

VIETNAM VET "GAZETTE"

Issue 163

Together Then Together Now

April 2016



In Service to America

Chapter 862 Meetings

BOD Meeting

2nd Wed of the Month

Membership Meeting

3rd Wed of the Month

7:00 PM at the
ROCHESTER VFW

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



Maple Syrup Festival

This year's Maple Syrup Festival was again challenged by the "Spring" weather. Despite temperatures in the low 30s, Frank Petz with many other chapter members braved the cold and set up a display to promote Vietnam Veterans and Chapter 862 on Saturday and Sunday, April 2nd and 3rd. And the cold temperatures did not stop the Beaver County residents from sampling the maple syrup with lines for the pancake breakfast well over one hour long on Saturday. It proved that cold temperatures will not stop either Chapter 862 or the Beaver County residents.



Annual Spring Awards Banquet

Our Annual Spring Awards Banquet will be on May 7th at the Rochester VFW. In addition to an outstanding buffet dinner, the Spring Banquet will include a "Field Cross" demonstration by the Ambridge Marine JROTC, three VVA Chapter 862 Membership Awards & a Community Service Award, AVVA Membership Awards, and two \$1000 Scholarships to local high school students.

The VVA National Commander, Mr. John Rowan has graciously accepted our offer to be the guest speaker. He has been active with VVA since its inception in 1978. He was a founding member and President of Chapter 32 in Queens, New York, President of VVA's New York State Council, Chairman of the Conference of State Council Presidents, three terms on the VVA National Board of Directors, and was recently re-elected to a fifth term as the President of VVA. His knowledge and insight into the development and future of the Vietnam Veterans of America is unsurpassed. This is a great opportunity for every member of our Chapter and is one event that you should not miss.

Reservations are required. However, no advance payment is necessary or accepted, but you must make a reservation. For planning purposes, the cost will not exceed fifteen dollars per person, but that may be reduced depending on the attendance. See page 9 for information on making a reservation.

Chapter Committees

We can all agree that we have an outstanding chapter with many dedicated individuals. However, we cannot continue to be successful and follow the VVA motto that "Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another" unless we have active participation from many, many more members. One area that we need to improve is the chapter committees, which is where we have decided to concentrate our efforts. Public Affairs, Veterans Benefits, Minority Affairs, PTSD/TBI & Substance Abuse, Homeless Veterans, are examples of some committees that need attention. Please seriously consider chairing one of these, or any other committee, and help our brothers in need. Thank you in advance.

Larry Googins, President

Chapter 862 Officers & Committees
(All 724 Area Codes unless noted)

Executive Officers

Larry Googins.....President.....869-7090
 Bill Laughner.....Exec VP.....601-3597
 Rich Kamzelski ...1st VP.....494-5752
 Cliff Hawes.....2nd VP 728-5065
 Lee Corfield.....Secretary775-3027
 Jake Barsottini...Treasurer.....601-7293

Board of Directors

Gary Shaffer3.....643-8941
 Rich Tindell3.....622-0724
 Pete Herman.....3.....712-4324
 Michelle Wilcox ...2.....847-3463
 Don Vilella2.....843-7401
 Philip Morris.....2.....643-5725
 Chuck Inman.....1.....709-7747
 Rich Raich.....1.....412-974-6282
 Nick Pavkovich.....1.....847-0592

Delegates

Bill Laughner.....601-3597
 Lee Corfield.....775-3027
 Larry Googins.....869-7090
 Philip Morris.....643-5725
 Chuck Inman.....709-7747
 Terri Carr330-692-1849
 Pete Herman.....712-4324
 Jake Barsottini.....601-7293
 Ray Rapp.....316-6786
 Michelle Wilcox847-3463
 Nick Pavkovich847-0592
 Rich Raich... Alt.....412-974-6282

