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This Issue is dedicated to: Gerald Lee Dailey 11-Jan-66; Johnny H. Leake 2-Jan-66; John Joseph Hornyak 7-Jan-66; Rolland Bernard Shubuck 16-Jan-66

**President's Message**

Welcome all to 2010...the beginning of a new year which will hopefully bring good things to the chapter and its members and friends.

I hope a lot of you will be coming to our annual holiday party, bring a friend and come and enjoy. The American Legion women's auxiliary will be providing the food which has always been super. There will also be a 50/50 raffle and door prize drawings.

We have a brief few months to relax before the spring and summer activities. There are a few things going on in February. On Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a ceremony honoring the four chaplains at the LeRoy Methodist Church with a wreath laying at the monument in Trigon Park. If you haven't heard the saga of the sacrifice of these brave men it is a really worthwhile event. The ceremony is at 1pm which leaves plenty of time for all of the football fans to get revved up for the Super Bowl. Don't forget to collect all of your cans and bottles from your super bowl party and turn them in at Mickels Nickels for redemption for the scholarship fund. Just let them know before they count them that they are for the Vietnam Vets.

Hope to see you all at the Holiday Party and I want to wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

God Bless America...  
Together then, together now...

Paul

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**CALENDAR – JANUARY 2010**

**Sat. Jan. 2** – 1800hrs Veterans Honor Night  
Warsaw Moose, call lodge for reservations  
**Sat. Jan. 16** – 1300hrs - Monthly meeting and Chapter Holiday Party at LeRoy Servicemans Club, 53 W. Main St.

***Christmas Cash Raffle  
Winners***

**\$200 – Jim Calkins**  
**\$100 – Bruce Connolly**  
**\$50 – Bruce Connolly**  
**\$25 – Jim McGill, LeRoy**  
**\$25 – Clayton Fry**

***Congratulations !!!!***

**Membership –**

No renewals sent

\*\*New Members require a copy of DD214

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**MEETING MINUTES – 12/19/09**

The meeting was called to order at 13:07hrs following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence and a prayer for our troops. There were thirteen members and one guest present.

Jim Calarco read the minutes of the November meeting. Motion to accept as read made by R.T. Howe, seconded by Jim Ratigan, carried. Bob Sovocool gave the financial report. Linda reported, membership is at 129, 104 vets and 25 associates.

R.T. Howe gave a parade update. All prize winnings are in, chapter came out ahead.

Ted Wilkinson gave a State and National report. State has moved its offices – new address.

Penny Robinson gave an events update. Scholarship Fund will again have a can and bottle drive for the Super Bowl.

Brother Matt gave an update on the cemetery. He will be mounting a plaque on one of the cemetery benches noting VVA193 for its assistance.

The chapter received one anonymous donation, and one donation from St. Pauly for Christmas baskets, R.T Howe and Brother Matt will distribute.

Jim Ratigan hopes to have a limo to transport returning vets and also suggested a veteran, Bob Evans who fixes computers.

Penny Robinson asked if there would be a 4 Chaplains service, it will be researched.

President Paul read the mail. The chapter voted to donate monies to Crossroads House and will look into an appropriate donation in memory of Charlie O’Geen’s Dad.

Meeting was adjourned at 1345 hrs

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Sun. Feb. 7 – 1300hrs Four Chaplains Service, LeRoy Methodist Church  
Super Bowl can and bottle drive to benefit Dana Fry  
Scholarship Fund**

**Sat. April 24 – Dana Fry Scholarship Fund Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser**

**A Tribute to Grieving Mothers**  
**Monument honors those whose children died in combat**

*From The Buffalo News 9/28/09 – contributed by Linda Calkins*

It's not a club any member wishes to be eligible for. After all, the primary requirement for inclusion into the Gold Star Mothers is having a son or daughter die while on active duty in the military. But when they're together, the Gold Star Mothers take comfort in each other and in the knowledge that their sons and daughters won't be forgotten.

"We have such a bond. We don't just sit around all day and cry," said Betty Jackowiak, whose son, Henry was killed in Vietnam in 1969. "When we see each other, it's like sisters getting together." A dozen Gold Star Mothers from Western New York gathered Sunday with their families at the Pvt. Leonard Post Jr. VFW Post 6251 in Cheektowaga, for American Gold Star Mother's Day and the dedication of the area's first monument to local mothers who lost children in combat. "He's being honored. I'm thankful for that," said Joann Carloni of Akron, whose son, James, was killed just three months into a tour in Vietnam in 1969, at age 19. Carloni welcomed the monument and other efforts to explain what the group is, so that people "know what we represent - our sons and daughters who were killed." "Maybe," she said, "this will put it across to people."

