

VIETNAM VET "GAZETTE"

Issue 158

Together Then Together Now

November 2015



In Service to America

Chapter 862 Meetings

BOD Meeting

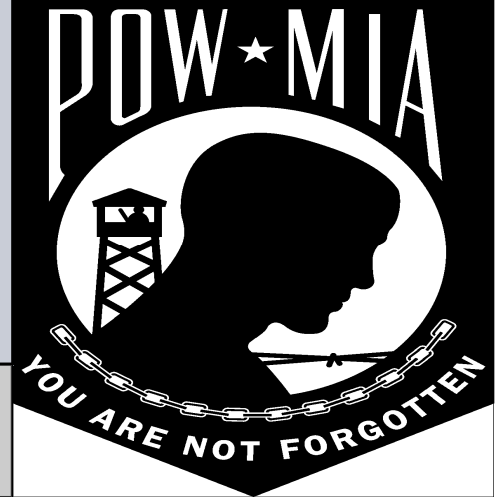
2nd Wed of the Month

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



"STARS for VETS"

It is now time to start the
"Stars for Veterans" campaign.

We will be looking for a
"Few Good Men (and Women)"
to get involved.

We are asking that each Township, Borough, City, etc. be adopted by one or two people. Based on the areas covered last year, this means about 14 people minimum, unless someone takes on more than one area. Taking on one area, such as Aliquippa, would be a very minimal task.

Let's spread the work load around so that no one is burdened.

Please be thinking about this and consider selecting one of the areas that we cover.

Thank You,
Cliff Hawes, 2nd VP

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 Wilcox2.....847-3463
 Don Villella2.....843-7401
 Philip Morris.....2.....643-5725
 Chuck Inman.....1.....709-7747
 Rich Raich.....1.....412-974-6282
 Nick Pavkovich.....1.....847-0592

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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

Audit

Bill Winkle 774-2626

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

Rich McCracken..... 266-4914

Public Affairs

(Vacant)

Veterans Affairs / Benefits / Advisor

Kathy Nairn 770-4450

Woman Veterans

Michelle Wilcox 847-3463

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

UPDATE: As of October 16, 2015

AMERICANS ACCOUNTED FOR: There was recently an unannounced change to the list of missing and unaccounted-for US personnel, now numbering **1,626**. For various reasons, including wishes of the family, DoD announcements are often delayed far beyond the ID dates and sometimes not even made, as was the case with the most recent change, though not a recent ID; it occurred in 2012. Several of those named this year demonstrate how remains repatriated many years ago can now be identified using scientific technology and processes that weren't available in earlier years. The number of Americans now listed by DoD as returned and identified since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975 is 957. 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 1,020. Of the 1,626 still missing and unaccounted-for, 90% were lost in Vietnam or in areas of Cambodia and Laos under Vietnam's wartime control: Vietnam-1,268 (VN-467, VS-801); Laos-302; Cambodia-49; PRC territorial waters-7. These country-specific numbers can and do fluctuate due to investigations resulting in changed locations of loss. 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.

**VIETNAM'S GENERAL SECRETARY
 VISITS WHITE HOUSE:**

Unbelievable as it may seem to some in the Vietnam War generation, General Secretary of the Communist Party of Vietnam Nguyen Phu Trong held discussions with President Obama at the White House on July 7th. The General Secretary was accompanied to Washington by very senior level officials, including Deputy Prime Minister/Foreign Minister Pham Binh Minh, Vice Minister of National Defense Nguyen Chi Vinh, Vice Minister of Public Security To Lam, and many other senior officials with whom the League has met for years. The agenda during the General Secretary's visit was extremely busy and included a luncheon at the State Department hosted by Vice President Joe Biden and a buffet dinner reception in his honor hosted by Vietnamese Ambassador Nguyen Pham Quang Vinh, both events attended by the League Chairman of the Board. On July 30th, Ambassador Vinh also hosted a reception at the US Institute for Peace to commemorate the 20th anniversary of diplomatic relations between the US and Vietnam. Other noteworthy anniversaries in 2015 included the 70th of Vietnam's National Day with a reception hosted by Ambassador Vinh, and another not individually celebrated, but certainly noteworthy, the 40th anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War. Seldom mentioned was the 30th anniversary of the first US-SRV joint recovery effort in northern Vietnam, also in 2015.

