

VIETNAM VET "GAZETTE"

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Up-Coming Meetings

BOD Meeting

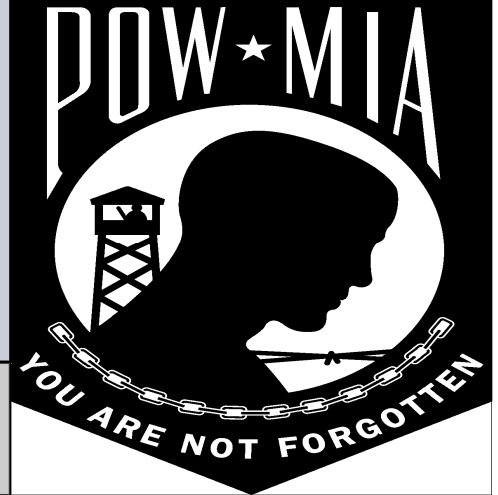
2nd Wed of the Month
7:00 PM

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



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 97 MIA's from Pennsylvania names on the wall at 7:00 PM.

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

September 28 - Closing Ceremony 7:00 PM

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(All 724 Area Codes unless noted)

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

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: There are still **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 early March, and it has since remained the same. Most 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.

SECRETARY OF DEFENSE DIRECTS ACTION: Entitled "DoD Structure for Past Conflict Personnel Accounting," the signed February 20th directive was addressed to all senior officials in the Department of Defense, as follows: "After intensive review, I have determined that the Department of Defense must change the way it manages accounting for personnel missing from past conflicts. I have directed the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy to provide me, within 30 days, a plan for how to organize the Department most effectively to increase to the maximum extent possible the numbers of missing Service personnel accounted for annually while ensuring timely and accurate information is provided to their families. This plan should address organizational and process changes required to consolidate all Departmental assets into a single, accountable entity that has oversight of all personnel accounting resources, research, and operations across the Department. It should propose methods to maximize the number of identifications, improve transparency for families, reduce duplicative functions, and establish a system for centralized, complete, fully accessible personnel case files for missing personnel. At a minimum, this plan should articulate recommendations for changes to the civilian and military personnel policies, contracting and acquisition policies, statutory and regulatory authorities, facilities, budgets, and procedures to ensure effective oversight of laboratory operations. This effort should be informed by past studies and reviews.

The Military Departments, Combatant Commands, and OSD Components shall provide the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with all information and materials needed for this planning effort. This is a top priority for the Department.

I am deeply committed to the fullest extent possible to the accounting for missing Service members. Upon receipt of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy's plan, I am prepared to direct changes to use the Department's resources for this mission more effectively and efficiently."

League Chairman of the Board Comment: Secretary Hagel's welcome action gave 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 Navy officer and former SEAL Team Commander. Assistant Secretary Lumpkin, also serving as Acting Under Secretary of Defense for Policy (USD-P) conducted an in-process review of where things stand with major national veteran organizations and the League on April 3rd, as follow-up to the teleconference briefing he provided prior to Secretary Hagel's announced directive.

POW / MIA News (cont on Page 3)

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&

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Chaplain

Barb Googins869-7090

POW Update (cont from Page 2).

Since that time, Secretary Lumpkin appointed a senior DoD civilian, Alisa Stack, to head a transition team that, reportedly, will include 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. Both Secretary Hagel and Secretary Lumpkin have stated that communication with the families must be a very high priority consideration in how the new agency performs.

FIELD OPERATIONS: With budget agreement reached, one would think that field operations would be conducted on a sustainable pace and scope needed to achieve long-stated accounting objectives, but such is not the case. Despite the relatively sophisticated working environment that has evolved since the first joint recovery occurred in Laos, in 1984, too often it is the US causing cutbacks in joint cooperation. There are multiple reasons, from congressional sequestration, mandated budget cuts that hit JPAC disproportionately due to PACOM direction, to an inadequate number of deployable JPAC Lab forensic anthropologists for in-country operations. If the policy concerning deployable scientific personnel for field operations is not changed, there will be an unsatisfactory, dramatic reduction in the scope of Vietnam War accounting operations.

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 concluded April 14th, though only one RT and one IT were scheduled. The next US team did increase in size to three ITs. Initially, the May 9th – June 6th JFA was to have been comprised of only 2 RTs, and the League appreciates the increase to 3 RTs, though the Lao Government long ago approved a cap of 53 personnel to operate simultaneously in Laos.