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 Wilcox847-3463

Nick Pavkovich.....847-0592

Women Veterans

Michelle Wilcox 847-3463

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

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: The number of US personnel missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War is now **1,621**. The number of Americans now listed by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 962. Most recently accounted for is SFC Alan L. Boyer, USA/Special Forces, listed as MIA 3/38/68, Laos, and identified 3/16/16. Prior to this announcement, DPAA most recently announced the name of Major Donald G. Carr, USA/Special Forces, listed as MIA 7/6/71, in South Vietnam, remains returned 8/29/14, remains returned 8/29/14, and identified 8/10/15. The third officer most recently accounted for is 1LT Donald W. Bruch, USAF, listed KIA/BNR on 4/29/66, in North Vietnam, remains recovered 12/14/11, and identified 9/4/15. This brings the total accounted for to **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, bring 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 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.

47th ANNUAL MEETING: June 22-25, 2016, Hilton Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia: Visit the League's web site, <http://www/pow-miafamilies.org>, to get additional details, including a form to register for this crucial meeting, the first opportunity to listen to and assess the work of DPAA.

ATTEND DPAA-HOSTED UPDATES: Upcoming dates and locations are April 16th, Austin, TX, and May 14th, Boston, MA. Contact your Service Casualty Office to obtain the latest information.

DNA TESTING: Family members who have not provided a sample for DNA comparison are strongly urged to do so. Check with your Service Casualty Office to determine eligibility.

The League's sole mission is to obtain the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War.

Phil Morris - VVA 862 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

Newsletter / Webmaster

Lee Corfield.....775-3027

Nominating / Scholarship

Lon Hogue846-8857

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. Marji Slawianowski 378-7315
Secretary Veronica Grant..462-3717
Treasurer Sue Bridgewater 643-0731

AVVA BOD

Keith Black.....513-3177
Carl Curtis.....869-0294
Sandy Giordano.....203-4569

Parliamentarian

Veronica Grant.....462-3717

Chaplain

Barb Googins.....69-7090

Membership

Susan Smith.....728-6741

Disposal of the Old Flags

List of locations where Flags may be dropped off.

Beaver Post Office

Industry Post Office

Midland American Legion Post 481

Midland VFW Post 8168

Monaca American Legion Post 580

Patterson Heights Community Building

Rochester VFW Post 128

**(Getting Around) the New
VVA 862 Website**

Across the top you will find 11 TABS

**VVA 862 - Agent Orange - AVVA - Committees -
Community - Contact VA Events -Links -
Memoriam - Membership - Newsletter**

**Now, take your cursor and let it lay on top of
each one and you will be able to see what's listed
under each Tab.**

**If you see something under that Tab that you
want to look at,
Just click on that Tab and after it opens, scroll
down to it.**

It's that easy!

Minutes from March 16, 2016 meeting

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

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Don Villella. Attendance was **(119)**

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 13 – Present – Absent 2 – Excused

Guest Speaker - Air Heritage - Donna Kelly

Introduction of Guests or Prospective Members – Ed West, Bill Koble, August Tray, George Brown, Terry Burgess

Members Sick or in Distress – Ray Litzinger

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

Communications - All communications were read.

Website – Lee asked everyone if they had any questions to email or give him a call.

Treasurer's Report: was read by President, Asst Treasurer Larry Googins. He went over all acct balances which will be approved pending audit

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 Ray Rapp 2nd by Joe Feltz to sponsor a hole for the Ryan Reott Golf Outing at a cost of \$100.00 Motion Carried.
2. Motion was made by Bill Harlow 2nd by Wally Chevront to assist with a Sponsorship at the Black Hawk Golf Outing at a cost of \$250.00. Motion Carried.

Committee Reports

Membership - Gary Shaffer - **Membership 760 LIFE 640 107 members took advantage of the Life Membership Drive**

POW MIA Report - Read the Newsletter

Women Veterans - Terri Carr will be attending a Women's Conference in Philadelphia this weekend. Michelle Wilcox spoke about a Quilt that will be on display this coming Monday at the Butler VA.

