

# VIETNAM VET "GAZETTE"

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## Chapter 862 Meetings

### BOD Meeting

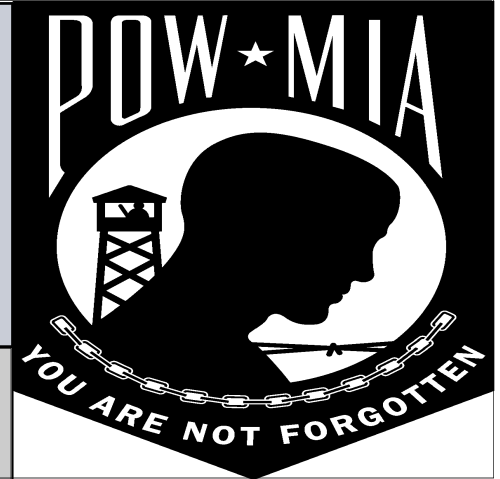
2nd Wed of the Month

### Membership Meeting

3rd Wed of the Month

7:00 PM at the  
ROCHESTER VFW

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The annual meeting of Chapter 862 was held on April 20, 2016. As required by the VVA Constitution, the membership meeting included the election of five (5) officers for a term of two years, three (3) members of the Board of Directors for a term of three years, three (3) members of the Auditing Committee, three (3) members of the Nominating Committee and fifteen (15) Delegates, each for a term of two years. The current elected members are listed on Page 3.

Then on May 7<sup>th</sup>, we enjoyed our Annual Spring Membership Awards Banquet. After a social hour and invocation, everyone feasted on an outstanding buffet dinner, served by PJ's Deli. Entertainment was provided by AVVA Life Member Jordan Escamilla (grandson of Lee & Donna Corfield). The banquet was organized and the room beautifully decorated by AVVA members Barbara Googins and Donna Corfield.

Following dinner, the Marine JROTC cadets performed the "Field Cross Ceremony" with description by Cadet Joseph Kalemon of the meaning of each move and item making up the memorial. Kaleb Martin, a current student at The Citadel, then described the senior program that he had started while he was a Marine JROTC cadet. Cadets Coby Starkweather and Anthony Phan followed in his footsteps and continued the program during this school year by presenting two donations of \$11,000 and \$1,800 to Chapter 862. Wow!

Lon Hogue introduced the winners of the two \$1,000 Blaine Allinder Memorial Scholarships to Sienna Brock and Brandon Sell, who both read their patriotic application statements.

AVVA President Bobbie Morris presented the Recognition of Service Certificates to the AVVA members and also the following 2016 AVVA awards:

- President's Award: Laura Beitsinger
- Member of the Year: Susan Smith

VVA President Larry Googins and VVA Exec VP Bill Laughner presented the following VVA awards:

- President's Award: Ken Pingatore
- John Namath Award: Philip Morris
- Veteran of the Year Award: Gary Shaffer
- Community Service Award: Dan Madgar & the Beaver Police Department

Membership Chairman Gary Shaffer then presented the VVA Recognition of Service pins for 5, 10, 15 and 20 year VVA members.

VVA National President John Rowan conducted the swearing-in of the 2016 Officers. He followed that by an exceptional speech, describing the history of VVA, the goals and purposes of the organization, the current work that is being undertaken to support the objectives, and some insight into the potential future of the Vietnam Veterans of America. The entire evening was relaxing, enjoyable and entertaining.

Larry Googins, President

**Chapter 862 Officers & Committees**

(All 724 Area Codes unless noted)

**Executive Officers**

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

**Board of Directors**

Nick Pavkovich .....3 .....847-0592  
 Ron Heitzenrater.....3 .....452-7483  
 Ron Ippolito.....3 .....869-5234  
 Gary Shaffer .....2 .....643-8941  
 Rich Raich .....2 ... 412-974-6282  
 Terri Carr.....2 ... 330-692-1849  
 Don Villella .....1 .....843-7401  
 Chuck Inman .....1 .....709-7747  
 Lee Corfield.....1 .....775-3027

**Delegates**

Larry Googins.....869-7090  
 Bill Laughner.....601-3597  
 Philip Morris .....643-5725  
 Michelle Wilcox .....847-3463  
 Jake Barsottini .....601-7293  
 Lee Corfield.....775-3027  
 Chuck Inman .....709-7747  
 Nick Pavkovich .....847-0592  
 Rich Raich .....412-974-6282  
 Terri Carr .....330-692-1849  
 Ray Rapp .....316-6786  
 John Szatkiewicz .....643-8422  
 Gary Shaffer .....643-8941  
 Dave Walker.....794-3468  
 Bob Weismantle.....

