

Together Then...

Together Now



# BETWEEN THE LINES

Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.  
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# Honoring our Heroes

## Memorial Day 2010

*"It is foolish and wrong to  
mourn the men who died.  
Rather we should thank God  
that such men lived."  
- General George S. Patton*



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Chapter 20

# IN ACTION

AROUND THE WORLD

Never again will  
one generation of  
veterans abandon  
another.



U.S. Marines with Regimental Combat Team (RCT) 6 conduct live-fire exercises at Camp Ramadi in Ramadi, Iraq, March 6, 2009. The Marines are part of the Personal Security Detail of RCT-6.  
Photo by Lance Cpl. Alvin D. Parson/Released

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## From the President

Ken Moore, President · Vietnam 1966-67 · US Army Cavalry

Well the election has come and gone and I would like to thank all of you for the confidence to elect me as your President for the next two years. I would like to thank the past Board for their service to our Chapter over the past two years and would also like to welcome the new Board members and directors. I feel confident that the Chapter will continue to serve our veterans and those serving our country in a way that will make all of you proud to be a member of Chapter 20.

We currently are working on the 30th Anniversary dinner that will be held in the spring of 2011. We want to make this a special event to celebrate all the great things we at Chapter 20 have done over the past 30 years. Stay tuned and I'll keep you updated as the planning moves forward.

The Chapter annual dinner this year was another great time for us as a family to gather and celebrate the year. Donations were made to the VA, SOFT, Honor Flight and our memorial in Highland Park. In just the past two years, we at Chapter 20 have donated \$50,000 to maintain our memorial in Highland Park forever as it was the day it was dedicated.

Till next month - stay safe and remember our Veterans and troops in your prayers.



Maggie Brooks at the April meeting presenting Proclamation declaring Vietnam Veterans Day in Rochester for 2010



# FRONT & CENTER

# FREE FIRE ZONE

## POW-MIA

Joe Peck, Chairperson

On March 26th, Merton Williams Middle School in Hilton had their 5th Annual "Operation Local Soldier" to honor past, present and current Military Service men and women. The Chapter 20 Honor Guard and representatives were invited to post the colors and take part in the ceremony which also included an explanation of the significance of the POW table we had on display. Honor Guard member Ray Melens stood over the Table while Kathy Gleason read the true meaning of the POW table and its contents. I am sure it left an impression on current and future generations of the importance of the POW/MIA issue.

The news release from the Defense Prisoner of War/Missing Personnel office

his family. US Army Corporal Stanley Paul Arendt from Palatine, IL was assigned to the 8th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division occupying a defense position near the town of Unsan in the bend of the Kuryong river know as the "Camels Head." Arendt's unit was involved in heavy fighting which devolved into hand-to-hand combat around their command post. Over 400 men of the 8th Cavalry Regiment were reported missing or killed in action during that battle. Corporal Arendt was captured with several others and moved to a house near the battle field. The POWs were then taken to a adjacent field and shot.

In May 2004, a joint U.S. - North Korean team excavated a mass grave near

## A Heartfelt Thank You

As many of you already know, and for those who did not hear about it, I was brutally attacked and beaten while I was out for a morning walk on March 7th. I suffered many cuts and bruises that have since healed. The severe emotional injuries have been much more difficult to deal with and overcome.

With the support, encouragement and guidance of a number of my VVA Chapter 20 brothers, I got the help I needed to begin understanding what I was going through, and to learn how to control all these emotions. I owe an enormous amount of gratitude to my brothers for all that you done for me.

To ALL my VVA Chapter 20 brothers and sisters -- Your prayers, visits, lunches, dinners, goodies baskets, phone calls and cards meant more to me than you could imagine. I could never thank everyone enough. You are truly a family to me.

Joe Peck

## Check Your Pockets...

To Whom It May Concern,

My wife found a coin about 2" in diameter in the Walmart in Brockport, NY. On the front it has "YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN CHAPTER 20 ROCHESTER, NY" On the back "MARINE CORPS\*COAST GUARD\*AIR FORCE\*ARMY\*NAVY" with POW\*MIA in the center. Maybe you could put this in your newsletter. I would happy to return this to whom it might belongs.