POW News (cont on Page 3)

VVA 862 Committees (Cont)

Special Committees

Color/Honor Guards

Ray Litzinger.....378-5855

Highway Clean UP

Charles Ray.....827-8310

Homeless Veterans

Bill Porupsky.....495-7051

Newsletter / Webmaster

Lee Corfield.....775-3027

Nominating / Scholarship

Lon Hogue.....846-8857

Veterans Assistance

Bill Laughner.....601-3597

Other Positions

Chaplain

Don Villella843-7401

AVVA Chapter 862

Officers

President Bobbie Morris643-5725

V.P. Marji Slawianowski378-7315

Secretary Veronica Grant..462-3717

Treasurer Sue Bridgewater643-0731

AVVA BOD

Keith Black.....513-3177

Carl Curtis.....869-0294

Sandy Giordano...203-4569

Parliamentarian

Veronica Grant462-3717

Chaplain

Barb Googins 869-7090

Membership

Susan Smith728-6741

POW News (cont from Page 2)

SERVICE MINISTER MEETS WITH LEAGUE & VSO REPRESENTATIVES:

Vietnam’s Vice Minister of National Defense Senior LTG Nguyen Chi Vinh met September 30th with League Chairman of the Board Ann Mills-Griffiths and senior American veteran leaders. At the League’s request, Veterans of Foreign Wars Executive Director Bob Wallace, Chairman of The American Legion’s National Security Commission Michael Schlee and Vietnam Veterans of America Executive Director for Government Relations Rick Weidman represented the leadership of the Veterans Service Organizations (VSOs). Vice Minister Vinh was in Washington, DC, for the Bilateral Defense Dialogue (BDD) at the Pentagon, comprehensive discussions on broader issues of mutual interest in keeping with increased military-to-military relations.

Chairman’s Comment: Vice Minister Vinh also had important meetings with members of the US Senate and House, with officials in the Defense, Commerce and State Department, Office of the US Trade Representative and a session with the Center for Strategic and International Studies. This was all following the significant, and historically symbolic, visit of the General Secretary.

The pace and scope of bilateral US-Vietnam relations have vastly expanded and continue to grow, all to the advantage of increasing POW/MIA accounting cooperation, now at an all-time high. It will expand further if the US succeeds in sustaining the FY16 budget and level of personnel necessary to meet requirements. Increases for FY17 and FY18 will be necessary to maximize the effort to obtain answers before it is too late.

In the years since Vietnam first proposed expanding the pace and scope of POW/MIA accounting operations, the US did not rise to the occasion by expanding its ability to be more responsive. That now appears to have changed, and there is reason for optimism that the newly appointed DPAA leadership is moving in the right direction to meet expectations of the families and veterans.

Phil Morris

VVA 862 - POW Chairman

Minutes from October 21st , 2015 meeting

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

Opening Prayer by Chaplain Don Villella.

Attendance was “ 130 “

Pledge of Allegiance

VVA Motto: “Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another”

Roll Call of Officers – 13 - Present 1 - Absent 1 - Excused

Introduction of Guests Speaker - Susan Perkins, Shepherds Heart Veterans Home,

Introduction of Guests or Prospective members - John Grissom, Ray Costo

Call for Veterans “Sick or In Distress” – Harry Suttelle, Gary Gilchrist, Skip Haswell, Rich Orsen,

Secretary’s Report: Minutes were accepted as read.

Communications - All communications were read.

Newsletter - All newsletters were mailed out to all the VSO’s in our area.

Website - Hopefully it will be ready by the weekend. Lee will send out an email to everyone when the site is up and running.

Treasurer’s Report: was read by Treasurer Jake Barsottini. He went over all accounts.

Motions Recommended by the BOD .

(1) Motion was made by Joe Feltes 2nd by Dave Kane to donate \$200.00 to the DAV Chapter 107 located in Aliquippa. Motion Carried

(2) Motion was made by Ray Litzinger 2nd by John Szatkiewicz to send \$50.00 to the Beaver County Tourism. Motion Carried

(3) Motion was made by Mike Patterson 2nd by Don Cutera to purchase an ad in the Beaver Valley Choral Society Booklet at a cost of \$150.00 which will give us a Full Page Ad Motion Carried.