**Standing Committees****Agent Orange / Dioxin**

Mike Coligure .....412-613-1810

**Auditor's**

Bill Winkle .....774-626

**Community Services**

Chuck Inman .....709-7747

**Finance**

Bill Winkle .....774-2626

**Government Affairs**

Bart Farzati .....777-2193

**Membership**

Gary Shaffer .....643-8941

**Minority Affairs**

Reuben Fuller .....378-4990

**POW / MIA**

Phil Morris .....643-5725

**PTSD / Substance Abuse****(Vacant)****Public Affairs****(Vacant)****Veterans Affairs / Benefits / Advisor**

Kathy Nairn .....770-4450

**VVA 862 Chapter Service Coordinators**

Michelle Wilcox .....847-3463

Nick Pavkovich .....847-0592

**Woman Veterans**

Michelle Wilcox .....847-3463

**POW / MIA**

(Information taken from the National League of POW/MIA Families)

**April 25, 2016**

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR:** The number of US personnel missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War is still **1,621**.

Recently announced as accounted for is SFC Alan L. Boyer, USA/SF, listed as MIA 3/28/68, Laos, remains returned 6/16/98, and identified 3/16/16. Prior to this announcement, DPAA had announced the name of Major Donald G. Carr, USA/SF, listed as MIA 7/6/71, in South Vietnam, remains returned 8/29/14, and identified 8/10/15. Word is circulating that remains of 1Lt Daniel W. Thomas, USAF, the other officer missing from this incident, have been recovered. All hope that these remains will be identified as 1Lt Thomas and returned to his family; however, in reality, the osseous material recovered will undergo thorough analysis at the DPAA Laboratory in Hawaii before any conclusions can be reached.

The total accounted for is still 962 since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. Another 63 US personnel, recovered by the US and identified before the end of the war, raises the total of US personnel accounted for from the Vietnam War to 1,025. Of the 1,621 still missing and unaccounted for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,264 (VN-466, VS-798); Laos-301; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate when investigations and analyses result in changes to loss locations. Since formation in 1970, the League has sought the return of all POWs, the fullest possible accounting for those still missing, and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War.

**May 4, 2016****Vietnam's Ability to Account for American's Missing from the Vietnam War**

Family members, veteran organizations and other POW/MIA supporters throughout the country consistently opposed steps to improve economic and political relations with Vietnam until their leadership decided to cooperate fully to resolve the POW/MIA issue. The League supported a policy of reciprocity – steps by the US to respond to efforts by Vietnam to locate and return remains and provide issue-related archival documents. During the initial stages of the normalization process, important leverage was lost without commensurate results; however, there has since been greater responsiveness.

Respectful Submitted,  
 Philip Morris  
 POW/MIA Chairman

**VVA 862 Committees (Cont)**

**Special Committees**

**Color/Honor Guards**

Ray Litzinger.....378-5855  
Rick Raich....Asst.....412-974-6282

**Highway Clean UP**

Charles Ray.....827-8310

**Homeless Veterans**

Bill Porupsky.....495-7051

**Webmaster**

Lee Corfield.....775-3027

**Nominating / Scholarship**

Lon Hogue .....846-8857

**Veterans Assistance**

Bill Laughner.....601-3597

**Other Positions**

**Chaplain**

Don Villella. ....843-7401

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**AVVA Chapter 862 Officers**

President Bobbie Morris 643-5725  
V.P. Linda Szatkiewicz 643-8422  
Secretary Keith Black 513-3177  
Treasurer Sue Bridgewater 643-0731

**AVVA BOD**

Sandy Giordano.....203-4569  
Carl Curtis.....869-0294  
Rita Swesey.....775-7529

**Alt Del**

Donna Corfield.....775-3027

**Parliamentarian**

Veronica Grant.....462-3717

**Chaplain**

Barb Googins.....869-7090

**Membership**

Susan Smith.....728-6741



**VVA Chapter 862**

**2016-2017 Officers & Directors**

Larry Googins, President  
William Laughner, Exec. VP  
Philip Morris, 1<sup>st</sup> VP  
Michelle Wilcox, Secretary  
Jake Barsottini, Treasurer  
  
