

# VIETNAM VET "GAZETTE"

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Together Then .... Together Now

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## Up-Coming Meetings

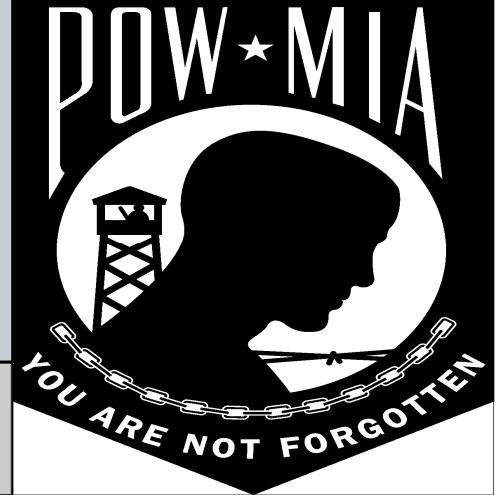
BOD Meeting  
2nd Wed of the Month  
7:00 PM

3rd Wed of the month  
AVVA - Meets 6:00 PM

Regular Meeting  
7:00 PM

at the  
ROCHESTER VFW

Be Sure To See  
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## Have No Shame ! It's Not Your Fault !!!

I often visit with friends from long ago, but this time was so different! I went to my place, a place I go to talk to them and they were waiting. It all started out about as it has so many times before. But it was my time to listen to them. As I started with my old guilt, pains and shame of their loss, I was stopped dead in my thoughts! A voice came over my place, one I have heard before but I guess I never really listened to it as I should have? My friend Paul stood out, around him sat many, many rows of men all looking and watching, then Paul says to me, Brother, **HAVE NO SHAME !** Here we are for you as always but it's your time to listen to us as we have listened and watched over you for so long now, just listen and learn. For you and for us, our time has finally come, and for you and us **HAVE NO SHAME !** We are the lucky ones, our war ended many years ago, we have watched and heard all our Brothers such as you carry the shame way too far. We are at peace, we feel no pain or carry any shame except that of which holds you down. We are in a much better place, here all is plenty and all are at peace! Look at us, you'll see no pain, you hear no shame, we are happy, happy to know you, our Brothers, will never forget. And it is our wish that you, **HAVE NO SHAME !** It is not your fault, what happened to us, it was meant to be. You can not change it, and we don't want any of it changed.

You see we **HAVE NO SHAME !** This place is one of plenty. All we are is here and all we need is everywhere we go. Be it fish in the stream or trees in the mountain or sand on the beaches. Tell all our Brothers to listen to what they hear, it's not just the wind. It's okay Brothers, don't go to the dark places, don't feel guilt or pain, and most of all **HAVE NO SHAME !** You see, we are the lucky ones! It's okay ! We watch over you, we know you will never forget. We will be here for you any time you need us. Pass on our wishes and let all our Brothers hear **HAVE NO SHAME !** It's okay man, it's ok ! Pass on the love, that's all we ask and ,,,,,, **HAVE NO SHAME !** No, it will not go away, and you cannot change it. The fear, the hate, the guilt, the pain. But try and not let it guide you, don't let the dark of it all be your life. Here we have let that part all go, please try hard to work on that which you can't control, and please for us and for all our Brothers **HAVE NO SHAME !** .....

Dedicated to all my Brothers and Sisters & L/Cpl. Paul Stedman, USMC / KIA Feb. 26, 1968 Khe- Sanh / **Author VVA 862 Life Member David R. Wingfield.....**who also wrote an outstanding book "Running With The Hounds" / you can order his book @ <http://www.runningwiththehounds.org/>

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**POW Update January 15, 2014**

**AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR:** There are still **1,643** personnel listed by the Department of Defense (DoD) as missing and unaccounted-for from the Vietnam War. The most recent DoD posting on the issue identified **SSG Lawrence Woods, USA/SF**, of TN, listed as KIA/BNR in South Vietnam on October 24, 1964. His remains were recovered on April 13, 2010 and identified September 4, 2013. Earlier, DoD posted the identification of **Colonel Francis J. McGouldrick, Jr., USAF**, of CT, listed as MIA in Laos on December 13, 1968. His remains were repatriated May 22, 2012 and identified August 28, 2013. The number of Americans announced by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is still **940**.

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 1,003. Of the 1,643 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-308; Cambodia-53; PRC territorial waters-7; over-water losses on DoD's list of No Further Pursuit cases number well over 600.

**VIETNAM WAR FIELD OPERATIONS:** Despite nearly endless challenges, including budget glitches, operational postponements and juggling required to reschedule Joint Field Activities (JFAs), JPAC is deploying teams to two Southeast Asian countries during this first month of 2014, despite more last-minute scares regarding funding reliability.