(4) Motion was made by Barry Beitzinger 2nd by Chuck Schrankel to move \$20,000 from the Money Market into the Vanguard Fund Motion Carried.

(5) Motion was made by Bill Harlow 2nd by Dennis Thompson to lower the inventory by reducing prices to get rid of these items. Motion Carried

(6) Motion was made by Dave Kane 2nd by Terri Carr to support the Blood Drive on December 29th for VVA 862 member John Bowden. Motion Carried.

Agent Orange - Mike Coligure - Reported on the past places where he passed out lots of Agent Orange Pamphlets. He mentioned new items he has to pass out.

Government Affairs - Bart Farzati - went over several items. He spoke about Plan B Medicare. He covered several different items that will not be getting a raise this year. He went over different Bills they are working on in the House. Chuck Schrankel introduced his staff and spoke about CVA Concerned Veterans for America.

Membership - Gary Shaffer - Membership Totals 730 * 558 - LIFE Gary spoke about the ongoing Membership Drive.

POW MIA - Phil Morris - No Report at this time

Women Veterans - Michelle Wilcox - She spoke about report on a study that was conducted on Women Vets from Vietnam.

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Honor Guard - Rich Raich - No Funerals since last meeting. He spoke about the recent POW Luncheon which was held here at the VFW. He also went over the events that they took part in.

Veterans Assistance - Bill Laughner - Bill spoke about 3 requests he had to help vets.

Festival of Trees - Chuck Inman - He spoke about possibly doing 2 trees. If interested in helping, please contact Chuck. Phone number is listed on page 2.

Wreaths Across America - Chuck spoke about handing it over to the American Legion Riders. We will still be doing our ceremony at Quay Park. He will still take donations towards Wreaths Across America.

Highway Pick Up - Larry Googins gave a report on the recent Highway Clean-up. Only 6 members showed up from our chapter. Discussion Followed on whether we should keep this project. They also had the help of two County Sheriffs who blocked traffic for us.

Motion from the floor Motion was made by Ken Pingatore, 2nd Ron Heitzenrater to donate \$300.00 for the DAV 107 Dinner being held at the Hopewell VFW. Cam Adamson spoke about the dinner and how they will be honoring Bill Laughner at that dinner.

President's Report: - Larry went over the upcoming Chapter-Sponsored Events and PA State events that we will be attending.

Exec Bill Laughner - Bill Spoke about a house in Aliquippa that needs about \$10,000 worth of work that a lady wants to donate to a vet. See Bill after the meeting.

1st VP Rich Kamzelski - Christmas Vigil will be coming up. Getting ready for that.

2nd VP Cliff Hawes - Excused.

AVVA - Bobbie Morris - AVVA 145 / 56 LIFE Members. AVVA is also holding a FIRESALE in recruiting new Lifetime members for AVVA. This goes on till Dec 31st. She also spoke about a vet that they are helping. She thanked several VVA members who came out and helped with the Agent Orange Poppies. Agent Orange Balloon Release will be at 12:30 PM on November 11th..

Good of the Chapter - Jake went over Pennsylvania Veterans Assistance Fund (PVAf) and the new website.

Closing Prayer by Don Villella

Motion to adjourn by Michelle Wilcox 2nd by Joe Feltes. Motion Carried

Respectfully Submitted

Lee Corfield - VVA 862 Secretary

NOW!!!
PLEASE GO TO THE MIDDLE OF PAGE 8 AND
COMPLETE THE SURVEY.
I'M TESTING YOUR EMAIL ADDRESSES

An Open Letter to All VVA Chapters in the Com- monwealth of Pennsylvania:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Our organization, The Liberty War Bird Association, will be sending out more information shortly on our plans to get a Huey fully operational and flying in Pennsylvania!

We are asking all VVA Chapters for help! Perhaps we can make this a State-Wide effort and possibly get a little ink in The Veteran. We're based in Lititz, PA and are looking for support from all the veterans groups in the state.

**Most of our volunteers are
Vietnam veterans.**

I'm a member of Chapter 436 and they have been very supportive of our mission. Our organization will also attend Chapter 1008's Meet and Greet on the 21st of October in Lancaster.