Vets Assistance - Bill Laughner reported that we helped one of our members this month. This was the 2nd announcement was made about the changing of our By Laws to eliminate the 2nd Vice President position. Motion was made by Ben Wright and 2nd by John Szatkiewicz

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

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Minutes (cont from page 4)

Nominations All were read (3) Times.

Larry went thru the Nominations for all the Positions coming up in the Elections. President - None, Exec VP- None, 1st VP Phil Morris, Secretary Michelle Wilcox Treasurer None.

Board of Directors - Ron Ippolito, Ron Heitzenrater, John Szatkeiwicz

Auditing committee - None

Nominating Committee - (1) Open Position Rich Kamzelski, Al Martin.

Delegates - Need 3 more - Rich Raich, John Szatkiewicz, Bob Weismantle

Upcoming Meetings & Events

May Spring Banquet and Awards - May 7th 6:00 PM

Ryan Reott Golf Outing - June 10th Rolling Acres Contact Cliff Hawes

Support Our Troops Rally - June 12th Irvine Park (at the gazebo) in Beaver Contact Bob Gwin

Larry went over all Special Events we have coming up which are listed on the Website.

Memorial Day Parade - Line Up at Citizen Bank Third St in Beaver 9:30.

Good of the Chapter

Air Heritage Donna Kelly, from Air Heritage spoke about the Ford Trimotor Airplane coming to Air Heritage . They are bringing it in over Memorial Day weekend. She gave all the details. They are giving special prices.

Maple Syrup festival - Rich Kamzelski explained the details about the Maple Syrup Festival.

AVVA - Bobbie Morris gave her report. AVVA Total is 156 with 90 Life. They are doing the Roses again this year. 50/50 was won by Bill Koble. Several jugs of Windshield Washer Fluid were raffled off.

Closing Prayer by chaplain Don Villella

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15:PM

Respectfully Submitted

Lee Corfield - VVA 862 Sec

Death Notices

Daniel "Duke" Godich - 91 of Aliquippa Pa. Dan passed away on April 5th, 2016. Dan served in all 3 wars, Army Air Corp in WWII, and the U S Air Force during Korea & Vietnam. Dan was also a "Life Member of VVA 862.

William F Karas - 71 of Center Twp. Dan passed away on April 8th 2016. Dan served with the US Army during Vietnam and was a Life member of VVA 862.

Both men have been added to our list of deceased members on our Memoriam list on our website.

REST IN PEACE BROTHERS

VVA CHAPTER 862 ELECTIONS

NOMINATIONS - WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2016

ELECTIONS - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2016

OFFICERS – 2 year term

President

Executive Vice President

1st Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS – 3 year term

Three (3) positions open

DELEGATES – 2 year term

Fifteen (15) delegates allowed

AVVA Chapter 862 Elections

April 20, 2016

The following Officers will be elected:

President

Vice President

Secretary

Treasurer

Alternate Delegate

Three Board members.

Candidates must send a Letter-of-Intent and short Biography to the Election Chairperson Chuck Inman. Letters-of-Intent and Biographies must be received by March 16th at our regular AVVA meeting. Mail to:

**Chuck Inman
106 Newgate Drive
Monaca, PA 15061**

Interesting Statistic: Don Villella has been sending out our Roses to the deceased Veterans all around Beaver County since 2004. Take a look at how we are doing this year verses the previous years.

I sent out our 30th White Rose today. These are the dates we got to 30 roses in the years past:

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|-----------|-----------|
| 12 MAY 15 | 20 JUL 09 |
| 14 JUN 14 | 02 JUN 08 |
| 12 JUL 13 | 06 JUN 07 |
| 30 AUG 12 | 14 AUG 06 |
| 24 SEP 11 | 18 NOV 05 |
| 6 JUL 10 | |

We started sending out the roses in June of 2004 and only sent out 16 for the 7 months of 2004.