**LAOS:** With budget agreement reached, JPAC started a JFA in Laos January 14<sup>th</sup> that is expected to conclude on February 17<sup>th</sup>. Three teams are conducting recovery operations and one Investigation Team (IT), augmented by the DIA Stony Beach specialist, will also conduct several investigations.

**CAMBODIA:** Operations in Cambodia by one Recovery Teams (RT) and one Underwater Recovery Team (URT), postponed twice this past year, are now scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Since the Stony Beach specialist is permanently in-country and conducts investigations whenever needed, there are no investigations scheduled in conjunction with the JFA.

**VIETNAM:** Four Recovery Teams are scheduled to conduct operations in Vietnam from February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 27<sup>th</sup>. Two Investigation Teams will also deploy on this Joint Field Activities.

**POW Update (cont on Page 3)**

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&**

**Parliamentarian**

Veronica Grant.....462-3713

**Chaplain**

Barb Googins .....869-7090

**POW Update (cont from Page 2)**

**VIETNAM:** US-Vietnam POW/MIA Consultations were held September 26th, led by JPAC Commander Maj Gen Kelly McKeague, USAF, with DPMO, DIA's Stony Beach and Embassy-Hanoi participation. A commemorative dinner was held the night before to celebrate recent years of steadily improving POW/MIA cooperation. Although invited to attend, the League's Chairman of the Board regretted and sent a letter that was read aloud and well-received, according to the JPAC Commander. The Joint Field Activity (JFA) in Vietnam, scheduled for November, was initially postponed due to lack of funding. Once agreement was reached on a Continuing Resolution to temporarily fund the government, the Vietnam JFA was back on, though significantly reduced in scope. It is now concluded, and the team has returned to Hawaii.

**In a very important development,** Vietnamese Deputy Minister of National Defense LTG Nguyen Chi Vinh was in Washington, DC, for October 29th bilateral Defense Policy Dialogue. In response to a League request, Minister Vinh and his delegation met with Chairman of the Board Ann Mills-Griffiths on Sunday, October 27th. Mills-Griffiths thanked Minister Vinh for taking the time to meet and for significant improvements in cooperation, particularly since 2009, including increased provision of archival documents, access to previously restricted areas, and improved quality and professionalism of SRV participants working with US counterparts. Mills-Griffiths then highlighted two areas on which support is needed: 1) agreement for the US to field additional teams in the central highlands where most of the remaining unresolved losses occurred; and 2) agreement for the two DIA Stony Beach POW/MIA investigation specialists to be permanently assigned at the US Embassy in Hanoi.

**Minister Vinh stated** 1) he had brought more documents sought by the US to turn over to DoD officials, 2) agreed to additional US personnel operating in the central provinces, and 3) saw no problem with permanent stationing of the two DIA specialists, providing their mission was clear, i.e. focused solely on POW/MIA-related information, indicating it should simply be handled as other such requests through the US Embassy.

**Minister Vinh asked** for additional US emphasis on and support for addressing "war legacy issues," including de-mining and humanitarian assistance for the disabled and their families, and for information that might help locate Vietnamese who died and whose remains are not yet recovered. He suggested that bilateral US-Vietnam cooperation on the humanitarian accounting mission should be publicized to serve as an example to the world of what can be accomplished by working together on such matters. In a post-DoD meeting wrap-up, observers reported that Minister Vinh indicated there were no barriers to his government's willingness to assist and again suggested publicizing the success of bilateral US-Vietnam cooperation on the humanitarian accounting mission.

**Respectfully Submitted Phil Morris -POW Chairman**

**Minutes from January 15th, 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 “ 104 ”

**Veterans “Sick or In Distress”** - Joe Russell

**Guest Speaker** - Tom Kominski - from the Homeless Veterans association that's been started in Beaver Falls.

**Guests and/or Prospective Members** - Paul Suscinski, Rich & Nancy Arthur, Ohio VVA State Council, Roy Whipple, Wil Guiateau, Dan Parker, Tom Wilcox.

**Roll Call of Officers** - 13 - Present 0 - Absent 2 - Excused

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

**Communications** - Were read by Secretary Lee Corfield

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

Bill Laughner spoke about the information we received from VVA National pertaining to what would be involved in making MOH Leslie Sabo a Honorary Life Member. It was turned down by National as the person has to be still alive. We will be looking into other options as to what we can do.

**Committee Reports:**

**Scholarship** - Report was given by Chairman Lon Hogue. 2 -\$1,000.00 Scholarships will be given out.

**Honor Guard** - Rich Raich gave a report on what they are doing. May thru Sept it will be held at the VFW park in Midland.

**Vets 4 Vets** - Tom Robes read some of the cards he received over the people we helped over Christmas. He explained on how it's going to be changed.