Our website and Facebook pages are full of information about us. We think getting a Vietnam veteran Huey flying in Pennsylvania would be a fantastic thing for all the veterans in the state.

Please feel free to contact me via email or give me a call if you'd like to discuss or have any questions, and thanks very much for your time.

Respectfully,

Jim Haga

President, Liberty War Bird Association



New Brighton Middle School

Once again we've been asked to come and speak on November 10th, to the 8th grade students. Chairman for this event is Gary Wink.

Lunch is provided by the teachers

CALL ME AT (HOME) 724-728-2810, (WORK) 724-630-2011 OR EMAIL ME AT HACBGW@COMCAST.NET OR VFWPOST1821@GMAIL.COM

Gary will be at the New Brighton Hot Dog Shoppe for breakfast at 7:00 AM for those who want to go.



FREE BREAKFAST

FOR ALL BEAVER COUNTY VETERANS

Wednesday November 11th

7am to 12pm

Conway VFD Hall

Corner of Foote St. and GrossSt.

Conway, PA 15027

Any questions call Donna Fath 724-601-0848

One Life, One Flag, One Mile

THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE - WHAT A MAJESTIC EFFORT AND FEAT THIS MAN PERFORMED! IT WILL GO DOWN IN HISTORY AMONG THE PEOPLE WHO ARE AWARE OF HIS COMMITMENT!

Flag Man... may be one of the best videos you watch all year! What a fantastic story. There are so many good people out there - so why do we only hear about the worst?

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/GJokaiyJNVA>

I'm doing a Survey - Help me out here folks!

If you are reading the newsletter ON LINE, I want you to send a reply email back to me. I really am looking to make sure my emails are getting to all our people. If you reply to this message, then I will know that the email system is working. I'm really curious to see what the numbers are going to show!

This is all you have to do!

Please reply to this email address: n3ial@comcast.net

Vietnam Veterans of America Memorial Highway Clean-up

On October 10th, Charles Ray again led the charge for the fall highway pickup along the Route 18. Only six members of our chapter showed up to help - Carl Curtis, Tom Decker, Larry Googins, Ron Heitzenrater, Charles Smith and Larry Tanner. Fortunately, six cadets from the Marine JROTC also arrived to support us. Additionally, two members of the Beaver County Sheriff's department, Officers Jennifer Bredemtier and John Blank assisted us with traffic control. Their help provided a much safer environment for the cleanup effort. Please thank Charles Ray for stepping up to honcho this project and his team for keeping our VVA named highway clean. Let's try to do better next time to help him. Thanks. Larry Googins, President



Associates of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 862
October 21st, 2015

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 President Morris, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for the POW/MIA.

All Officers and Board Members were present, except Marji Slawianowski, Vice President and Sandy Giordano, Board Member who were excused

President Morris welcomed guests: Kathy Ashburn and Renee Gresse. President Morris also thanked everyone who participated in the Agent Orange poppy fundraiser.

Sue Bridgewater, Treasurer gave the Treasurer's report. Treasurer's report approved pending audit.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the September newsletter was made by Judy Hage and seconded by Sue Bridgewater. Motion carried.

Membership Chair Susan Smith reported that our Chapter has 145 members and 56 are life members. Life Membership sale begins November 31st through December 31st for \$100.00; our chapter will pay \$25.00 of the \$100.00.

VISTA Chairperson Laurel Beitsinger: please turn in VISTA forms with your volunteer hours; you may claim hours from March of this year.

A motion by Linda Szatkiewicz and seconded by Judy Hage to amend the motion "to give a life membership and Certificate to all Gold Star Mothers who attend the GSM Banquet in September", should be changed to "A life membership for GSM from Beaver County". Motion carried.

Barb Googins rescinded the motion to purchase 200 Agent Orange pins; a motion to purchase 100 Agent Orange pins was made by Carl Curtis and seconded by Barb Googins. Motion carried.

A motion to donate \$100.00 gift card to the Yellow Ribbon Girls was made by Keith Black and seconded by Carl Curtis. Motion carried.

A motion to donate a basket to AVVA PASC auction for the amount up to \$125.00 was made by Linda Szatkiewicz and seconded by Amy Thompson. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Barb Googins and seconded by Donna Corfield to pay the taxes for an Ambridge veteran for the amount of \$400.00 plus. Motion carried.