Terri Carr, Director  
Lee Corfield, Director  
Cliff Hawes, Director  
Ron Heitzenrater, Director  
Ron Ippolito, Director  
Nick Pavkovich, Director  
Rich Raich, Director  
Gary Shaffer, Director  
Don Villella, Director



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Linda Szatkiewicz, VP  
Keith Black, Secretary  
Susan Bridgewater, Treasurer  
  
Carl Curtis, Director  
Sandy Giordano, Director  
Rita Swesey, Director

## Minutes from April 20, 2016 meeting

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

**Opening Prayer** by Chaplain Don Villella. Attendance was (157)

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

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

**Roll Call of Officers** 14 – Present 0 – Absent 1 – Excused

**Guest Speaker** - Sean Dugay from the Drop 22 Challenge gave a short speech as to why he put this together. Looking at July 22nd 2017.

**Introduction of Guests or Prospective Members** – Bud Murray, Joe Mine, John Yeck & Rich McDaniel

**Members Sick or in Distress** – Luke Patrino

**Secretary's Report: Minutes:** Were accepted as read in the newsletter.

**Communications** - All communications were read.

**Website** – Lee went over how the website is working and encouraged anyone to call him or email him with any questions. He spoke about some of the pictures that have been added. If anyone has pictures to add, Please send them to him via email. He will now be the SPOC (Single Point of Contact) for our chapter. Lee then explained about our chapter will now have a Comcast small business account which will help with the emails.

**Treasurer's Report:** was read by Treasurer Jake Barsottini. Jake went over all acct balances which will be approved pending audit. He explained that if anyone had any questions, he has everything on his computer which you are welcome to come up and look at at any time.

**Elections** : At this time, Larry turned the meeting over to Lon Hogue Chairman of the Nomination Committee. Ballots were passed out to everyone.

**President** – Lon asked for nominations for President 3 times. Larry Googins was the only nomination. Motion to close nominations for President was made by Bill Winkle and 2nded. Motion Carried. Larry asked the Secretary to cast a unanimous vote for Larry Googins for President for VVA Chapter 862.

**Exec Vice President** – Lon asked for nominations for Exec Vice President 3 times. Bill Laughner was the only nomination for Exec Vice Pres. Motion was made by Bill Harlow and 2nded. Motion Carried. Larry asked the Secretary to cast a unanimous vote for Bill Laughner as Exec Vice President for VVA Chapter 862.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres** – Lon asked for nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President. Phil Morris was the only nomination. Motion to close nominations for 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres was made by John Sheperd and 2nded. Motion Carried. Larry asked the Secretary to cast a unanimous vote for Phil Morris as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres for VVA Chapter 862

**Secretary** – Lon asked for nominations for the position of Secretary 3 times. Michelle Wilcox was the only nomination. Motion to close nominations for Secretary was made by Reuben Fuller and 2nded. Motion Carried. Larry asked the Secretary to cast a unanimous nomination for Michelle Wilcox as Secretary of VVA Chapter 862.

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**Treasurer** – Lon asked for nominations for the position of Treasurer 3 times. Jake Barsottini was the -only nomination. Motion to close nominations for Treasurer was made by John Szatieiwicz and 2nded. Motion Carried. Larry asked the Secretary to cast a unanimous nomination for Jake Barsottini as Treasurer of VVA Chapter 862.

**BOD – 3 year term** – the following nominations were received. Nick Pavkovich, Ron Heitzenrater, Ron Ippolito, & John Szatkiewicz. Lon asked for any more nominations from the floor for BOD 3 times. Motion was made by Skip Haskell and 2nded to close nominations for BOD. Motion Carried. We will be only be voting for 3 for a 3 year term..

**Nomination Committee** - The following nominations for Nominating committee were Ken Pingatore, Lon Hogue, Al Martin, Rich Kamzelski. At this time Ken Pingatore requested to be removed from the nomination committee. That gave us the 3 we needed. Motion to close nominations for Nominating Committee was made by Terri Carr and 2nded. Motion Carried. Larry asked the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for Lon Hogue, Rich Kamzelski and Al Martin for Nominating committee for VVA Chapter 862.