**Membership: VVA - 627 LIFE - 438** Got several more new ones tonight.

**AVVA - 138** members. She thanked everyone who went out to the Beaver Valley Nursing Home over Christmas. Please check out the VVA 862 Website and click on the AVVA Link.

50/50 was won by Diana Feltes

**Western PA Fallen Hero's** -- Bill explained about this event. Service will be June 14th at Rochester High School. Bike run will go from Flag Plaza and end at Rochester High School field. The money raised will be going towards the Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans.

**Tet Party** - Bill Laughner spoke about having tickets for the TET party. He also has Admission Tickets. TET Party will be Feb 15th, 2014 at the Fez in Hopewell.

**Recommended Motions to be approved by the body:**

(1) Motion made by Al Whitehill, 2nd by Frank Petz to donate \$200.00 to the Order of the Purple Hearts Chapter in Ohio. To help pay for the shipping. Motion Carried.

(2) Motion to help a Vietnam Vet in Ambridge Larry Googins gave an explanation. Carl Curtis also spoke about helping this individual. Motion was made by Ray Litzinger 2nd by Al Whitehill to help this person to pay his \$460.00 for his county tax, Motion Carried.

**Old Bus** - Don Greiner has a scooter that the person wants to donate to a Veteran. It has less then 5 hours on it. See Don if you have a veteran who might be interested.

**New Bus** - Ambridge Jr ROTC has another Night at the Races coming up on March 1st, 2014 at the Baden American Legion.

**Good of the Chapter** - Rich Raich spoke about the Wreath Removal at the Cem of Alleghenies Feb 1st 8AM Chuck Inman showed everyone a new patch they are selling in PX. Bill O'Brien spoke about teaming up with VVA to help veterans if they are needed.

Closing Prayer by Don Villella

Next VVA 862 Meeting date will be Feb 19th, 2014.

**Meeting was adjourned** at 8:00 PM.

**Respectfully Submitted Lee Corfield - Secretary**

**SHORTROUNDS**

**L/Cpl. Kylie Watson**, age 23, a fully qualified battlefield medic recently earned the "Military Cross For Extraordinary Heroism." She is a member of the U.K. Royal Army Medical Corps and stands just 5'1". Kylie is one of only four women in history to bear the coveted initials "M C" after her name. A real sweetheart but don't mess with her.

**LADY MARINES** - more then 1/2 of the female recruits can't meet their requirements for combat. 55% can't do 3 pull-ups where you need 8 for a perfect score.....Men need 20 for a perfect score. 2016 is to be the year that opens up for ladies in combat.....wait a minute.....We already have ladies in combat.... we already have ladies who were KIA and WIA and POW.....Our Government needs to get its head out of its Axx !!!!! If we have 55 % of female recruits who can't do 3 pull-ups who do we blame it on? YES, the recruit herself and the recruiter who has not informed or prepared her before she started her training !! You don't just fill your quota, a good recruiter will follow up and many do !!! OKAY.....with all that being said.....Would I want a female in my bunker all night (shut-up) or on patrol.....Let's put it this way..... We have many men I wouldn't want watching my "6." I have questioned many females and they do not feel ladies should be in combat.... and other females feel, yes, they should serve in combat. Would I want my daughters, granddaughters, wife in combat.....You know the answer to that.... Females in combat???? YES, if they are TRAINED//////MEN in combat?? IF THEY ARE TRAINED....that's the bottom line.....Do not lower the standards for anyone.....all those going into combat MUST be combat ready! No slack for anyone....that gets people killed....IF you can do the job... kick azz ! My Opinion !!!

**Please Note:** As you know we are saving thousands of dollars a year in posting the newsletter on our website, OR if our secretary has your e-mail address he will send it directly to you. Take a second and send your e-mail address to Lee [n31al@comcast.net](mailto:n31al@comcast.net) We don't send out junk mail and we don't give out your e-mail address to anyone. A good member is an informed member !!!!! I keep seeing our V V A secretary, newsletter editor, web master, V V A Pa. State Secretary shuts his office down at noon Fridays???? What's with that ???

**NEWSLETTER** - On the very last page you have a VVA/AVVA application.....or pick up an app. at our meetings.....Each one of you know a Nam Vet.... Get \$20.00 from him/her and the rest is easy!! Just bring them to the meeting and let them decide.

**AMBRIDGE MARINE HIGH SCHOOL JROTC Night at the Races** - March 1, Baden American Legion, Dinner @ 6 pm, Post Time 7:30 pm....A great time.....this outstanding group of young people support our chapter... We need to support them...call Mary Jo @ 724 266 4496 or see Barb Googins for tickets.

**VA APPOINTMENTS** - If you miss two medical appointments without providing a 24 hour notice and a reasonable excuse the VA will no longer treat you except in an emergency. This takes effect Feb. 7, 2014. Of course we all should try to keep our appointments.