Like Vietnam, Korea and World War II, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have created indescribable grief for many mothers across the United States who have lost children in battle. The Gold Star Mothers, which nationally dates back to 1928, have been a quiet source of some comfort for those mothers. Gold Star Mothers, for example, showed up at the 2006 wake and funeral for Pfc. Benjamin C. Schuster, a National Guard member from Grand Island who was killed while on deployment with a Marine unit in Ramadi, Iraq. Schuster's stepmother, Frances Davis, appreciated the gesture so much that she decided to join the group. Davis has since gone to wakes and funerals of other deceased military in a simple show of support "It gave me a lot of comfort, when they came for us," she said.

Amy MacGregor-Morrissey, of North Evans, carried a framed portrait of her son, Army Cpl. Jacob Pfister, during Sunday's ceremony Pfister would have celebrated his 32nd birthday on Saturday, had he not died in Baghdad in 2005 while absorbing the full impact of a suicide truck bomb blast. Pfister was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart for his actions. Saturday also was the anniversary of the day Henry "Rick" Jackowiak was killed 42 years ago in Vietnam. Neither MacGregor-Morrissey nor Betty Jackowiak will ever forget the moment military officials showed up at their homes to break the news. "Two officers came to the door and I answered," said Jackowiak, who lives in Angola "One of them said, There's no easy way to say this: Your son was killed yesterday.' "

More than a decade after her son was laid to rest, Jackowiak joined the Gold Star Mothers. She's been a member ever since. She encouraged MacGregor-Morrissey to join the group, which does volunteer work, usually around veteran's issues.

The monument on behalf of the Gold Star Mothers was organized as the Eagle Scout project of 14-year-old Jason D. Maybach of Bowmansville, in conjunction with VFW Post 6251. During the dedication, the Lancaster High School freshman handed each Gold Star Mother a yellow rose and said he hoped that the monument would make more people in the community aware of the group. "I just wanted to get them more known," Maybach said in an interview.

**PTSD Diagnoses to be based on Veterans' own testimonies**

*VA hopes to implement a new rule by early 2010 that would make it easier for vets with PTSD to collect disability. – from VFW magazine Nov/Dec 2009*

Veterans diagnosed with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) will find it easier to file VA disability claims. They will no longer be required to provide evidence-other than their own testimony-of an event that caused their PTSD.

VA published a proposal in the Aug. 24, 2009, *Federal Register* noting that it would no longer require "corroboration of a stressor" (the event or experience that caused the PTSD) if a VA psychiatrist or psychologist confirms that a veteran's stressful experience "adequately supports" a PTSD diagnosis and the vet's symptoms are related to the stressor. The proposal "eases the evidentiary burden" on vets suffering from PTSD and the service officers who help them. "The change also will make VA's job a little easier because it won't have to do as much development to obtain evidence necessary to establish a service-related stressor," said Gerald T. Manar, deputy director for VFW's National Veterans Service. "Our service officers won't have to help VA and the vet find records that prove a stressor. Service officers only need to be sure that VA properly understands the work and experiences vets had while serving." But Manar doesn't necessarily agree with a VA representative's assessment that the new ruling would "allow us to pay benefits much faster" when VA's backlog of claims and appeals stands at some 1 million. "By policy, VA works on its oldest cases first," said Manar, who worked at VA for 30 years. "As a consequence, anyone seeking service connection of PTSD under these proposed changes will still have to wait until 150,000 cases that have been pending for more than six months are settled. What it may do is allow VA to move those six-month and-older cases where stressor verification is an issue more quickly."

Before this new ruling, VA claims adjudicators were required to corroborate that non-combat veterans actually experienced a stressor related to hostile military activity. Now, combat support personnel in the Iraq and Afghanistan wars-as well as those of previous wars-who experience combat should find it easier to garner service-connected disability compensation. "Supply convoys in Vietnam were frequently ambushed," Manar said. "But because those troops weren't classified as 'infantry' they weren't eligible for the Combat Infantryman Badge, and it was extremely difficult to prove they were in combat." He says VA only recently began accepting unit records showing Vietnam War ambushes or records proving an individual was assigned to a unit that was ambushed. Manar advises vets who were denied a service-connected PTSD claim for lack of evidence to reapply. "The proposed change eases the evidence burden, but it does not create any kind of presumption," he said. "If a Vietnam-era veteran claims, for instance, that his stressor was received in combat in Vietnam and military records show he never went to Vietnam, then VA is free to deny the claim in spite of this change in regulations."