A request to sponsor AVVA life member Barbara Kamicker for her Service Officer Training was put on hold pending the need of more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 pm; the next meeting will be November 18, 2015 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**

November

Hope McFee.....	Nov 1
Albert Montillo	Nov 1
Dan Benincase	Nov 2
Albert Emler	Nov 2
Mike Patterson.....	Nov 2
David Knorr	Nov 3
Alan Hazelwood.....	Nov 3
Tom McCormack.....	Nov 3
Charles Roksandich.....	Nov 3
Rich Corbett.....	Nov 4
Cliff Hawes	Nov 4
Joyce Scriva.....	Nov 4
Glenn Rethage.....	Nov 5
Regina Shea	Nov 6
Jim DiBenedetto.....	Nov 7
Bill Dorwarth	Nov 7
Eugene Martucci.....	Nov 7
Joe Whitehill	Nov 8
John Bacher.....	Nov 9
Steve Wuebbles	Nov 9
Bob Horner.....	Nov 9
Veronica Grant	Nov 10
Larry Slem	Nov 10
Tom Cekovich	Nov 11
Philip Morris.....	Nov 11
Rich Packer Sr.	Nov 11
Anthony Siegel	Nov 11
Ron Bruce.....	Nov 12
Dave Kunsman.....	Nov 12
Chester Rhodes	Nov 12
Arden Sams	Nov 12
Phyllis Weiss.....	Nov 12
Teresa Carr	Nov 13
Don Dreyer	Nov 13
John Gillespie.....	Nov 13
Rich Hobbs	Nov 13
Philip Morris.....	Nov 13
Kenneth Sevacko.....	Nov 13

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

November

Wynn Starr.....	Nov 13
John Adams.....	Nov 14
Jon Kloos	Nov 14
Ronald Wallace	Nov 14
Louis Andelmo	Nov 15
Sylvester Kubacki.....	Nov 15
Chuck Timblin	Nov 15
Pat Polis	Nov 15
Rev Keith Black	Nov 16
Joe Colbeck	Nov 16
Mike Foley.....	Nov 17
Tony Whitted	Nov 17
Joe Glass	Nov 18
Peter Bau	Nov 19
Bob Cervi.....	Nov 19
Bill McCartney.....	Nov 19
George Wick.....	Nov 20
Don Demacio	Nov 21
John Farmer.....	Nov 22
Kathy James.....	Nov 22
Bettie Jacobs.....	Nov 22
John Szatkiewicz.....	Nov 22
Leroy Zimmer.....	Nov 23
Joe Corrigan.....	Nov 24
Bob Golden.....	Nov 24
Rich McCracken	Nov 24
Dan McNary.....	Nov 25
John Angelucci.....	Nov 26
Drew Grivna.....	Nov 26
George Yaccich	Nov 27
Donna Corfield.....	Nov 28
Bill Hammer Jr.	Nov 29
Paul Loedding	Nov 29
Ken Elliott	Nov 30
William Guitteau	Nov 30
John Marx	Nov 30
Harry Parsons.....	Nov 30
Kenneth Young	Nov 30

Lee's Tid Bits:

A request has been made that we publish the birthday (1) month in advance. So, this month you will notice the (2) lists of birthdates, both November & December. This is only because we can't get the newsletter out as early as we'd like. I would love to have this in your email by the 3rd of the month but I usually have to wait a longer time for people to get me their items for the newsletter.

Secretary & Newsletter Editor in 2016

I only have (6) more months to worry about it. At this past dinner and the June 2015 issue, I mentioned that next year we will be looking for a new Secretary and Newsletter Editor. That hasn't changed. 16 years is enough. I know this for a fact, we have some very smart people that have joined our chapter since day one back in 2000. I'm looking forward to maybe a new look, a new approach. You people have to be getting tired of me. As I said before, I will still keep the Website. The website will be set up so I can update it wherever I'm at. So if my wife and I decide to take a trip out west. I'm really looking forward to the time off. If we want to do something, we'll do it. Still have to think about the health first.

Really I'd like to get back in to music and Ham Radio again. Back in the 90's I was doing both and since we started this chapter in 2000 all that has stopped.

If anyone is interested. Please let me know. We'll start asking for interested candidates in January.