Cambodia: Operations in Cambodia by one RT and one Underwater Recovery Team (URT), postponed twice in 2013, took place January 28th – April 2nd, 2014. Since the Stony Beach specialist is permanently in-country and conducts investigations whenever needed, there are no ITs scheduled in conjunction with JFAs in Cambodia.

Vietnam: Four RTs conducted operations in Vietnam February 28th – March 27th. Two ITs also deployed on that JFA, plus the RIT (Research Investigation Team) and a Field Forensic Review (FFR) Team. Only four RTs are scheduled in Vietnam for the May 20th – June 22nd JFA. An underwater operation previously scheduled along the coast of northern Vietnam was cancelled, reportedly due to lack of available funding.

**Respectfully Submitted;
Philip Morris
Chairman, POW/MIA 862**

Minutes from May 21, 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 “ 130 ”

Veterans “Sick or In Distress” - Tom Robes, Don Miller

Guests and/or Prospective Members - Tom Chuderitz, Gene Rees, Ben Wright, Bill Wise, David Trump.

Roll Call of Officers - 14 - Present 0 - Absent 1 - Excused

Vote for BOD - Bill Laughner explained how this election will take place.

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. He also gave the report on the upcoming Veterans Bridge Dedication & Ceremonies. Parking issues were discussed.

Motions that need approved by the body:

- 1) Motion was made by Dave Kane 2nd by Cliff Pflugh that we sponsor a hole at \$500.00 for the Golf Outing for the “It’s About The Warrior Foundation”. Motion Carried
- 2) Motion was made by Dave Marchetti 2nd by John Szatkiewicz to donate \$100.00 to the Woman Veterans Symposium. Motion Carried. Michelle Wilcox will take care of this.
- 3) Motion was made by Joe Feltes 2nd by Michelle Wilcox to hold the Dinner/Dance/Karaoke (July 19th here at the Rochester VFW) that Jake Barsottini is putting together Cost will be \$20.00 each . Motion Carried

Committee Reports:

Agent Orange - Mike Coligure gave a report on what all he has going on.

Honor Guard - Rich Raich - spoke about a funeral they did last week. He explained how the service went at the Cem of the Alleghenies for the 26 Urns that were received Also went over events coming up. Bill gave the details about VVAS 862 being the Parade Marshalls for the Darlington Days Parade.

Legislative - Bart Farzati spoke about several issues with the VA.

Membership - Gary Shaffer - **VVA 668 * LIFE 458** We now are #3 Only 7 away from being #2.

AVVA - Bobbie Morris gave a report on what they are doing. They have 137 members w/ 50 Life Members.

Election Results - Philip Morris, Don Villella, & Michelle Wilcox were voted to the BOD for 3 year terms.

Motion was made to destroy the ballots was made by Ray Litzinger and 2nd by Joe Feltes. Motion Carried

Communications - Were read by Bill Laughner from the recipients of the Scholarship Awards.

Old Business - None

New Business - Sue Bridgewater spoke about Sugar Free candy. Sandy Giordano stated that the Hopewell Relay for Life will be held on June 21st. Rich Kamzelski gave an update on the Relay for Life at Brady’s Run.

New Life Membership - winner was Esther Biskup who is on active duty and stationed in Japan. Support the Troop Rally , Dave Kane gave a report on how it is coming along and also the upcoming Highway Clean-up.

Good of the Order - Still need more people for the Ryan Reott Golf Outing. Joe Mavero gave an update on putting Flags on Graves at Sylvania Hill. Explanation of the rules for Flags on Graves was explained. The fine for removing flags early comes to \$300.00 per flag. There are 7400 Veterans flags at Sylvania Hills. Bill made comments about how we will be able to use the 6-By truck for the parade and Bridge dedication.

Audit Committee - Bill Winkle stated all books have been audited and found in order. Motion to accept Audit was made by Ray Litzinger and 2nd by John Szatkiewicz. Motion Carried.

Boy Scout - **Nathan McBride**, from Beaver Pa. spoke about his Eagle Project.