Don Villella VVA 862 Chaplain



Michelle Wilcox, VVA 862 Women Veterans Chair, points to her square

Women's Veterans Quilts

By Michelle Wilcox

I was privileged to attend the unveiling of the Women Veterans Quilts on March 21st. Twenty six women veterans, both living and dead, were honored in quilts unveiled Monday afternoon in a ceremony at VA Butler Healthcare, 325 New Castle Road. Ten veterans represented on these quilts were in attendance

A year in the making, the three quilts were created from squares each veteran, or her family, designed and dedicated to her memory. Every era from WWII to the current conflicts was represented. The quilt project's purpose was to publicize the accomplishments of women in the service and to show what women can do. The quilts will be on display at the Health Center.

The quilts are in the process of being framed and informational plaques created. Once completed, they will be permanently on view at the clinic.

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

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

March 16, 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, except Sue Bridgewater, Treasurer and Sandy Giordano Board member.

Vice President Marji Slawianowski reported AVVA will visit Beaver Valley Nursing Home in June.

President Morris reported that the audit was completed on February 26, 2016 and the 990-N filed.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter was made by Marilyn Piccirilli and seconded by Linda Szatkiewicz. Motion carried.

President Morris reported that our Chapter has 156 members with 90 life members.

VISTA Report - 3 members submitted a total of 28 hours in February. All hours through the end of February must be submitted by April 10, 2016. Our chapter is in second place in the state for volunteer hours reported to National.

The Adopted By-Laws were read by President Morris and approved by the members.

A motion to donate \$25.00 to the 2nd annual Veterans golf outing was made by Donna Corfield and seconded by Nancy Hoffman. Motion carried.

A motion to donate a \$100.00 gift certificate for the Veterans golf outing silent auction was made by Linda Szatkiewicz and seconded by Keith Black. Motion carried.

A motion to sponsor a hole for \$100.00 for the Ryan Reott golf outing was made by Judy Hage and seconded by Marji Szatkiewicz. Motion carried.

The next meeting will be April 20, 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

VVA SPRING BANQUET - MAY 7

Don't forget to get your reservations in for the Spring Banquet on May 7th.

You can make your reservations at the April meeting, or by calling Donna Corfield at 724-775-3027 or email at n3ial@comcast.net. Payment (not more than \$15) will be collected at the door. Remember, if you make a reservation and do not attend and do not cancel, you are responsible for paying for that reservation.

Please Note: All Reservations must be in by April 25th. Hope to see you at the banquet.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

May

- Leon EdmistonMay 1
- Tom Ondo.....May 1
- Bill Laughner.....May 3
- Tom DeckerMay 4
- Don Weyand.....May 6
- Ruhlin Gregory.....May 7
- Sam SamangyMay 8
- Charles Ray JrMay 8
- Rich Brown.....May 9
- George HaughtMay 9
- Johnny MinorMay 11
- Mike Butera.....May 12
- Gerald Iloi.....May 12
- Tracey King.....May 12
- John Lesnak.....May 12
- Joe Shepperd.....May 12
- Robert WhiteMay 12
- Paul HaukeMay 13
- Joe Grisola.....May 13
- Vince OrendMay 13
- Rich PelloniMay 13
- Les SzellMay 13
- Bernie Brennan.....May 14
- Chuck Harvey.....May 14
- Dan LeydaMay 14
- Clem BlazewickMay 15
- Norman ConnMay 15
- Bill O'Brien.....May 15