Manar points out that even vets who have received a medal for combat or valor, or were prisoners of war, must still obtain a doctor's supporting testimony. "Simply being in combat or imprisonment is not sufficient to ease the evidence burden on a veteran," he said. "A physician must testify that the stressor which caused the PTSD is the stressor which occurred while in combat or as a POW." Though the burden of proof on the veteran has eased, Manar doesn't believe the new ruling will open the door to "significant" numbers of fraudulent claims. "Does that mean that some veterans will try to game the system?" he says. "Sure. But they will have to fool a doctor twice into believing that they have PTSD and that it is related to a stressor in service. Can that be done? Yes, but probably fewer times than you would think."

According to Manar, the main result of the new ruling will be that the collecting of evidence to prove a stressor "largely goes by the boards with this change." VFW doesn't believe, he says, that the change will open the floodgates of new or reopened claims for PTSD service connection. Rather, it could allow VA to operate more efficiently. "The river of claims will grow deeper and flow quicker," he said. "VA will have to paddle more quickly to move against the current, but, since their boat is lighter thanks to this regulation change, they should be able to make progress upstream."

**GI's Victorious in the Cold War**

*The fall of the Berlin Wall symbolizes an unheralded triumph for American troops who served worldwide for 45 years – from VFW Magazine Nov/Dec 2009*

November 9, 2009, is the 20th anniversary of one of the most momentous turning points in 20th century history. Yet it is rarely portrayed as such in the mainstream media or history textbooks. On that date in 1989, the infamous Berlin Wall literally came crashing down. West and East Germany were no longer separated by a concrete barrier.

Perhaps even more important, that epic event was the precursor to the end of Soviet -supported communism in all of East Europe. The captive nations would be liberated. This was a U.S. foreign policy goal for five decades. And its achievement was made possible by millions of GIs serving globally to counter Soviet military might, especially on the Central front in Germany. Victories of such magnitude are traditionally proclaimed with great fanfare. Participants are lauded publicly, but not in this case. Popular indifference and intellectual hostility have held sway on history's battleground. With few exceptions, the Americans who sailed the submarines, flew the aerial recon missions and patrolled and monitored hostile borders have been largely ignored.

This, of course, includes many who earned one of three campaign medals for Cold War duty in Europe, and others who did not. Even veterans of the famed Berlin Brigade, the unit most visible at the flash point of the Iron Curtain, have been given little credit for the final outcome of freedom in the East of Europe. A five-year article series that was transformed into a book titled *Cold War Clashes* in 2004 that recognized this invaluable service and proffered the respect due these vets. Still, in the intervening years since 1989, little has been written by others to pay tribute. As that book pointed out, Soviet forces and their European Communist surrogates killed 128 Americans. Most were lost in shootdowns over long-forgotten fronts such as Armenia, the Baltic Sea, the Barents Sea, the Siberian coast and the Kurile Islands. This belies the oft-repeated notion that the Cold War was won without loss of American life.

It is time to publicly remember their sacrifices; to honor their memory along with that of millions of GIs stationed in West Europe, sailing on and below several seas and flying dangerous skies. As former Georgia senator Sam Nunn said, "As the Cold War recedes in history, we should all pause to acknowledge the tremendous debt we owe to those who have served in our military." So on this 20th anniversary, quite possibly the last publicly recognizable opportunity to remember the unheralded duty performed by American soldiers, sailors, airmen, Coast Guardsmen and Marines in the Cold War, we salute you for a job well done. As we celebrate Veterans Day 2009, let's keep in mind a category of defenders who seldom find a place in the public's memory bank. Before the "silent artillery of time" begins to sweep them away.

**Ed. addendum: As a local note...there is a Genesee County Property Tax exemption available for those who served from 1975-1991. Contact Hal Kreter at Veterans Services**

# VVA Chapter 193 Holiday Party

Saturday, January 16, 2010

at the

LeRoy Servicemens Club

53 West Main Street

1pm until ??