Closing Prayer by Chaplain Don Villella

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Lee Corfield VVA 862 Sec

SHORTROUNDS

Well a lot has happened since I last wrote a "Shortrounds" for our newsletter. My wife, Pammy and I returned from Florida the end of April, we sold our home in Chippewa Twp. that we built in 1978 and raised our three children....many great memories. We now have a small apartment in Beaver, Pa. It comes a time when you must downsize and with packing and unpacking we have been very busy. Our apartment has 17 steps and we decided on the 2nd. floor so Duck wouldn't come visit (smiles) Our VVA/AVVA Annual Spring Banquet was held and well attended. Thanks again to Barb Googins who again was chairperson assisted by Donna Corfield and Marilyn Piccirilli.

MEMBERSHIP - Yes, we are getting close to being the # 2 chapter in the nation with membership count. At the Memorial Day Parade I seen a Brother who I have been after to join us from the start, 12 years!!! He is now joining so don't give up, keep asking, they just might join to get you of their back. Our membership chair, Gary Shaffer does a bang up job. When talking to the National VVA they ask me.....what is your secret in recruiting members? I told them, "we have a membership chair who stays on top of it and we have many members who continue to look for new members" We have over 6,000 Veterans, just in Beaver County who served during the Vietnam War. We are honored to have between 250 and 300 chapter members who live outside Beaver County.

THE VVA VETERAN - If you are like me when you receive the VVA Veteran I make sure I read the "LOCATER" and search for those long lost Brothers and/or Sisters. I had to laugh, one Nam Vet lost his seabag and for years has been trying to locate it and wanted to know if the Army had a "Lost & Found".....Go figure.....In the "Report To Action" The VVA Veteran did an outstanding article on our "HONOR WAGON"

KOKOMO - Rooms are going fast, several FNG's are signed up, a couple Brothers are looking for room-mates. Most will be checking in Wed. Sept. 17 and out Sunday Sept. 21. If you are going, email me at marinenamvet66@yahoo.com and let me know who is bunking in your room, king or double/double. The hotel is non smoking but for smoking we ask for a balcony. At this time I believe a rental van will be making the trip. So the first step is, get a room !!!!!

HIGHWAY PICK-UP - Saturday June 21 we will be picking up litter from OUR Vietnam Veterans of America Memorial Highway, Rt. 18, Big Beaver, from 48 St. red light, to the red light in Koppel. We need at least 5 warm bodies to cover four sections, that comes out to at least 20 people. Bring a grandchild, this may teach them not to litter, bring a wife, husband. If you have a bad back (and we all do) you can be used as a flagger on traffic. A couple weeks ago, I hate to say it but we only had 6 people show,,,,,We can't clean the highway with 6 members. Meet at the old Skating Rink 9:00 AM **Thank You** goes out to, **Larry Tanner, Chuck Jenkins, Charles "Snakedog" Smith, Chuck Szabo, Allen Masko, & Dave Kane.**

Brothers & Sisters, yes, some were away, and some could just not make it. Were you one of the members just sitting at home? This highway is named for all our Brothers & Sisters who gave all.....**Honor them June 21st. at 9:00 AM**

I hope to see many of you there !!!!!!!

Welcome Home

Skip

KOKOMO - 2014

KOKOMO - These are the members I have listed for reservations for Kokomo.

PLEASE, IF you called me, I "should" have you listed below. Make sure you check for ur name and everything is correct.

Check in Wed. Sept. 17, Check out Sunday Sept. 21.

- 1.- Roy Barlett, Double/Double
- 2.- Ron/Marlene Gardner, Double/Double
- 3.- Kathy Keister 3 rooms, King Bed each room, 2 non smoke/ 1 balcony
- 4.- Mike Butera, King Bed, "VAN"
- 5.- Clem Blazewick/Jim Fisher, Double/Double
- 6.- Butler Pete, Room # 1, Double/Double, Balcony
- 7.- Butler Pete, Room # 2, Double/Double, Balcony
- 8.- Scott/Bonnie Little, King, (Top Floor) Balcony
- 9.- Rich/Bonnie Gillin, Double/Double
- 10 Tom/Barb Bowman, Double/Double
- 11 Jake/Pam Barsottini, Double/Double
- 12 Rick Raich, Double/Double
- 13 Frank Petz, Ralph, Rick, Double/Double plus RAW
- 14 Larry & Barb Googins, King
- 15 Skip Haswell, Duck, Bob Laughner, (2nd. Floor Suite) RAW
- 16 Lee/Donna Corfield/Sean-Dawn (3rd. Floor Suite)
- 17 Larry Tanner & Snakedog, Double/Double - Balcony