**WANABEES** - Very Interesting / As of Aug. 1995 - Census Figures - 1,713,823 of those who served in Vietnam were still alive. During that Census Count, the number of Americans FALSELY claiming to have served in Nam was ""9,492,958"" Stay with me here as it becomes more interesting.....As of Aug.2000, the surviving U.S. Vietnam Vet population estimate is 1,002,511. This is hard to believe, losing nearly 711,000 between 1995 & 2000. That's 390 per day - During this same Census Count the number of Americans falsely claiming to have served "In Country" is 13,853,027. By this Census 4 out of 5 who claim to be Nam Vets are not. This is an older Census so you can imagine what the figures are today. Like the saying goes " We were Nam Vets when it was unpopular" If someone says they are a Nam Vet.....ask him several questions...When they served, location, what outfit, MOS, rank.....Give them e nuff rope and they will usually hang themselves. Of course you have those who have done the homework and will come up with the right answers. Some have even gone as far as to change the DD-214. Some have not served at all!!!! You will find, those who brag the most have served the least.....Nuff Said,,,,no matter where you served,

WELCOME HOME !!!!!!!!!!! Skip

**SHORTROUNDS (cont on Page 14)**

Vietnam Veterans of America



Chapter 862 - Beaver County

15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

# TET PARTY

Saturday, February 15, 2014

## *The Fez*

2312 Brodhead Road - Hopewell Township, PA

Doors open at 5:00 PM—Program starts at 6:00 PM—Dinner follows



### *Program Features*



Memorial Ceremony for Beaver County Veterans Lost in Action  
JROTC Honor Guard, Taps & 21 Gun Salute

### **Special Musical Guest Star – Ricky Lee**



Tickets only **\$25** - Tables of 10 may also be reserved for **\$300**

*Price includes Buffet Dinner, Draft Beer, Soft Drinks, Coffee & Dessert \* Cash Bar available*

Music & Dancing by **Rudy Zetz**

Call NOW for Tickets: **724-843-6828** (tickets sell out early)

To order tickets by mail, send check with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

**VVA Chapter 862, 119 Jonathan Drive, Darlington PA 16115**





Together Always

## AVVA CHAPTER 862

JANUARY 15, 2014

The January 15, 2014, meeting of the AVVA Chapter 862 was opened by President Bobbie Morris with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for POW/MIA. Barb Googins said a prayer.

A motion to accept the minutes of the November, 2013 meeting was made by Barb Googins and seconded by Marilyn Piccerilli. Motion carried.

Treasurer Sue Bridgewater gave the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report will be received pending audit. Sue reported on the Bonding Insurance. Sue is still working on the Tax Exempt ID Number.

In the absence of Membership Chairperson Veronica Grant, Bobbie Morris gave the Membership Report. Chapter 862 now has 138 members.

Margi Slawianowski gave the report on the visit to Beaver Valley Nursing Home. Will plan another visit hopefully in March.

AVVA Elections will be on April 16<sup>th</sup>. Information for the Letter of Intent and Bio and who to send it to is on the Web. Must be in by March 19<sup>th</sup>. Elections for AVVA PA will be held at the State June meeting.

Updates for the National P&P are on the National Website. Barb Googins has agreed to write up a P&P for Chapter 862 with the help of suggestions from members.

There was a discussion on using emails to make e-motions in an emergency case only. This will be to the board and the officers and the decision will be brought before the membership at the next meeting.

AVVA Member of the Year will be nominated by the membership and the past awardees will vote on the AVVA Member of the Year.

Betty Jacobs made a motion to reimburse Margi Slawianowski for \$89.44. It was seconded by Linda Tice. Motion carried. Linda Tice made a motion to reimburse Sue Bridgewater for cards at a cost of \$18. It was seconded by Betty Jacobs. Motion carried.

Marilyn Piccerilli gave the update on TET. Georgiann Robes made a motion to do a basket for \$150 to donate to the TET Party. It was seconded by Margi Slawianowski. Motion carried.

A motion to give a to give John Grove, the speaker of the for the PTSD Seminar in November, a gift of a \$50 gift card was made by Sue Bridgewater. It was seconded by Linda Tice. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna Corfield

***DRAFT UNTIL APPROVED***

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO OUR  
MEMBERS**

**February**

Charles Talbot ..... Feb 1  
 Steve Watson ..... Feb 1  
 Ed Frankovich ..... Feb 2  
 Frank Petz ..... Feb 3  
 Tony Hovanec ..... Feb 7  
 Frank Petz ..... Feb 3  
 Bill Crowley ..... Feb 4  
 Joe Dombrowski ..... Feb 4  
 Tom Britt ..... Feb 5  
 Janie Ammon ..... Feb 6  
 Ron Gardner ..... Feb 6  
 Michael Bieselt ..... Feb 7  
 Tony Hovanec ..... Feb 7  
 Steve Martin ..... Feb 8  
 James Montgomery ..... Feb 11  
 Paul Grimes Jr ..... Feb 12  
 Wm Stokes ..... Feb 14  
 Charles Herdt ..... Feb 15  
 Ed Powers ..... Feb 15  
 Mike Samangy ..... Feb 15  
 Gerald Ferguson ..... Feb 16  
 Russell Potts ..... Feb 16