**Auditing Committee** – The following 3 are already on the auditing Committee are Wayne Cumer, Joe Maverro & Bill Winkle. Lon Hogue asked 3 times for nominations for the Auditing Committee. Motion was made by Ray Litzinger and 2nded to close nominations for Auditing Committee. Motion Carried.. Larry asked the Secretary to cast a unanimous vote for Wayne Cumer, Joe Maverro and Bill Winkle as member of the Auditing Committee for VVA Chapter 862.

**Delegates** - We are allowed up to (15) for our chapter. The following names have agreed to stay on as Delegates for VVA Chapter 862. Larry Googins, Bill Laughner, Phil Morris, Michelle Wilcox, Jake Barsottini, Lee Corfield, Chuck Inman, Nick Pavkovich, Rich Raich & Ray Rapp. We need 5 more. Names that were received last month were John Szatkiewicz and Bob Weismantle. Names taken from the floor were John Schweich, Terri Carr, Gary Shaffer, Dave Walker and Rich Pegg. Lon asked for more nominations 3 times. Motion was made to close nominations for Delegate was made by Chuck Szabo and 2nded. Motion Carried. You will only be voting for (15). Rich Kamzelski explained how the voting will take place.

Lon Hogue turned the meeting back over to President Larry Googins

**Committee Reports:**

**VVA Spring Banquet May 7<sup>th</sup> 2016** – Larry went over all the details about our upcoming banquet. The Main Speaker will be the VVA National President John Rowan. He will explain where we will be going for the next 15 years. The Ambridge Jr. ROTC will be doing the Field Cross Ceremony. Gary Shaffer will be handing out the Pins. You must make reservation with Donna Corfield and Barb Googins will be the only ones taking reservations. We need a count so we know how many to cook for.

**VVA 862 PX** – Larry Googins went over all the New Rules for the PX. The Chairman will be Frank Petz. They are going to keeping a closer control. The only time the PX will be open will be our meeting nights.

**Larry went thru the following motions which were previously recommended by our VVA 862 BOD and will stand as mentioned.**

1. Motion was made by Bill Winkle 2nd by Steve Kisio to donate \$300.00 to the Drop 22 Challenge PTSD/TBI Event. Motion Carried.
2. Motion was made by John Gallagher 2nd by Ray Litzinger to donate \$500.00 to the Pennsylvania Lions Beacon Lodge “ Project New Hope”. Motion Carried.
3. Motion was made by Ben Wright 2nd by John Szatkiewicz to donate \$300.00 towards construction of a Wheel Chair Ramp at The First Reformed Presbyterian Church in Darlington. Motion Carried.
4. Motion was made by Skip Haskell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Reuben Fuller to accept the proposal from the Comcast Small Business Account at approx \$94.90 per month that Lee is in the process of setting up. Motion Carried.

**Minutes (cont on Page 6)**

**Committee Reports**

**Agent Orange** - Mike Coligure went over the issues at Camp LeJeune pertaining to Toxic Exposure. He then spoke about Bladder Cancer, Hypertension, Strokes etc . Many of us are on meds for Hypertension. He went in to details.

**Gov't Affairs – Bart Farzati** – Bart also spoke about Toxic Exposure and what's going on. He went over several proposals.

**Membership** - Gary Shaffer - **Membership 760 - LIFE 658** 123 members took advantage of the Life Membership. He explained an issue that he ran into.

**POW MIA Report** - Read the Newsletter

**Women Veterans** - Terri Carr went over the Women's Retreat that she attended which was sponsored by the VFW out in Philadelphia. It was very well attended by western Pa. She also went over the upcoming Blood Drive which will be May 6<sup>th</sup> at the Red Cross Center. 11:00 AM till 4:30 PM.

**Honor Guard** – Rich Raich spoke about the recent funerals that our Honor Guard took part in. They also presented the colors at the Veterans Breakfast at Seven Oaks

**Veterans Assistance** – Bill Laughner reported they had No Vets to assist this month.

**Highway Clean Up** -

**2nd Annual Armed Forces Golf Outing** being held at Black Hawk Golf Course. Phil went over the details Price is \$75.00 per person.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM

**Death Notice**

**William C. Fisch 82** died on April 25th 2016. Bill served with the US Marines for 30 years. Bill was our VVA 862 LIFE member who drove down from Canada when we had the Moving Wall here in 2008. He retired E - 8 and was a 1st Sgt.