Check in Thursday, Sept. 18 - Check out Sunday Sept. 21

- 1.- Tony Pallatto, King Bed,
- 2.- Bob Uzmack, King Bed, (Ground Floor)

Check in Thursday, Sept. 18 - Check out Saturday Sept.20

- 1.- Bill Stokes, Room # 1 , Double/Double
- 2.- Bill Stokes, Room # 2 , Double/Double

NOTE - 21 rooms are reserved, I have 14 rooms left. Email me: marinenamvet66@yahoo.com if you are going. "IF" you said to me "Skip, reserve me a room at Kokomo....with my memory,,,It didn't happen....and please don't take for granted because you go every year that I have you a room reserved. **Email me please ASAP** Skip

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS RALLY**June 15th, 2014 - 5:00 PM****Quay Park (across from the Gazebo)**

Please bring your "Lawn Chairs" and "Flags" in support of our troops who are now serving.

Always a great time with excellent entertainment. All proceeds go towards the "Yellow Ribbon Girls"



Maple Syrup Festival - 2104

Pictured Left to Right:

Bill Porupsky, Larry Googins, Frank Petz, Barb Googins, Marilyn Piccirilli, Randy Tallon, Ken Pingatore, Terri Carr, Bobbie Morris, Chuck Inman, Mike Coligure & Philip Morris.

Special Thanks to all the other members who stopped by and visited our booth.

July 4th Parade in Midland



This upcoming 4th of July Parade in Midland, The Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 862 has been asked to lead this Parade.

We would like to have a nice turnout for this. UOD will be jungle fatigues, with boonie hat, orange tee shirt, and boots. It may be really hot that day.

Come and Join us!

Death Notices

Nick P. Vucetich 62 - of Harmony Twp, Pa. died May 6th 2014. Nick was a Life member of VVA 862 and served with the U S Air Force in Vietnam.

Vera Mary Clingenpeel 94 - of East Liverpool, Oh, on May 23rd 2014. Vera was the mother of VVA 862 Life member Herman Clingenpeel.

May They Rest In Peace!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

June

Gary Wadatz June 1
 Robert Bogovich June 2
 Jim Rose June 2
 Rodger Iben June 3
 Chuck Musser June 3
 Dave Bollman June 4
 Pam Haswell June 4
 Bill Bradley June 5
 James Wrzesinski June 5
 Matthew McCauley June 6
 Ralph Hague June 7
 Chuck Musser June 8
 William Stenger June 8
 Paul Summers June 8
 Les Brown June 9
 Linda Davis June 10
 Jim Juillerat June 10
 Tee Patillo June 10
 Jim Barnes II June 11
 Don Eiler June 11
 Chuck Bowers June 12
 Larry Kingston June 12
 Bill Porupsky June 12
 Dave Kane June 13
 Mike Krechowski June 13
 Ed VanRyn Jr June 13
 Bill Grandstaff June 13

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

June

Ron Patterson June 14
 John Wargo June 14
 Ken Pingatore June 15
 Brian Shumaker June 15
 Ed Bryson June 16
 Connie McCracken June 16
 Jenn Muns June 16
 Charles Schrankel June 16
 Dan Godich June 17
 Allys Boyer June 18
 Tom Reilly June 18
 Julius Bergiel June 19
 Georgiann Robes June 20
 John Bevins June 21
 Ray Litzinger June 21
 Joe Pucci June 21
 Milton Pettapiece June 22
 Tom Sypolt June 22
 Ron Johnston June 23
 Bill Wauthier June 23
 Ken Hughes June 24
 Ron Gabler June 25
 Eugene Mittica June 25
 Joe Maverro June 26
 Ralph Cordes June 30
 Bob Good June 30
 Gene Rees June 30

Lee's Tid Bits

Attention: New Members At Large

You may not see your birthday listed if I do not have a copy of your DD 214. I am actually supposed to have one on file. If you'd like to send me a copy of your DD 214 I will be glad to add your birth date next time around .

Picture Identity!

Just found out that the picture that was in the last issue was that of VVA 862 President Mr. Lloyd "Skip" Haswell from back in his younger days when he was good looking and had hair. Heck we all might have one of those pictures laying around somewhere.