Thanks, Eugene Jolly

*Editor's Note: Fess up...who lost their coin? You owe the pot \$1! You may contact Eugene Jolly at: eugene\_jolly@hotmail.com to retrieve your lost coin.*



Major Curtis Daniel Miller



Sean Flynn



Corporal Stanley Paul Arendt

(DPMO) announced that the remains of USAF Major Curtis Daniel Miller of Palacios, Texas, previously identified on Dec. 2, 2008, was returned to his family and buried with full Military Honors on March 29, 2010 in Dallas- Fort Worth National Cemetery.

More news being unofficially released by the news media indicates that the remains of Sean Flynn, the son of actor Errol Flynn, who disappeared in Cambodia 40 years ago as a reporter, may have been recovered. These remains are being sent to JPAC in Hawaii for further testing . More details will be released when the news of the positive ID is made official.

There is also a news release that a POW/MIA from the Korean War has been recovered, identified and returned to

the "Camels Head" after receiving reports from a local resident that he witnessed the death of seven or eight U.S. soldiers the day of the battle. Human remains and other personal artifacts recovered and tested through DNA, ultimately lead to the identification of seven soldiers, one of which was Corporal Arendt, from that site. Corporal Stanley Paul Arendt was buried with full military honors on March 29, 2010 in his home town.

The current number of missing Americans from the Vietnam War still stands at 1720.

We can only hope and pray that the search will continue to determine the fate of our missing Americans from all wars. Remember, always keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.



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# NATIONAL military APPRECIATION MONTH

As a nation, we observe and participate in various events. Congress has designated May as National Military Appreciation Month (NMAM). This month gives the nation a time to focus and draw attention to our many expressions of appreciation and recognition of our armed services.

National Military Appreciation Month includes Loyalty Day (May 1), Military Spouse Appreciation Day (May 7), VE Day (May 8), Armed Forces Day (May 15) and Memorial Day (May 30). This very important month honors, remembers, recognizes and appreciate all military personnel – those men and women who have served throughout our history and all who now serve in uniform and their families, as well as those Americans who have given their lives in defense of the freedoms we all enjoy today. It recognizes those on active duty in all branches of the services, the National Guard and Reserves, plus retirees, veterans and all of their families – well over 90 million Americans and more than 230 years of our nation's history.

## Loyalty Day

Loyalty Day is on May 1 each year. It is a special day for people to reaffirm their loyalty to the United States and to recognize the heritage of American freedom.

## VE Day

Formal celebration of the Allies' victory in Europe during World War II, 1945.

## Military Spouse Appreciation Day

First celebrated in 1984 when then-President

Ronald Reagan proclaimed the observance to honor the contributions of military spouses. The military now sets aside the Friday before Mother's Day each year to pay tribute to the spouses who play a vital role in the nation's defense.

## Armed Forces Day

This is simply a day to salute sharply to all of the men and women in all branches of the service who protect our country and you. On August 31, 1949 then Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced the creation of Armed Forces Day. President Harry Truman also announced the holiday in a presidential proclamation on February 20, 1950. All branches of the military were asked to celebrate on this day and they complied on the first Armed Forces Day which was held the following year on May 20, 1950.

## Memorial Day

One of the best known holidays in America. However, it's more than just for picnics. Memorial Day was originally known as Decoration Day because it was a time set aside to honor the nation's Civil War dead by decorating their graves. In 1966, the federal government, under the direction of President Lyndon Johnson, declared Waterloo, N.Y., the official birthplace of Memorial Day. They chose Waterloo—which had first celebrated the day on May 5, 1866—because the town had made Memorial Day an annual, community-wide event during which businesses closed and residents decorated the graves of soldiers with flowers and

flags. After World War I, observances also began to honor those who had died in all of America's wars. In 1971, Congress declared Memorial Day a national holiday to be celebrated the last Monday in May. (Veterans Day, a day set aside to honor all veterans, living and dead, is celebrated each year on November 11.) The day includes a National Moment of Remembrance. At 3PM on Memorial Day all are asked to pause for a moment of silence and reflect upon the true meaning of the day.