**Loretta Adeline (LeDonne) Phillips 89** of Monaca, Pa. Loretta was the Gold Star Mother of Frederick William Mullen SP5/E5 killed in Vietnam on November 5th, 1966 who is one of our 73 from Beaver County listed on our Memorial in Beaver

## **The CAF Red Tail Squadron's RISE ABOVE is coming back on May 26-30 at the Air Heritage Museum**

**The Commemorative Air Force (CAF) Red Tail Squadron** America's tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen, will be at the Air Heritage Museum on May 26 – May 30, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Their unique program brings the inspirational history of the Tuskegee Airmen alive and out of the textbooks with their RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit. This is a unique way to experience the inspiring story of America's first black military pilots and their support personnel.

The event will coincide with the EAA Ford Tri-Motor Tour, one of the few remaining airworthy Ford Tri-Motors in the world, scheduled to appear at the Air Heritage Museum May 26 – May 30.

The exciting RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit is a fully functional movie theater featuring the original short film "Rise Above," designed to take the audience on a journey through time – and then through the air. The theater's dynamic 160-degree panoramic screen creates the sensation of being in the cockpit soaring above the clouds in the P-51C Mustang, the signature aircraft of the Tuskegee Airmen. It's much more than a history lesson; the Tuskegee Airmen's ability to triumph over adversity serves as a means to inspire others to RISE ABOVE obstacles in their own lives and achieve their goals.

School and community groups are invited to schedule private showings May 26 and May 27 by contacting Brenda Applegate of the Beaver County Historical Research and Landmarks Foundation at (724) 775-1848. Student groups will receive a free CAF Red Tail Squadron inspirational dog tag featuring their Six Guiding Principles – Aim High, Believe In Yourself, Use Your Brain, Be Ready To Go, Never Quit, Expect to Win, when scheduled on Thursday or Friday.

The CAF Red Tail Squadron's visit is made possible by the Air Heritage Museum and the Tuskegee Airmen Memorial of the Western PA Region.

**The Air Heritage Museum is located at will be held at the Beaver County Airport. To learn more, visit <http://airheritage.org>.**

**Admission to the museum and the RISE ABOVE Traveling Exhibit is FREE!**

**So make plans now to attend and tell all your friends! Be sure to call Brenda to reserve a viewing time for your group to get your free inspirational dog tags!**

**Ryan Reott Memorial Golf Outing**  
To benefit Jack Ryan Reott's Educational Fund

**Rolling Acres Golf Course**  
Beaver Falls, PA  
**Friday June 10, 2016**

**Registration begins at 8:00 AM**  
**9:00 AM Shotgun Start, Scramble format**

**Foursome / Individuals**

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**Cost - \$85.00 per golfer / \$340.00 per Foursome**

(Includes Golf and Cart)

- Dinner Buffet
- Hot Dog at the turn
- Beverages
- Coffee and donuts
- Prizes and Fund Raiser Auction

**Deadline for PAID Golfers is Friday, June 5, 2016**

**Questions: 724-728-5065 or 724-888-6272**

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make all checks payable to: Reott Educational Fund**

**EIN# 33-1208746**

**Mail Checks and Forms to: Cliff Hawes**

**131 Cedar Ridge Drive**  
**Monaca, PA 15061**





## Associates of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 862

**April 20, 2016**

A regular meeting of the AVVA Chapter 862 was opened by President Bobbie Morris at 6:00 p.m. with a word of prayer by Chaplain Barb Googins, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA. President Morris welcomed guests and new members. All Officers and Board Members were present.

Sue Bridgewater gave the financial report which will be filed subject to audit.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Keith Black and seconded by Diane Feltes. Motion carried.

Membership Chair Sue Smith - National approved a new Life Membership fee of \$100.00 for ages 60 and over.

VISTA Chair Laurel Beitsinger - Pennsylvania is in second place in the nation.

A motion to purchase the software Quicken was made by Sandy Giordano and seconded by Marilyn Piccirilli. Motion carried.

A motion to donate \$100.00 to the Riders for McGuire Home was made by Sue Bridgewater and seconded by Barb Googins. Motion carried.

A motion to donate \$250.00 for the Beacon Lodge Project was made by Linda Szatkiewicz and seconded by Sandy Giordano. Motion carried.