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO OUR  
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**February**

Pat Fowler ..... Feb 16  
 Ken Aikens ..... Feb 17  
 Fred Fattore ..... Feb 17  
 Dave Matthews ..... Feb 17  
 Larry Selick ..... Feb 17  
 Sue Pierce ..... Feb 19  
 Janet Say ..... Feb 19  
 Val Kuebel ..... Feb 20  
 Gary Gilchrist ..... Feb 20  
 Tim Weigel ..... Feb 20  
 Louis DeOld ..... Feb 21  
 Louis Traynor ..... Feb 21  
 Dan Varna ..... Feb 21  
 Ed Kalish ..... Feb 22  
 Doug Pavkovich ..... Feb 23  
 Bill Weiss ..... Feb 23  
 Scott Little ..... Feb 24  
 Jeff Hess ..... Feb 26  
 Vincent Markinke ..... Feb 26  
 Nick Vucetich ..... Feb 26  
 Rich Beradelli ..... Feb 27  
 Roy Ruckert ..... Feb 27

**Lee's Tid Bits**

If you like Airshows by the best! Just got word that the US NAVY "Blue Angels" will be at the Westmoreland Co. Airshow Jun 7th & 8th. featuring the F/A-18 Hornets and they will also be at the Cleveland National Airshow August 30th, 31st & Sept 1st.

Also, the U S AIR FORCE Thunderbirds, featuring the F - 16 Fighting Falcons will be at the Youngstown Air Reserve Base on May 17 & 18, 2014.

I have been to many airshows and I can remember one at Westmoreland a few years ago when they had , at that time, the new Stealth do a Fly-By. It was totally amazing. You didn't even hear that thing till it already went past. Unbelievable!

**On Page 16** You will see our troops standing at the Copeland Funeral home in Moon Twp as we awaited the arrival of the remains of U S A F Captain Sean Ruane, who was killed 2 weeks ago in the helicopter crash, off the coast of England. Wow was it cold that day, like a -30 Wind Chill factor, but our troops survived the cold.

Special Thanks to VVA 862 member, Cliff Hawes for taking this under his wing. Job Well done sir.

Special Thanks to every Marine's friend Don McHugh for that list of actors who served during WWII. Don sends out of a lot of information and I had never seen it before. Didn't know some of them even served.

Lee

**Next Meeting - February 19th, 2014  
AVVA - 6:00 PM \* VVA - 7:00 PM**

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

All articles written by the editor unless otherwise stated.

Submissions will be gladly accepted by the editor.

Lee Corfield - Editor VVA 862 Beaver County, Pa

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We reserve the right to edit submissions as space allows.



**VVA CHAPTER 862 IS ACCEPTING ORDERS** for memorial walkway bricks to be placed at the Vietnam Memorial in Beaver. You may honor Veterans of the armed services, loved ones and friends (*both living and deceased*) with an "In Memory of" brick. You may also want to honor your American Legion post, your Veterans of Foreign Wars post and/or all Veterans Service Organizations. Orders are accepted year round, with placement every spring and fall. Engraving is donated by Rome Monument in honor of county veterans.

Mail completed forms to:  
**William Laughner**  
**119 Jonathan Drive**  
**Darlington, PA 16115**

### Brick Walkway Order Form

Please PRINT all information clearly in BLUE or BLACK ink only.

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

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

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

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

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

**8" x 4"** **\$75**  
 3 lines,  
 13 characters\*


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


\* includes punctuation and spaces

# VVA 862 WEBSITE

**Please Note:** Our Chapter Web site has been updated with several "Links" with more being added everyday. Check all the "Links" !

"Agent Orange" Link now has a Reference to all the Illnesses Related to Agent Orange along with the Birth Defects and it also includes the "Faces of Agent Orange" This would be a Good Link to refer your friends to that don't know what Agent Orange is and how it can affect your family.

Watch Daily for any "Special Announcements"

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

## National Museum of the United States Air Force - "TOUR"

We will drive out on our own on Friday June 6th. Tour the Museum on Saturday, and drive home on Sunday. Its about a 5 to 6 hour drive, pending on how you drive. You can't get in the rooms till after 3:00 PM so you can plan your trip accordingly. So far 35 people are interested but there is room for more. Everyone will be on there own schedule. Some people like to take their time and read about the history.