## How will you spend Memorial Day?

Chapter 20 has a rich tradition of a very busy Memorial Day weekend. This year is no different:

- Sun, May 30 at 5:30pm - Irondequoit Memorial Day parade
- Mon, May 31 at 10:30am - City of Rochester Memorial Day parade (140th year)
- Mon, May 31 at 1:00pm - Memorial Day Remembrance, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Highland Park
- Mon, May 31 at 3:00pm - Annual Chapter 20 Memorial Day Picnic, Ira Jacobson Post Home

In lieu of, or in addition to the above events you might consider other ways to honor our military:

- Fly the American Flag and the POW/MIA flag
- Visit Veterans' gravesites at the cemeteries
- Thank a military spouse and/or mom, especially a Gold Star Mother
- Attend the Armed Forces Day Luncheon on May 15th
- Buy a poppy
- Join your Chapter 20 family and march with them in the Memorial Day parade in Downtown Rochester
- Attend the 142nd Sunday Memorial Service at the War Memorial, May 23 at 3 pm

**Enjoy the holiday and remember those who made it possible.**

# Fit Vet Results Season 2

Jerry McDermott, Chairman Health Affairs

A huge thank you to all the Chapter 20 members who participated in our 2nd Fit Vet Challenge competition between service branches for bragging rights and weight loss totals.

There have been many noteworthy reports and significant results from many who took up the Challenge and are seeing and feeling the results so far.

Even though the final weigh-in has been tabulated, and winners and losers will be announced, keep up the efforts that you have

started and keep it going forward in your daily routine for as long as you can. Whether you belong to the challenging service groups of the Army, Navy, Air Force or Coast Guard or to last year's champions, the Marines, it has been friendly and fun. Some lucky charities will find it worthwhile too!

Keep doing the little things for a healthier and better quality of life experience. Here's looking forward to next year and a new and healthy Fit Vet Challenge.

## And Now, for the Results...

### Total Weight Gain/Loss – Veterans

BRANCH	# OF PARTICIPANTS	AVG. START WEIGHT	AVG. END WEIGHT	GAIN/LOSS	PLACE
Air Force	8	221.8	220.6	-1.2	4th Place
Army	29	224.2	221.7	-2.5	3rd Place
Navy	8	221.4	218.3	-3.1	2nd Place
<b>Marines</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>203.6</b>	<b>199.7</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>1st Place</b>
TOTAL	60	211.7	209.2	-2.5	

### Total Weight Gain/Loss – Associates & Guests

BRANCH	# OF PARTICIPANTS	AVG. START WEIGHT	AVG. END WEIGHT	GAIN/LOSS	PLACE
Army	5	151.2	150.0	-1.2	<b>1st Place</b>
Marines	3	154.1	153.1	-1.0	2nd Place

### Biggest Losers by Branch – Vets

BRANCH	VET	POUNDS LOST
Air Force	Tom Puff	6.2
<b>Army</b>	<b>Juil Robinson, Jr.</b>	<b>24.8</b>
Navy	Jerry Lamb	7.0
Marines	Bruce VanApeldoorn	24.0

### Biggest Losers by Branch – Associates & Guests

BRANCH	VET	POUNDS LOST
<b>Army</b>	<b>Linda Demity</b>	<b>5</b>
Marines	Nancy VanApeldoorn	3.8

NOTE: Data includes participants who were present for at least 2 of the weigh-ins



Ray Melens examines scale to see if there is a way to make it report lower numbers for the final weigh-in.

## Congratulate these Fit Vets in Person...



Tom Puff



Juil Robinson, Jr.



