Clean-up**– Charles Ray ..... 827-8310  
**Chapter Service Coordinators**–  
 Michelle Wilcox....847-3463      Nick Pavkovich....847-0592

## AVVA Chapter 862

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**VP**– Sue Bridgewater ..... 643-0731  
**Secretary**– Keith Black ..... 513-3177  
**Treasurer**– Rita Swesey ..... 775-7529

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Carl Curtis ..... 869-0294  
 Susan Smith ..... 728-6741  
 Barbara Googins ..... 869-7090

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