Actually, it's hard to do this all in one day, It depends on how fast you want to read everything. Once you check out of the hotel on Sunday morning, We can go back to the museum and see what you missed. Then leave from there to head home.. This is up to you.

**Dates :** June 6th & 7th, If you decide to go back Sunday, be sure to check out of your room Sunday morning before you go back to the museum.

**Prices:** Right now, I have blocked 20 rooms so far. 18 gone but I can get more. Looks like the price will be \$105.00 per night which is reasonable. This will cover the Full Hot Buffet in the morning. Deadline Date is May 7th, 2014. You must have your reservation in by then!

**To make your Reservations:** Call the Holiday Inn Express Dayton/Fairborn at: (937) - 426 -7800 and use the Group Name - (VVA 862) when you register.



## THE GREATEST GENERATION ... ALL ACTORS

**Stewart Hayden**, US Marines and OSS. Smuggled guns into Yugoslavia and parachuted into Croatia.

**James Stewart**, US Army Air Corps. Bomber pilot who rose to the rank of General.

**Ernest Borgnine**, US Navy. Gunners Mate 1c, destroyer USS Lamberton.

**Ed McMahon**, US Marines. Fighter Pilot. Flew OE-1 Bird Dogs over Korea as well.

**Telly Savalas**, US Army. WWII Discharged w/ Purple Heart disabilities

**Walter Matthau**, US Army Air Corps. B-24 Radioman/Gunner and cryptographer.

**Steve Forrest**, US Army. Wounded, Battle of the Bulge

**Jonathan Winters**, US Marines. Battleship USS Wisconsin and Carrier USS Bon Homme Richard. Anti-aircraft gunner, Battle of Okinawa.

**Paul Newman**, US Navy. Rear seat gunner/radioman, torpedo bombers of USS Bunker Hill.

**Kirk Douglas**, US Navy. Sub-chaser in the Pacific. Wounded in action and medically discharged.

**Robert Mitchum**, US Army. WWII received Victory Medal

**Dale Robertson**, US Army. Tank Commander in North Africa under Patton. Wounded twice. Battlefield Commission.

**Henry Fonda**, US Navy. Destroyer USS Satterlee. WWII Received Navy Presidential Unit Citation & Bronze Star

**John Carroll**, US Army Air Corps. Pilot in North Africa. Broke his back in a crash.

**Lee Marvin**, US Marines. Sniper, Wounded in action on Saipan. Buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Sec. 7A next to Greg "Pappy" Boyington and Joe Louis.

**Art Carney**, US Army. Wounded on Normandy beach, D-Day. Limped for the rest of his life.

**Wayne Morris**, US Navy. Fighter pilot, USS Essex. Downed seven Japanese fighters.

**Rod Steiger**, US Navy. Was aboard one of the ships that launched the Doolittle Raid.

**Tony Curtis**, US Navy. Sub tender USS Proteus. In Tokyo Bay for the surrender of Japan.

**Larry Storch**, US Navy. Sub tender USS Proteus with Tony Curtis.

**Forrest Tucker**, US Army. Enlisted as a private, rose to Lieutenant.

**Robert Montgomery**, US Navy. USS Barton DD722. Served in the -Day Invasion

**George Kennedy**, US Army. Enlisted after Pearl Harbor, stayed in sixteen years.

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**Greatest Generation (cont from Page 11)**

**Mickey Rooney**, US Army under Patton. Bronze Star. WWII

**Denver Pyle**, US Navy. Wounded in the Battle of Guadalcanal. Medically discharged.

**Burgess Meredith**, US Army Air Corps.

**DeForest Kelley**, US Army Air Corps.

**Robert Stack**, US Navy. Gunnery Officer. WWII

**Neville Brand**, US Army. Europe. Was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart.

**Tyrone Power**, US Marines. Transport pilot in the Pacific Theater.

**Charlton Heston**, US Army Air Corps. Radio operator and aerial gunner on a B-25, Aleutians.

**Danny Aiello**, US Army. Lied about his age to enlist at 16. Served three years.

**James Arness**, US Army. As an infantryman, he was severely wounded at Anzio, Italy.

**Efram Zimbalist, Jr.**, US Army. Purple Heart for a severe wound received at Huertgen Forest.

**Mickey Spillane**, US Army Air Corps. Fighter Pilot and later Instructor Pilot.

**Rod Serling**, US Army. 11th Airborne Division in the Pacific. He jumped at Tagaytay in the Philippines and was later wounded in Manila.

**Gene Autry**, US Army Air Corps. Crewman on transports that ferried supplies over "The Hump" in the China-Burma-India Theater.