Jerry Lamb



Bruce VanApeldoorn

# 10 Ways to Live Well this Spring

1. **Join an exercise program.** Not only will you look better, more importantly you will feel better.
2. **Stimulate your mind more often.** Join a book club or create a reading list for yourself.
3. **Do your spring cleaning.** Donate the useful stuff to a shelter, church or the VVA Thrift Store.
4. **Take photos of nature** while you hike, or action shots of kids playing. Use your photos to create scrapbooks.
5. **Focus on better nutrition.** Your body will thank you.
6. **Create a garden.** It's great exercise for the body and spirit!
7. **Reduce stress.** Spend 30 minutes a day doing something you like.
8. **Get your body moving!** Find a local park where you can walk or jog, or take a bike ride along a trail.
9. **Improve your mood!** Think positive thoughts. Meditate.
10. **Sleep is important!** Read a book or listen to soothing music before bedtime to help you relax.







## *in memoriam*

◀ *USS Hornet* underway  
in August 1968

▼ *USS Hornet* replenishes supplies  
from *USS Sacramento*, June 1967



# Hornet Heroes

by Tom Hetherington, ETN2 USS Hornet CVS 12

Many years have gone by, but the memories of all the heroes that I served with during seven years in the US Military and my two Vietnam tours, 1967, 68-69, will never fade. These men were to me the best of the best. All volunteers who chose to serve the greatest country in the history of the world.

With highest honor and respect, I feel that others should know those with whom I served that made the ultimate sacrifice. My heartfelt sympathy is with them and their families, especially the missing in action who never returned. May god bless them all. We will never forget.

AX2 DAVID R. CHATTERTON: July 18,1967 - North Vietnam - hostile helicopter crash on land - Recovered

ATN3 THOMAS F. CULLEN: Died onboard Hornet  
HM2 PETER J. DRDUL: Died onboard Hornet - heart attack

ADJ3 EDWARD R. DORSEY: July 29, 1967 - North Vietnam - non-hostile helicopter crash at sea - Recovered

AN JOHNNIE L. FRAZIER: July 29, 1967 - North Vietnam - non-hostile helicopter crash at sea - Recovered

ENS DOANLD P. FRYE: July 19,1967 - North Vietnam - hostile helicopter crash on land. Recovered

AX2 WILLIAM B. JACKSON: July 19, 1967 - North Vietnam - hostile helicopter crash on land Recovered

AX2 DONALD P. McGRANE: July 19,1967 - North Vietnam - hostile helicopter crash on land Recovered

AX3 WILLIAM C. SOLANSKY: Died onboard Hornet

### **Missing in Action**

LT DENNIS W. PETERSON: July 19, 1967 - North Vietnam - hostile helicopter crash on land. Not recovered.

LT RICHARD W. HOMUTH: May 23, 1967 - North Vietnam - hostile helicopter crash at sea. Not recovered.

LTJG THOMAS E. PETTIS: May 23, 1967 - North Vietnam - hostile helicopter crash at sea. Not recovered.

PR2 EUREKA L. SCHMITTOU: May 23, 1967 - North Vietnam - hostel helicopter crash at sea Not recovered.

ADJ2 RONALD P. SOUCY. SR: May 23, 1967 - North Vietnam - hostel helicopter crash at sea. Not recovered.

# Election Results

## Executive Officers

President - Ken Moore  
1st VP - Tom Gleason  
Treasurer - Hank Wallace  
Secretary - Chuck Macaluso

## Directors

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Mike General  
Tom Hetherington

## NYSC Delegates

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## Nominating Committee for 2010

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# Memorial Day Picnic

May 31 · 2 PM - ?

Ira Jacobson Post  
90 St. John Park  
(off Lake Avenue)

Please call the Chapter 20 Office 482-7396 (by May 21) and leave message with your name and number of people attending. Bring a snack or dessert and your folding chair (if you wish) as we will be outside, weather willing.

Hamburgers, hots, mac and potato salad, baked beans and drinks will be provided. Members and families are welcome. **DON'T FORGET TO CALL IN YOUR RSVP.** See you there!



## The Aid & Attendance Pension

The Aid and Attendance (A&A) Pension provides benefits for veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing and undressing or taking care of the needs of nature. It also includes individuals who are blind or a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisting living facility also qualifies.

To qualify for A&A it needs to be established by your physician that you require daily assistance by others to dress, undress, bathing, cooking, eating, taking on or off of prosthetics, leave home etc. You DO NOT have to require assistance with all of these. There simply needs to be adequate medical evidence that

you cannot function completely on your own.