Lee

*Next VVA 862 Meeting
November 21st - 7:00 PM*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

DECEMBER

Allen Goforth.....	Dec 1
John Papasodero	Dec 1
Paul Fennyach	Dec 2
William Patterson	Dec 2
Roseanne Robinson	Dec 3
Harry Lang.....	Dec 4
Dan Brynczak	Dec 5
Larry Laughlin.....	Dec 5
Roger Zallon.....	Dec 5
Rich Dickhart.....	Dec 6
Jim Harley.....	Dec 6
Darlie Sowers.....	Dec 6
Mike Hresko	Dec 7
Ivan Pukanich	Dec 8
Joe Feltes	Dec 9
Wally Chevront.....	Dec 10
Ron Ippolito.....	Dec 10
Tim Mulhollen.....	Dec 10
Bob Bucholtz	Dec 11
John Galanski.....	Dec 11
Garen Steele.....	Dec 11
Lynn Possage.....	Dec 12
Robert Staranko	Dec 12
Chuck Bedison.....	Dec 13

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO OUR
MEMBERS**

DECEMBER

Terry Moore	Dec 13
Larry Laughlin.....	Dec 15
Gary Williams	Dec 15
Bill Persuitte.....	Dec 16
Tony Pietrandrea.....	Dec 16
Rich Pope	Dec 16
Kim Tesla.....	Dec 16
Guy DiMarzio	Dec 17
Fred McAnallen.....	Dec 17
Bill Winkle	Dec 17
Robert Frantz.....	Dec 18
Alex De La Cruz	Dec 19
Wayne Cumer.....	Dec 22
Rich Baker.....	Dec 23
John Ferry.....	Dec 23
David Wilson	Dec 23
Joe White.....	Dec 25
Frank Papa.....	Dec 28
Wilbur Snyder	Dec 28
Walt Caivano.....	Dec 29
Charles Jenkins.....	Dec 29
Jerry Baylor	Dec 30
Charles Garrett	Dec 30
Rich Bales.....	Dec 31

More Tid-Bits:

Donna and I and Jordan, our grandson, who played the music for our Awards Banquet in May, also a LIFE member of AVVA, attended the US NAVY Band, (The Commodores) event at Soldiers & Sailor Hall in Oakland last month. I understand several members attended. Some of the band members were from our area. They were excellent.

Another event I attended was the Renaissance Rhythm Chorus event at the Monaca Turners where all Veterans were invited to their annual show. Yes we did see a few of our members there also.

VVA 862 presented the colors along with the Ambridge Jr ROTC doing their Silent Drill routine. Those young men and women do an excellent job. I want to call them kids, but being most of them will be soldiers or sailors next year, make me not call them kids. The future of our nation!

As chapter members, only my opinion, I think we should be thinking about attending some of these events. It's always nice

running into members of our chapter at these events. What was really nice was running into Clem Blazewick (another VVA 862 LIFE member) was one of the ushers at the Navy event at Soldiers & Sailors. He is also a member of VVI (Vietnam Veterans Incorporated) of Pittsburgh, another great group of veterans who serve the community very well in the Pittsburgh area.

Question: Are you reading your newsletter?

We had a member contact us about the bricks located at both our Vietnam Memorial in Beaver but also the Veterans Bridge. All this information has been in the newsletters for months, in fact, the information on the bricks at the Beaver Memorial are in the newsletter every month.

You wouldn't believe the phone calls, not only myself but other officers get, asking us about when something is or where it's located or what time something is going on. Most of the time, if you just look in your newsletter, you will most likely find the answer to your questions.

Lee

Once in a LIFETIME Membership Offer (**Now in PROGRESS**)

Starting the first of August, we're making a Once in a Lifetime Membership offer. Until December 31,

VVA 862 HAS OFFERED TO PAY THE 1ST \$25.00!

"You" can purchase your Vietnam Veterans of America Life Membership for **just \$75.00**. There are no age restrictions, no small print, no contingencies. It's that simple. This has never happened before. It probably won't happen again.

Eligibility hasn't changed. Membership is open to U.S. armed forces veterans who served on active duty (for other than training purposes) in the Republic of Vietnam between February 28, 1961, and May 7, 1975, or in any duty location between August 5, 1964, and May 7, 1975.