NEWSLETTERS

So Far I've heard from 4 people complaining that they are not receiving the newsletter in the mail. In November 2013, we notified everyone that we were going "All Electronic". By stating "I don't want nothing to do with computers" just doesn't cut it. This is 2014. At least someone in your family has internet - a relative, neighbor, friend, etc. If not, you can stop at one of the local libraries around Beaver County and use their computers for "Free". They will even aim you in the right direction to find it.

Another option is to visit your local VFW or American Legion and read their copy. Also, all VA Service Offices receive a copy of the newsletter for their members to read. We have gotten several new members that way.

The newsletters that I have at the meetings are only for the 1st timers. Whatever is leftover, gets split between the Monaca & Cranberry VA Clinics. *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.
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We reserve the right to edit submissions as space allows.



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:
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Veterans Health Identification Card



The new Veteran Health Identification Card (VHIC) provides:

- * Increased security for your personal information - no personally identifiable information is contained on the magnetic stripe or barcode.
 - * A salute to your military service – The emblem of your latest branch of service is displayed on your card. Several special awards will also be listed.
- The VHIC replaces the Veteran Identification Card (VIC) and will be issued only to Veterans who are enrolled in the VA health care system.

Purpose of the VHIC

The VHIC is for identification and check-in at VA appointments. It cannot be used as a credit card or an insurance card, and it does not authorize or pay for care at non-VA facilities.

Getting the New Card is Easy!

In February 2014, VA began issuing the VHIC to newly enrolled Veterans and enrolled Veterans who were not previously issued the old VIC but requested an identification card.

Beginning in May 2014, VA will automatically mail a VHIC to enrolled Veterans who were issued the VIC. Because we will be re-issuing more than 6 million cards, we ask for your patience during this time. Veterans who were issued a VIC do **not** need to return to their VA medical center to have a photo taken for the VHIC.

Enrolled Veterans who do not have the VIC can contact their local VA medical center Enrollment Coordinator to arrange to have their picture taken for the new VHIC, or they may request a new VHIC at their next VA health care appointment. To ensure their identity, Veterans must provide either one form of primary identification or two forms of secondary identification. Please see the **Acceptable Documents for Identity Proofing** table below.

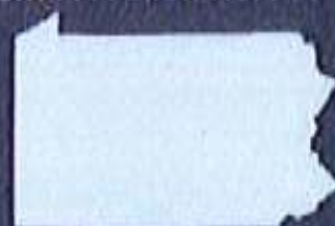
The VHIC will be mailed to all valid mailing addresses, including P.O. boxes.

Important!! Veterans who are already enrolled should ensure the address we have on file is correct so you can receive your VHIC in a timely manner. To update or to confirm your address with us, please call 1-877-222-VETS (8387). If the post office cannot deliver your VHIC, the card will be returned to the VA.

Check out their Website <http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic/index.asp>



WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA FALLEN HEROES FOUNDATION
A Tribute to Western PA Fallen Heroes



To Contribute contact the Shenango Valley Foundation at 724-981-5882

**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

RAIN OR SHINE

MEMORIAL/HONOR PARADE OF MOTORCYCLES

STAGING: 11AM - NOON

AMERICAN LEGION POST 474

ZELIENOPE, PA.

**OUR 9TH ANNUAL MEMORIAL HONOR (MOTORCYCLE) RIDE
COVERING NUMEROUS COUNTIES OF W.PA.
(DONATION \$10 PER PERSON)**



**NEVER AGAIN WILL
ONE
GENERATION OF
VETERANS
FORGET ANOTHER!**

Back To The Bush Oldies Night
Sponsored by VVA Chapter 862
Direct from Pittsburgh
Dance and Karaoke by DJ/KJ T-Money

Date: July 19, 2014, 6PM—Midnight Rochester VFW
179 Virginia Ave., Rochester PA 15074

Pay as you go Bar, You may bring your own snacks but
Food and snacks will be provided. Come out and have a great time
For a Great Cause. Reservations Required by June 30th, 2014.
To Make Your Reservations you can call or email Jake Barsottini,
Phone 724-601-7293, email jbarsottini@gmail.com or Bobby Morri:
Phone 724-643-5725, email bobby514@comcast.net. When
You make your reservation please mail your check payable to
VVA 862 to Larry Gogins 110 Hamilton Ct, Baden PA 15005.
ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT VVA CHAPTER 862 & VETS HELPING VETS

Cost \$20.00 Per Person

All Proceeds Will go to VVA 862 and Our Vets helping Vets Program

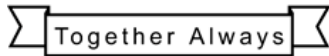




Associates of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 862 May 21, 2014

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

Connie McCracken gave the opening prayer.