The A&A Pension can provide up to \$1,632 per month to a veteran, \$1,055 per month to a surviving spouse, or \$1,949 per month to a couple\*.

Eligibility must be proven by filing the proper Veterans Application for Pension or Compensation. (Form 21-534 for a Surviving Spouse, Form 21-526 for a Veteran.) This application will require a copy of DD-214 (see below for more information) or separation papers, Medical Evaluation from a physician, current medical issues, net worth limitations, and net income, along with out-of-pocket Medical Expenses.

For more information visit <http://www.veteranaid.org/program.php> and select the FAQ link.

\*Figures are from the Veteran's Administration as of 12/01/08 Please contact the VA to verify current Aid and Attendance monthly payments.

## SPEEDING TICKET

Two Highway Patrol Officers were conducting speeding enforcement on I-15, just north of Oceanside, San Diego, California. One of the officers was using a hand held radar device to check speeding vehicles approaching the crest of a hill. The officers were suddenly surprised when the radar gun began reading 300 mph and climbing. The officer attempted to reset the radar gun, but it would not reset and then it suddenly turned off. Just then, a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact locked on to a USMC F/A-18 Hornet which was engaged in a low flying exercise near this, its home base location.

Back at the California Highway Patrol headquarters, the Patrol Captain fired off a complaint to the Marine Corps Base Commander for shutting down his equipment. The reply came back in true USMC style:

"Thank you for your letter outlining the excellent performance of one of our officers in a recent low-level

training exercise. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Hornet had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it, which is why it shut down. Furthermore, an Air-to-Ground missile aboard the fully armed aircraft had also automatically locked on to your equipment location. Fortunately, the Marine pilot flying the Hornet recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile system alert status and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched to destroy the hostile radar position. The pilot suggests you cover your mouths when cussing at them, since the video systems on these jets are the latest in high resolution technology. Sergeant Johnson, the officer holding the radar gun, should get his dentist to check his left rear molar. It appears the filling is loose. Also, the snap on his holster is broken. Semper Fi."





# Vietnam Veterans Central Library Support Huge Success

by Rich Isaman

In 2008 VVA Chapter 20 began its support of programs at the Central Library on South Avenue in Rochester. Our first project was the creation of an endowment to permanently fund the purchase of material related to Southeast Asia history and the Vietnam era war. Additionally, we purchased a store cabinet and display case and the library has used it to create an area called the Vietnam Learning Center in the Science and History Division. Since the creation of the leaning center, the use of the Vietnam collection has increased by over 300%.

VVA Chapter 20 donated funds to create a video conference center at the central library which is used under the Freedom Calls program. The center allows families who do not have the resources at home to keep in contact with their service member who is serving in harm's way. The interest in the center has been very heavy since recent radio promotions.

Both projects have been very successful and

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all VVA members should be proud that their organization is creating resources in the community that support the current generation of the military and educate others on our military experience. VVA Chapter 20 will continue to look for projects such as these to support those who serve and to educate others on our unique place in history.



Photo Courtesy: Dept. of Defense

**Is someone you love serving in the military in Afghanistan, Iraq or Kuwait? You can now schedule a video conference with your soldier for FREE!**

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Maggie Brooks  
County Executive



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MHV registrants will also be able to view appointments, co-pay balances and copies of key portions of their VA medical records online and much more as additional functionality is released. This is available to veterans, their families, veteran advocates and VA employees. Non-veterans are welcome to use many of the features, although they will not have

access to all functions VA patients have.

You can access the website at [www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov). You will need to register to use key features and will be assigned a User ID and Password for return visits. Please note that in order to access

#### MHV provides access to:

- Online prescription refills with the VA
- Trusted health information
- Links to Federal and VA benefits and resources
- Personal Health Journals and Health e-Logs

enhanced options of this website, you must complete an "In Person Authentication" (IPA) at your local VA facility. This step provides for confidentiality of your information and is required by The Privacy Act, Title 5 United States Code (U.S.C.) 552a, implemented by Title 38 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) §575-1.584.