A motion to donate \$100.00 for a ramp for veterans at the Presbyterian Church of member Charles Ray was made by Carl Curtis and seconded by Judy Hage. Motion carried.

The new officers and board of directors are: President Roberta Morris, Vice President Linda Szatkiewicz, Treasurer Sue Bridgewater and Secretary Keith Black.  
Boards of Directors: Keith Black, Sandy Giordano, and Rita Swesey.

The next meeting will be May 18, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. at the VFW Post 128 in Rochester, PA.

Submitted by,

*Veronica Grant*

Veronica Grant,  
Secretary, Chapter 862

DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED

**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  
 Larry Bates .....June 7  
 Ralph Hague .....June 7  
 Chuck Musser.....June 8  
 Paul Summers.....June 8  
 Les Brown .....June 9  
 Linda Davis .....June 10  
 Jim Juillerat .....June 10  
 Jim Barnes II .....June 11  
 Al Benson .....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  
 Charles Schrankel ..... June 16  
 Bob Fisher ..... 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  
 Louis Nudi..... June 22  
 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 Mavero ..... June 26  
 Ralph Cordes..... June 30  
 Bob Good ..... June 30  
 Gene Rees ..... June 30

**Wills For Heroes**

On Saturday, June 4, 2016, volunteer lawyers will be conducting a Wills for Heroes Program for Pennsylvania military veterans and their spouses or significant others and First Responders, all sworn personnel and their spouses/ significant others (please note that proof of affiliation or DD214 will be requested at the event). The June 4 event will be held at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute, 5080 Ritter Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055 beginning at 11 a.m.

Appointments for each person last approximately 1 hour and at the conclusion of it you will have notarized legal documents - a Will, Living Will, and Health Care and Financial Powers of Attorney (or any combination thereof). If you select that you are coming with a spouse/significant other you will have back to back appointments, and the computer will automatically schedule a second appointment. You do not need to schedule a separate appointment. Please schedule your appointment early as this event is sure to fill up fast.

Appointments must be scheduled online at: [www.pabar.org/wfh/](http://www.pabar.org/wfh/)  
 The password is: MVAWFH

If you have any questions about this event, please contact Gabriele Miller-Wagner at [wfh.gmillerwagner@yahoo.com](mailto:wfh.gmillerwagner@yahoo.com) or [717-979-3500](tel:717-979-3500).

For more information on the program visit the Wills for Heroes Foundation at [www.willsforheroes.org](http://www.willsforheroes.org).

*Next VVA 862 Meeting  
 May 18th- 7:00 P M*

**Vietnam Veterans of America -Legislative Update**

May 3, 2016

On April 29, 2016, The President of the United States signed into law the National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015. This new law was introduced in the house (H.R. 1760) by Congressman Stephen Lynch (MA-8) and companion bill in the Senate (S.885) by Senator Elizabeth Warren (MA). The new law reads as follows:

One Hundred Fourteenth Congress of the United States of America

**AT THE SECOND SESSION**

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Monday, the fourth day of January, two thousand and sixteen

**An Act**

To direct the Architect of the Capitol to place in the United States Capitol a chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the "National POW/MIA Remembrance Act of 2015".

**SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

Congress finds the following:

(1) In recent years, commemorative chairs honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action have been placed in prominent locations across the United States.

(2) The United States Capitol is an appropriate location to place a commemorative chair honoring American Prisoners of War/Missing in Action.

**SEC. 3. PLACEMENT OF A CHAIR IN UNITED STATES CAPITOL HONORING AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION.**

(a) Obtaining Chair.--The Architect of the Capitol shall enter into an agreement to obtain a chair featuring the logo of the National League of POW/MIA Families under such terms and conditions as the Architect considers appropriate and consistent with applicable law.

(b) Placement.--Not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Architect shall place the chair obtained under subsection (a) in a suitable permanent location in the United States Capitol.

**SEC. 4. FUNDING.**

(a) Donations.--The Architect of the Capitol may--

(1) enter into an agreement with any organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that is exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of that Code to solicit private donations to carry out the purposes of this Act; and






(2) accept donations of funds, property, and services to carry out the purposes of this Act.

(b) Costs.--All costs incurred in carrying out the purposes of this Act shall be paid for with private donations received under subsection (a).