**William Holden**, US Army Air Corps. 2 Lt

**Alan Hale Jr**, US Coast Guard. WWII

**Russell Johnson**, US Army Air Corps. B-24 crewman, awarded Purple Heart when his aircraft was shot down by the Japanese in the Philippines.

**William Conrad**, US Army Air Corps. Fighter Pilot.

**Jack Klugman**, US Army. WWII

**Frank Sutton**, US Army. Took part in 14 assault landings, including Leyte, Luzon, Bataan and Corregidor.

**Jackie Coogan**, US Army Air Corps. Volunteered for gliders and flew troops and materials into Burma behind enemy lines.

**Tom Bosley**, US Navy. WWII

**Claude Akins**, US Army. Signal Corps, Burma and the Philippines.

**Chuck Connors**, US Army. Tank-warfare instructor. WWII

**Harry Carey Jr.**, US Navy. WWII

**Mel Brooks**, US Army. Combat Engineer. Saw action in the Battle of the Bulge.

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**Greatest Generation (Cont from Page 12)**

**Robert Altman**, US Army Air Corps. B-24 Co-Pilot.

**Pat Hingle**, US Navy. Destroyer USS Marshall.

**Fred Gwynne**, US Navy. Radioman. WWI Served on a Sub chaser

**Karl Malden**, US Army Air Corps. 8th Air Force, NCO.

**Earl J. Holliman**, US Navy. Lied about his age to enlist. Discharged after a year when the Navy found out.

**Rock Hudson**, US Navy. Aircraft mechanic, the Philippines.

**Harvey Korman**, US Navy. WWII

**Aldo Ray**. US Navy. UDT frogman, Okinawa.

**Don Knotts**, US Army. Pacific Theater.

**Don Rickles**, US Navy. USS Cyrene. Seaman 1<sup>st</sup> Class

**Harry Dean Stanton**, US Navy. Served aboard an LST in the Battle of Okinawa.

**Soupy Sales**, US Navy. Served on USS Randall in the South Pacific.

**Lee Van Cleef**, US Navy. Served aboard a sub chaser, then a mine sweeper.

**Clifton James**, US Army. South Pacific. Was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart.

**Ted Knight**, US Army. Combat Engineers. WWII A Co. Combat Eng Batt – 5 Battle Stars

**Jack Warden**, US Navy 1938-1942; then US Army, 1942-1945. 101st Airborne Division.

**Don Adams**. US Marines. Wounded on Guadalcanal, then served as a Drill Instructor.

**James Gregory**, US Navy and US Marines. WWII

**Brian Keith**, US Marines. Radioman/Gunner in Dauntless dive-bombers.

**Fess Parker**, US Navy and US Marines. Booted from pilot training for being too tall, joined Marines as a radio operator.

**Charles Durning**, US Army. Landed at Normandy on D-Day. Shot multiple times. Awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts. Survived Malmedy Massacre.

**Raymond Burr**, US Coast Guard

**Hugh O'Brian**, US Marines. WWII 1<sup>st</sup> ever youngest Drill Instructor

**Robert Ryan**, US Marines. Drill Instructor in 1944 at Camp Pendleton

**Eddie Albert**, US Coast Guard. Bronze Star with Combat V for saving several Marines under heavy fire as pilot of a landing craft during the invasion of Tarawa.

**Clark Gable**, US Army Air Corps. B-17 gunner over Europe.

**Peter Graves**, US Army Air Corps.

**Buddy Hackett**, US Army. Anti-aircraft gunner. WWII

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### Greatest Generation (cont from Page 12)

**Victor Mature**, US Coast Guard. Storis WWII Chief Boatswain's Mate

**Jack Palance**, US Army Air Corps. Severely injured bailing out of a burning B-24 bomber.

**Robert Preston**, US Army Air Corps. Intelligence Officer.

**Cesar Romero**, US Coast Guard. Participated in the invasions of Tinian and Saipan on the assault transport USS Cavalier.

**Norman Fell**, US Army Air Corps. Tail Gunner, Pacific Theater.

**Jason Robards**, US Navy. Aboard heavy cruiser USS Northampton when it was sunk off Guadalcanal. Also served on the USS Nashville during the invasion of the Philippines, surviving a kamikaze hit that caused 223 casualties.

**Steve Reeves**, US Army. Philippines. WWII

**Dennis Weaver**, US Navy. Pilot. WWII

**Robert Taylor**, US Navy. Instructor Pilot. WWII

**Randolph Scott**. Tried to enlist in the Marines but was rejected due to injuries sustained in US Army, World War One.

**Ronald Reagan**. US Army. Was a 2nd Lt. in the Cavalry Reserves before the war. His poor eyesight kept him from being sent overseas with his unit when war came, so he transferred to the Army Air Corps Public Relations Unit where he served for the duration.