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

May

- Barry Campbell May 16
- James Graham May 16
- Charles Komara..... May 17
- Edward Horn..... May 18
- Clinton Runyan May 18
- Jim Wainbright..... May 18
- Paul Adams Jr May 19
- Dennis Levenson..... May 20
- Rich Kamzelski May 21
- John Feragotti..... May 22
- Tony Korber May 22
- Peter Herman..... May 23
- John Snyder..... May 23
- Dave Jones May 24
- Harold Ahern..... May 25
- Dan Landfried May 25
- William Gayheart..... May 26
- Jim Quinn..... May 26
- Charles Howe May 27
- Gerrie Tudor..... May 27
- Ron Boyd May 28
- Joseph Sudol May 28
- Randy Peace May 28
- Harold Mace..... May 29
- Allan Kitts May 31
- Carmen Romeo May 31
- Michael Stovall May 31

Lee's Tid Bits:

“Hey”!, as stated at the February meeting, Lon Hogue explained to everyone that we have several openings coming up, including the Secretary, Newsletter Editor, BOD (Board of Directors) and Delegates.

Small Reminder, Delegates are required to travel to State College (2) twice a year to attend the different Tier Meetings that are set up for you to attend on Saturday afternoons. Then on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM you have to attend the PA State Meetings where all 26 Chapters are required to attend. This is usually pretty interesting as you listen to what is going on in the other chapters across the State of PA. You can usually pick up some new ideas from listening to the other chapter reports.

I'm kind of excited to be relieved of the Secretary and Newsletter Editor positions as I'm finishing up 16 years. I happen to know we have a lot of smart people in this chapter who can step up and fall right into these two positions along with filling the openings on the Board of Directors and Delegates

Weekly Updates - Thing of the past.

This is something I started doing a few years ago. The New Secretary is not required to send them out. Get used to Clicking on the **Events** Tab on the Website and you will see a listing of what is coming up that we may be involved in. There is no reason I should be sending this out when it's already posted on the Website.

Lee

*Next VVA 862 Meeting
April 20th- 7:00 P M*

Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center and Henry Mancini Arts Academy

Cordially invite you to attend



A CREATIVE STAGE PRODUCTION BASED UPON THE MEMOIRS OF LOCAL VETERANS

Friday, May 6, 2016

Seven o'clock in the evening

Or

Saturday, May 7, 2016

Two o'clock in the afternoon

Lincoln Park Performing Arts Center

One Lincoln Park






Midland, PA 15059

THERE IS NO ADMISSION CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT

RESERVATIONS ARE SUGGESTED

PLEASE CALL 724-576-4644 EXT 1311

Sample of the "Duck Ticket for 2016

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|   | | <p>Vietnam Veterans of America Beaver County Chapter 862 16th ANNUAL</p> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone _____</p> <p>Seller _____</p> <p>"Great Duck Race" - Aug. 27, 2016</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">No. 1111</p> | | <p>"Great Duck Race"</p> <p>SAT., AUG. 27, 2016 at Hookstown Fair Proceeds benefit all Veterans and Community Projects.</p> <p>———— <i>Together Then ... Together Now!!</i> ————</p> <table border="0" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td>1st Place: \$1,000</td> <td>3rd Place: \$300</td> <td>4th Place: \$200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2nd Place: \$500</td> <td>6th Place: \$100</td> <td>7th Place: \$100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>5th Place: \$100</td> <td>8th Place: \$100</td> <td>9th Place: \$100</td> </tr> <tr> <td>8th Place: \$100</td> <td>9th Place: \$100</td> <td>10th Place: \$100</td> </tr> </table> <p>Donation: \$5.00 Post Time: 6:00 PM</p> <p><small>\$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</small></p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em;"> <small>Tickets compliments of: Wayne Tatalovich Family Funeral Home Alliquippa, PA</small> </p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-weight: bold;">Duck No. 1111 </p>   | | | 1st Place: \$1,000 | 3rd Place: \$300 | 4th Place: \$200 | 2nd Place: \$500 | 6th Place: \$100 | 7th Place: \$100 | 5th Place: \$100 | 8th Place: \$100 | 9th Place: \$100 | 8th Place: \$100 | 9th Place: \$100 | 10th Place: \$100 |
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| 8th Place: \$100 | 9th Place: \$100 | 10th Place: \$100 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Now Available—

you may

PRE-ORDER

your Duck Tickets!