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Vice President of the United States and President of the Senate.

Sample of the "Duck Ticket for 2016

<p><b>5555</b></p> <p><b>4444</b></p> <p><b>3333</b></p> <p><b>2222</b></p> <p><b>1111</b></p>	<p><b>5555</b></p> <p><b>4444</b></p> <p><b>3333</b></p> <p><b>2222</b></p> <p><b>1111</b></p>	<p><b>5555</b></p> <p><b>4444</b></p> <p><b>3333</b></p> <p><b>2222</b></p> <p><b>1111</b></p>	<p><b>5555</b></p> <p><b>4444</b></p> <p><b>3333</b></p> <p><b>2222</b></p> <p><b>1111</b></p>	<p><b>5555</b></p> <p><b>4444</b></p> <p><b>3333</b></p> <p><b>2222</b></p> <p><b>1111</b></p>
 		<p>Vietnam Veterans of America Beaver County Chapter 862 16th ANNUAL</p> <hr/> <p><b>"Great Duck Race"</b></p> <p>SAT., AUG. 27, 2016 at Hookstown Fair Proceeds benefit all Veterans and Community Projects.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Together Then ... Together Now!!</i></p> <p>1st Place: \$1,000 2nd Place: \$500    3rd Place: \$300    4th Place: \$200 5th Place: \$100    6th Place: \$100    7th Place: \$100 8th Place: \$100    9th Place: \$100    10th Place: \$100</p> <hr/> <p><b>Donation: \$5.00      Post Time: 6:00 PM</b></p> <p>\$25,000 Awarded to first place winner, if the first place winner's number hits straight on the 4-digit PA Lottery Number drawn at 7 PM on Monday, August 29, 2016</p> <p>Tickets compliments of: Wayne Tatalovich Family Funeral Home Aliquippa, PA</p>  		
<p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Seller _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">"Great Duck Race" - Aug. 27, 2016</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>No. 1111</b></p>		<p><b>Duck No. 1111</b> </p>		

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**THE 16TH ANNUAL  
VVA 862 DUCK RACE...**

will be held on Saturday, August 27th at Hookstown Fair. This fundraiser has raised over \$110,000 in the last 15 years. We have 2000 rubber ducks so we have 2000 tickets. In the past we have asked members to come up after the meeting and pick up tickets. Many members like me forget to stop for tickets when the meeting is over. I would like to prepare packets prior to the meeting, so I need your help.

I would ask all members to email me at [wlaugh@comcast.net](mailto:wlaugh@comcast.net) with how many tickets you want. For people who live out of town, like Skip Haswell, I will mail them to you.

We currently have over 750 members and if all members wanted 5 tickets I would need 3750 tickets. This is a very difficult task and I need your help.

Thank you,  
Bill Laughner, Duck Race Chairman  
(DA DUCKMAN )



## 2nd Annual Armed Forces Golf Outing

**Benefitting our local veterans**

Proceeds will be distributed by local Vietnam Veterans Chapter #862

Saturday, May 21st (Armed Forces Day)

8:00 A.M. Shotgun Scramble

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

**Includes golf, prizes, meal and refreshments**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Thanks to the cooperation of the 2015 participants, we were able to raise over \$3,000 that directly benefitted our Local Veterans. With your help we would like to use all 36-holes in order to help even more towards our Nations Heroes. Join us and tee it up for a great cause!



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**Lee's Final Tid Bits:**

**WOW!** Where do I begin? Let's go back to the beginning starting in (2000) with our original Exec BOD which consisted of **Lloyd "Skip" Haswell as President, Michael Mikulich as Vice President, 2nd Vice President was Jon Neely**, Of course I was Secretary and **Treasurer was Bill Muns**. Just starting out, we were allowed (1) **Delegate which was Tracy King**.

Check out where we are now 15 1/2 years later. With over 700 members, we are up to 15 Delegates. What a ride it has been. So many great people that I've had the opportunity to work with not only on Committees but along side at different events. Hookstown Fair and the ultimate VVA 862 Duck Race has to be one of the best events. I can remember being at a PA State Meeting and Skip Haswell leaned over and asked, "You wanna buy a duck?" I said, "WHAT?" He said, "Do you wanna buy a duck?" Now mind you, we were in the Bar Area of the Nittany Lion Inn. Man I'm starting to think, we only just got here. I then asked him the question we all ask when it looks like people are starting to talk silly. I said, "Skip, are you ok? Did you talk all your meds today?" He said, "Yes, I'm serious." Everybody around the table started laughing and we are looking at each other like, Where did this come from? Skip took a lot of harassment that afternoon till he finally got everybody settled to where he could explain what he meant by wanting us to buy a duck. Well laugh all you want, 15 Duck Races later, those silly Duck Races have brought in over \$100,000 to go toward helping veterans in our area.