All Officers and Board Members were present.

A motion by Sue Bridgewater to accept the minutes of April 16, 2014 as corrected in the May newsletter, seconded by Sandy Giordano. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sue Bridgewater gave the financial report and approved as pending audit.

Vice President Marji Slawianowski will send a "Thank You" card to Lowe's to the attention of Matt and Ryan for the 50% off the flowers for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Beaver.

Membership Chair Veronica Grant reported that our Chapter has 87 regular members and 50 life members for a total of 137.

Chairperson Marilyn Piccirilli reported that there are only 85 tickets remaining for "The Wall That Heals".

Chairperson Sandy Giordano, reported on the Mother's Day rose sale, 28 dozen of roses were sold.

Barb Googins made a motion to reimburse the VVA for the Spring Banquet decorations, Marji Slawianowski seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

President Morris reported that a total of 8 VVA/AVVA members helped to clean up and plant flowers at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Beaver. She asked members if they are passing the Memorial please stop to water the flowers. A special thanks to Bart Farzati for all the prep work.

A motion was made by Sandy Giordano and seconded by Keith Black to purchase a Plaque for our Vietnam Memorial in Beaver that will read {Maintained by VVA/AVVA Chapter 862}. Motion carried.

President Morris reported that she was invited to the Jr. ROTC Marine Ball to present Carl Curtis with the AVVA member of the year award.

A motion by Connie McCracken to reimburse Bobbie Morris as follows: The President's award from "Things Remembered" \$44.52, Edging for the Vietnam Memorial \$33.72 and Certificates and Holders for AVVA year membership \$14.22 seconded by Sandy Giordano. Motion carried.

On May 15, 2014 an emergency E-Motion was sent to the Officers and Board members to approve a request from Michelle Wilcox to sponsor the Women Veterans Symposium for the amount of \$100.00. The event will be held in Pittsburgh on June 6, 2014. The E-Motion was approved. A motion was made by Linda Szatkiewicz and seconded by Carl Curtis to donated \$100 to the Women Veterans Symposium. Motion carried.

Co-Chair Bob Gwin spoke about the "Support the Troops Rally" to be held in Beaver on June 15, 2014. Bob is requesting help with setting up at 6:00 pm the night of the 14th.

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Historian Sandy Giordano presented a bill in the amount of \$10.57 for a photo album. She asked members to give her photos of the events they attend. A motion was made by Keith Black and seconded by Marilyn Piccirilli to reimburse Sandy. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 P.M.; the next meeting will be June 18, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the VFW Post 128 in Rochester, PA.

Submitted by,

Veronica Grant,
Secretary, Chapter 862

**DRAFT UNTIL
APPROVED**

AVVA TICKETS

“Fund Raiser” for the “Wall That Heals” coming in September

If you have any of the AVVA tickets, and they are ready to be turned in, Please bring the Tickets and Stubs / Money to the upcoming meeting on June 18th. We don't want to wait till the last minute to turn them

VVA 862 GOLF SEASON

2014 GOLF SEASON HAS BEGUN

**MONDAY'S 3:30 - STONECREST GOLF COURSE
THURSDAY'S 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

"TOGETHER THEN"

Calendar of Events for 2014

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June

- June 6 -7 US Air Force Museum Trip - Dayton, Oh
 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 Quay Park
 June 18 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM
 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 June 21 Hi-Way Cleanup - Rt 18 - 9:00 AM
 Meet @ Old Skating Rink
 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 862 Honor 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 U S 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"
 \$100 Per Golfer / \$400.00 per Foursome

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 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
 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 in
 Beaver
 Dec 17 VVA 862 - Meeting - 7:00 PM
 Dec 25 "Merry Christmas"
 Dec 31 "New Year's Eve"

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

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

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

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

Or

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

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

___ Renewal Membership Card # _____ New Member: _____

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

Type:

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



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