**Bob Keeshan** - USMC1945 entered Reserves at the end off WWII.

**John Wayne**. Declared "4F medically unfit" due to pre-existing injuries, he nonetheless attempted to volunteer three times (Army, Navy and Film Corps) so he gets honorable mention.

**Audie Murphy**, America's most-decorated soldier, who became a Hollywood star as a result of his US Army service that included his being awarded the Medal of Honor.

#### How many of today's Hollywood elite put their careers on hold to enlist in Iraq or Afghanistan?

The only one who even comes close was **Pat Tillman**, who turned down a contract offer of \$3.6 million over three years from the Arizona Cardinals to enlist in the US Army after September 11, 2001, and **serve as a Ranger in Afghanistan, where he died in 2004**. But rather than being lauded for his choice and his decision to put his country before his career, he was mocked and derided by many of his peers and the Left.

**This is not the America today that it was seventy years ago.**

### Vietnam

**Martha Raye** - Full Bird Col. With US Army Reserves, entertained troops in Vietnam

**Oliver Stone**, Served with 25th Infantry Division & 1st Cavalry in Vietnam. Received Bronze Star / Purple Heart

**Joe Galloway**, was awarded Bronze Star w/Valor for his heroism at Battle of La Drang, where he disregarded his own safety to rescue wounded soldiers. 1st Bronze Star ever awarded to a Civilian

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### Shortrounds (cont from Page 5)

"**Special Thanks**" goes out to Barb Googins & Donna Corfield for the work they did putting the Christmas Dinner together. Choice of Food was excellent. All the left over food was taken down to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial for the Christmas Tree vigil on Christmas eve. Some of our people got to eat it twice. Job Well Done Ladies

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## "TOGETHER THEN"

## Calendar of Events for 2014

## "TOGETHER NOW"

## February

Feb 12 BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 Feb 14 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW  
 Feb 15 "TET Party" - Fez Hopewell  
 Feb 19 AVVA Meeting - 6:00 PM  
 VVA Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 Feb 27 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg

## March

Mar 9 Daylight Savings - "Begins"  
 Mar 12 BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 Mar 14 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW  
 Mar 15 - 16 PASC Meeting - State College - Ramada  
 Mar 19 AVVA Meeting - 6:00 PM  
 VVA Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 Mar 27 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg

## April

Apr 5- 6 Maple Syrup Fest 1st Day Brady's Run Lodge  
 Apr 9 BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 Apr 11 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW  
 Apr 14 Golf League Begins - Stonecrest 5:30 PM  
 Apr 16 AVVA Meeting - 6:00 PM  
 VVA Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 Apr 17 Golf League Begins - Fox Run 5:30 PM  
 Apr 24 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg

## May

May 3 VVA 862 Spring Banquet Rochester VFW  
 May 7 Vietnam Veterans Day in Pa  
 May 9 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW Park  
 May 14 BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 May 20 WWII Bus Trip Contact Jerry Fisher 724-709-3614  
 May 21 AVVA Meeting - 6:00 PM  
 VVA Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 May 22 Flags on Graves - Sylvania Hills  
 May 24 Highway Clean up - Rt 18 Meet @ 9:00 AM  
 May 26 **Memorial Day - Parade—???????**  
 May 29 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg

## June

June 6 -7 US Air Force Museum Trip - Dayton, Ohio  
 June 11 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  
 June 15 "Father's Day"  
 June 15 "Support the Troops Rally 5:00 PM Beaver  
 June 18 AVVA Meeting - 6:00 PM  
 VVA Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 June 26 PTSD Meeting 7:00 PM Rochester Municipal Bldg  
 June 28 -29 PASC Meeting - State College

Next VVA Meeting - February 19, 2014

## July

July 4 4th of July Parade - Midland, Pa.  
 July 9 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 Guard  
 July 16 AVVA Meeting - 6:00 PM  
 VVA 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 - 10 VVA Nat Conference - Hyatt - Wichita, KS  
 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 VVA 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"

## Sept

Sept 10 BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 Sept 12 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW Park  
 Sept 17 VVA Meeting 7:00 PM  
 Sept 18 - 21 Kokomo 32nd Vietnam Vets Reunion  
 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 BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 Oct 10 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW  
 Oct 13 U S Navy Birthday  
 Oct 15 AVVA Meeting - 6:00 PM  
 VVA 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 BOD Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 Nov 19 AVVA Meeting - 6:00 PM  
 VVA Meeting - 7:00 PM  
 Nov 25 "Happy Thanksgiving

## December

Dec 7 "Pearl Harbor Day" 73 years  
 Dec 10 BOD Meeting Rochester VFW 7 PM  
 Dec 12 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM Midland VFW  
 Dec 13 "Wreaths Across America - Gazebo Beaver  
 Dec 17 VVA Meeting - 7:00 PM / Party afterwards  
 Dec 25 "Merry Christmas"

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