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.

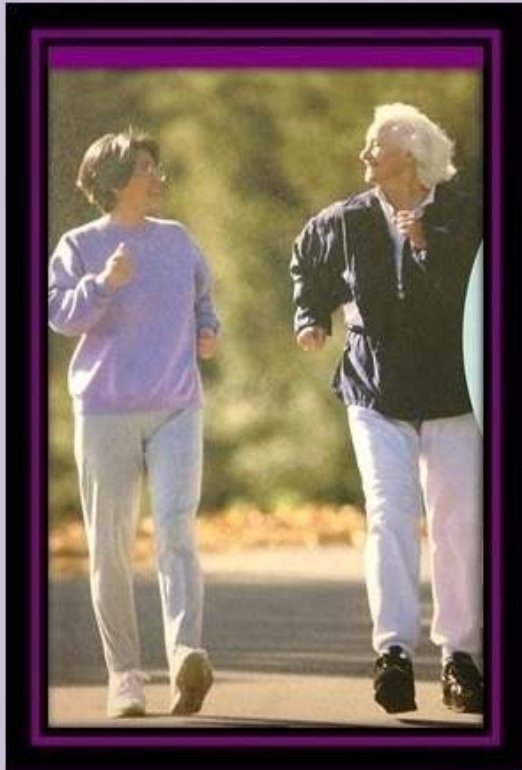
I would ask all members to email me at wlaugh@comcast.net with how many tickets you want. For people who live out of town, like Skip Haswell, I will mail them to you.

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)

*Beaver County Office on Aging in partnership
with State Senator Elder Vogel Jr. presents:*

“HEALTHY STEPS”



Tuesday April 19:

Baden Circle of Friend
(724) 869 - 4224

Thursday April 21:

Center at the Mall
(724) 728 - 1422

Friday April 29:

New Brighton Circle of Friends
(724) 846 - 1959

*** 8:30 am - 1:30 pm ***

Ages 55 & Better!

- **Practical advice on how to prevent falls & related injuries**
 - **All participants will receive a fall screening & evaluation**
 - **Movement & staying active**
 - **Making your home safer**
 - **Managing your medications**
 - **Tips on how to talk with your doctor**
 - **Proper foot care and foot wear**
 - **What to do if you fall**
 - **Information about fitness programs in Beaver County**
 - **Good nutrition & helping with depression, stress, & more**
- + Information on state services available through Senator Elder Vogel Jr's office!**

**Program Provided At No Charge, Lunch Included
Includes Continental Breakfast Compliments of Senator Vogel**

PTSD & TBI AWARENESS BENEFIT

DROP 22 CHALLENGE

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH
1-3 PM

Joe Namath Practice Field
Beaver Falls, PA

- ★ BAKE SALE
- ★ HOT DOGS
- ★ PIZZA
- ★ GUEST SPEAKERS

COME OUT
AND SHOW
SUPPORT
FOR OUR
VETS!

ALL
PROCEEDS
WILL BENEFIT
THE DROP 22
CHALLENGE



22
SOLDIERS
COMMIT
SUICIDE
EVERYDAY





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Upcoming Chapter 862 Special Meetings & Events



- Apr 20 - Chapter 862 Elections
 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

- Apr 21 - Veterans Voices Gala, Heinz History Center, 5:30 PM
 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

Please Note:

The views and opinions are solely that of the writer and do not necessarily reflect the views, opinions or policies of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (National, State or Chapter).

All articles are written by the editor unless otherwise stated. Submissions will be gladly accepted by the editor. We reserve the right to edit submissions as space allows.

Lee Corfield - Editor
 VVA Chapter 862
 140 Knob Vue Drive
 Freedom, Pa. 15042

Veterans Treatment Court

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

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to assist with these additional cases.

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

724-869-7090

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Email - lgoogins.vva862@comcast.net

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