## HELP BASE GREATER ROCHESTER

### Help Base Greater Rochester

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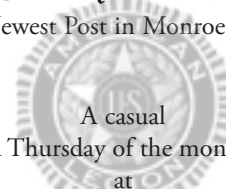
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Canandaigua VA Medical Center

# Wish List

Our BOD has wholeheartedly agreed to allow the collection of items below in support of our hospitalized veterans, both men and women, currently receiving treatment at the Canandaigua MC. Volunteer Opportunities are always welcomed and you can make direct contact with Ms Robin Johnson, Manager of Voluntary Services, anytime at 585-393-7759. You can help out one time a year or whenever your schedule will permit. We will collect any items that are brought to the monthly membership meetings, and I will take responsibility to make the delivery to Canandaigua MC. Thank you for your support, Jerry McDermott

- Comfort care items (deodorant, shampoo, shaving cream, lotions [for men/women vets at the Center] - travel size, full size, or complementary sizes from hotel/motel chains are great!)
- Coffee (regular and decaf)
- Creamer, sugar, sugar substitute
- Hot Chocolate mix
- Bowling/movie tickets
- Gift cards from stores like Walmart/Wegmans/Tops
- Baking items (cookies, bread mixes - for a homey effect in the wards, used as aromatherapy)
- Prepaid phone cards
- Tickets to sporting events, zoo
- Paper products (plates, napkins)
- New socks, tee shirts, sweatshirts (men and women's sizes...color white...tube socks are ideal!)
- Postage

Time to check your attic.  
That dusty stack of photo albums.  
And that shoe box under the bed.  
*We know you have one.*

That's right. It's slide show time...

We need photos of our Chapter 20 members - old military photos & recent photos too - for our 30th Anniversary Celebration Slide Show. Don't miss your fifteen minutes of fame.

Email photos to [17cav@rochester.rr.com](mailto:17cav@rochester.rr.com). Please include name, dates of service, and the place where the photo was taken.

2nd Annual Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway of Valor

# Tribute Ride

Saturday, July 17 • 10 am • Registration 8 - 9:45 am

Begin: Marvin Park, Oswego, NY

End: Village of Fair Haven, NY

Police Escorted Ride

**Itinerary:** Rte. 38 to American Legion in Groton  
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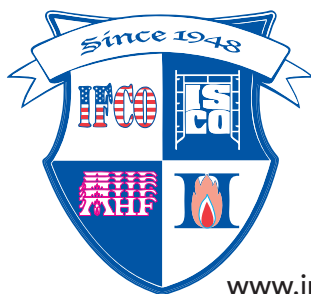
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## MAY 2010



- 1 SAT** • Loyalty Day
- 3 MON** • Board of Directors, 7:00pm
- 7 FRI** • Military Spouse Day
- 8 SAT** • VE Day, 1945
- 9 SUN** • Mother's Day
- 10 MON** • Battle of Hamburger Hill, 1969
- 13 THU** • General Membership Meeting, 7:30pm
- 15 SAT** • Armed Forces Day
- 30 SUN** • Irondequoit Memorial Day parade, 5:30pm
- 31 MON** • Downtown Rochester parade, 10:30am
- Remembrance Ceremony, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Highland Park, 1:00pm
- Chapter 20 Annual Memorial Day Picnic, Ira Jacobson Post, 3:00pm

## MEETINGS

### BOD

May 3	Oct 4
June 7	Nov 1
July 6	Dec 6
Aug 2	Jan 3, 2011
Sept 7	Feb 7, 2011

### Membership

May 13	Nov 11
June 9	Dec 9
July 8	Jan 15, 2011
Sept 9	Feb 10, 2011
Oct 14	

### Special Events

May 30 - Trot with the Troops  
 May 31 - Memorial Day Picnic  
 July 11 - Poker Run to Dakota Grill

July 17 - 2nd Annual Vietnam  
 Veterans Memorial Highway of  
 Valor Tribute Ride  
 Aug 12 - Annual Picnic