Now I should have mentioned in the beginning that these Duck Races were the idea of our now Exec Vice President William "Duckman" Laughner. Bill explained to us that he had been doing these Duck Races for the Pennsylvania Lion Clubs from all over Pennsylvania and told us how successful it was. I can remember our 1st Duck Race in the Ohio River. Actually we were in the river where the Ohio meets the Beaver. I was on afternoon turn at St. Joe but got permission to come in late so I stopped on the way to work to watch. Well, the Ducks were in the river. They were trying to round them all up. I stood on the river bank listening to these people yelling out their duck numbers as loud as they could. Now these are stupid little yellow plastic ducks with numbers on the bottom. I was almost in stitches, I was laughing so hard. Poor John Namath was in the water trying to get control of these ducks as several thought they wanted swim upriver to Pittsburgh on the Ohio. We ended up yelling at several people on their Ski Doo's (whatever they were called back then) asking them to stir up the waves so they would come back to us. They stirred up the waves and it did help us out a lot as they were getting away from us. Meanwhile, the rest of our people were trying to record the order as they were crossing the finish line. I could go on and on about several of the events we did. I had the Honor of being the Chairman of the "Moving Wall". John Namath was Chair when we brought it in 2001 and I was his Assistant Chair then. He passed in 2005 and I decided to take Chair in honor of him in 2008. What an experience! We had those bad storms come thru that Sunday night and I thought for sure one of those huge trees in Beaver were going to come down on the Wall, but I had a feeling everything was under control upstairs, if you know what I mean.

I really don't want to take up anymore then a page in the newsletter, cause I could probably fill up about 4 or 5. Let's just say the memories I have of being a part of such a fantastic group of Vietnam Veterans, both men and women is beyond belief. I will still be taking part in the military funerals as I have since day one. I will still be the Webmaster of our beautiful new site which I am very proud of.

I am going to get back into music some way shape or form and also going get my Ham Radio's fired up and start talking around the world. I'll be at the end of my email address if anyone needs anything. Don't forget to check out the Website often as there are times things change daily. Love You All!

*Lee*



## Upcoming Chapter 862 Special Meetings & Events



May 7 - Chapter 862 Spring Banquet, Rochester VFW @ 6:00 PM

May 14 - Marine JROTC Awards Ball, Monaca Turners @ 5:00 PM

May 30 - Memorial Day Parade, Beaver

Jun 4-5 - PASC Conference, State College PA

Jun 12 - Support Our Troops Rally, Irvine Park, Beaver @ 5:00 PM

Jun 18 - Relay for Life, Brady's Run Park

Jul 4 - Parade in Midland

Jul 19-23 - VVA National Leadership Conference, Tucson, AZ

Aug 17 - NO MEETING—Chapter Picnic, Industry Park

Aug 19-21 - Beaver County Regatta, Bridgewater, PA

Aug 23-27 - Hookstown Fair & Duck Race

Sep 10 - POW/MIA Bike Run

**Other Fun Events** May 6-7 - Vets Event @ Lincoln Performing Arts (free), Fri @ 7 PM, Sat @ 2 PM

May 21 - Armed Forces Golf Outing, Black Hawk Golf Course @ 8:00 AM

May 26-30 - Air Heritage Museum - Ford Trimotor flights

Jun 10 - Ryan Reott Memorial Golf Outing

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Lee Corfield - Editor  
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## Veterans Treatment Court

Larry Googins is the Veterans Treatment Court Mentor Coordinator. The program will be expanding in 2016.

**“We will need more Mentors”**

to assist with these additional cases.

This is a very rewarding program and a chance to help a fellow veteran return to society as a productive and proud individual.

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor, please contact Larry Googins

724-869-7090

or

Email - [ljgoogins.vva862@comcast.net](mailto:ljgoogins.vva862@comcast.net)

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