This deal applies **only to those who apply for life membership between August 1 and December 31 of this year.**

IMPORTANT NOTE FROM VVA NATIONAL:

There will be no refunds for those who applied before August 1, and no discounts for those who apply after the end of the year.

Please Note:

At this time VVA Chapter 862 is offering to pay the 1st \$25.00 of this \$100.00 offer which means you're only paying \$75.00 for a LIFETIME Membership. You can't beat that.

DON'T DELAY - APPLY TODAY TO GET THIS OFFER.

AVVA also is offering a reduction in life membership dues.

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.

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

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

Please Note:

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 Co., Pa
140 Knob Vue Drive
Freedom, Pa. 15042

We reserve the right to edit submissions as space allows.

Veterans Treatment Court

Larry Googins is one of the Mentors and is very familiar with what is going on with the Beaver County Veterans Court and how it works. The program may be expanding in 2016.

"We will need more Mentors"
to assist with these cases.

If you are interested in becoming a Mentor,
Please contact Larry Googins
724-869-7090

or

Email - ljgoogins.vva862@comcast.net

Veterans Salute Breakfast

LET US SERVE YOU!

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Saturday, **November 14, 2015** at 9 a.m.

Registration starts at 8 a.m.

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CCBC Athletics and Events Center

“Free breakfast” and resource fair for veterans and current military members

The event is **“Free”** and open to all past and present military members. Your guests can attend for \$5.00 per person.

To reserve your spot, contact amy.mckissic@ccbc.edu
or 724-480-3557 by November 6.

Hosted by Community College of Beaver County and Senator Elder Vogel, Jr.

www.ccbc.edu

NOTE: Remember, You do have to RSVP this event so they know how many to cook for. Use contact info above!

"TOGETHER THEN"

Calendar of Events for 2015

"TOGETHER NOW"

November

- Nov 1 Daylight Savings - Ends"
 Nov 3 Election Day "Be Sure to Vote"
 Nov 7- 8 PASC Meeting State College - Ramada
 Nov 10 US Marines Birthday 1775
 Nov 11 **Veterans Day Parade -New Brighton, Pa.**
 Nov 11 VVA 862 BOD Meeting -7:00 PM
 Rochester VFW
 Nov 13 VVA 862 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM
 Midland VFW
 Nov 18 AVVA 862 Meeting - 6:00 PM
 VVA 862 Meeting -7:00 PM
 Nov 25 "Happy Thanksgiving

December

- Dec 7 "Pearl Harbor Day" 74 years
 Dec 10 VVA 862 BOD Meeting Rochester VFW
 7 PM
 Dec 11 VVA 862 Honor Guard Practice 7:00 PM
 Midland VFW
 Dec 12 "Wreaths Across America - Gazebo
 Beaver
 Dec 16 VVA 862 Meeting - 7:00 PM
 REFRESHMENTS After the Meeting
 Dec 25 "Merry Christmas"
 Dec 31 "New Year's Eve"

DON'T FORGET

NEXT AVVA /VVA 862 MEETING
 WILL BE:

NOVEMBER 18TH, 2015

ROCHESTER VFW
 179 VIRGINIA AVE
 ROCHESTER, PA 15074

AVVA Meets @ 6:00 PM
 VVA Meets @ 7:00 PM

BRING A FRIEND

VETERANS DAY PARADE**New Brighton**

November 11th, 2015

Like we have always done when we march in New Brighton, we (VVA 862) will be meeting at the on Third Ave at:

J. J. Spratt Funeral Home**9:45 AM**

Now that the Fallston Bridge is closed, they have all of 2nd Ave to line up for the parade. That road is very uneven with the bricks sticking up etc. Some of us are lucky we can walk let alone endure an obstacle course.

This Just In as we go to print!

**We will be right behind the
 Rochester Band!**

Parking will be on your own. Remember, the parade ends down by 6th street at Townsend Park. You may want to park at that end somewhere and hitch a ride down to Spratts.

The parade is starting at 19th street where the 4 lane goes to two lane.

"Come out and march with us!"

Immediately following the parade, at 12:30 PM we will be having the Annual **"Agent Orange Balloon Release"** at our Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Beaver at approx 12:30 PM

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

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

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

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

Or

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

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

___ Renewal Membership Card # _____ New Member: _____

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

Type:

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



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