Food, 50/50 drawing, door prizes, refreshments



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*Lines from Linda* (continued from page 7)

...DAVE & ANNA WEATHERBEE had a nice 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, son DEREK and wife CARLA were up from Virginia ...JOHN CORRADO is all settled in his new home, now the remodeling, we wish him the best of luck in his new home ...Our thoughts and prayers are also with the FAMILY OF DAVE RICE, a former VVA 193 member, NAVY during Viet NAM ,Who passed away 12/5/09. DAVE was actually the person who thought of having the DUCK DERBY ... ASSEMBLYMAN STEVE HAWLEY PIC in the Daily for the HLOM Winter Wonderland ...Belated HAPPY BIRTHDAY to JOHN BANNISTER, bugler for Veteran's & Memorial Day from American Legion #332 ...Belated Get Well to DAVE SULLIVAN who was hit twice with the flu ...JIM NEIDER tells me that their granddaughter ELIZABETH LAPP, is walking, holding one finger on whatever, even the dog ...ASSEMBLYMAN DAN BURLING is collecting "PHONES FOR SOLDIERS", for info call 585 786-0180 ...ELLYN & JERRY HOTCHKISS putting up their Christmas lights, he also had his POW/MIA flag flying ...they have welcomed DIEGO, the beagle, who joins RUBY the beagle ... TOM CORTRIGHT has his variance to build his chicken coop, he is also finishing a canoe & plans on going fishing ... MARINE CORPS LEAGUE pictured in the Daily for TOYS FOR TOTS ...SEEN AT VETERAN'S HONOR NIGHT: PAUL. PENNY, SHERYL & BRUCE RUSSELL, KURT & MARY LOU McCOWAN, BRUCE CONNOLLY, AL ROSEMARK, SUE BLAKE, LJ, JIMBO, BROTHER MATTHEW, BOB SOVOCOOL, JUDY MILLS, (BOB did Master of Ceremonies duty), JIM & BECKY CALARCO, TED WILKINSON, JOHN CORRADO, R. T. HOWE, JIM & MARGIE RATIGAN, DON NAGLE, our FRIENDS from CHAPTER 20, FRED & MARIE ELLIOTT, TOM & KATHY GLEASON, GAIL & RAY MELENS, also, DAVE HEBELL, CHARLIE COLF, JR. , DAN & CINDY BUNCH & MEMBERS of the VIET NAM VETERANS MOTORCYCLE CLUB ... THANK YOU HOSTESS & HOST: PENNY & PAUL ...Pictured in the Country Courier: GARY COUSINS & DAN MURTHA, both in uniform , with other veterans at Warsaw Central School for Veterans Day ...ASSEMBLYMAN DAN BURLING, an article in the CC concerning the new bottle bill hurting the consumer & businessman ...Both ASSEMBLYMEN DAN BURLING & STEVE HAWLEY, an article in the Daily on the deficit plan ...SEEN AT THE DELICIOUS BREAKFAST at the SERVICEMEN's CLUB: BRETT (working), LIZ, BOBBY & JACKSON LOCKE, KURT & MARY LOU McCOWAN, BOB SOVOCOOL (working), BROTHER MATT, BERNY & JOAN STAATS ... JUDY MILLS & BOB SOVOCOOL are headed to the Bills-Patriots game in Buffalo 12/20. MARY LOU McCOWAN was on vacation, getting ready for the holidays, she also attended GRANDSON TYLER's Christmas Concert at Cal-Mum, oops are we allowed to say Christmas Concert????? ...BABY CONGRATAS TO: TIMOTHY & ANGEL RIBBECK on the birth of their son, WAYLON JAMES born 11/22/69, 1:42 pm GRANDSON of RUTH & THE LATE ROY RIBBECK ...OOPS also seen CHUCK HEPHNER, reports that wife KATHY is recuperating from knee surgery ...KODY MILLS now has his permit ...JUDY MILLS also worked the breakfast ...Nice to meet NICK DeLEO, NYS Council Treasurer and a member of Chapter 20 ...JM RATIGAN is headed back to college, GCC, Theater Arts ...Veterans Honor Night in Warsaw at the Moose, Jan 2, 2010 ...JIM RATIGAN is getting his limo ready and hopes to give veterans returning home from Iraq or Afghanistan a free ride home, you will be able to contact JIM in the future if you know of anyone coming home ...CHRISTMAS CASH RAFFLE WINNERS: JIM CALKINS - \$200; BRUCE CONNOLLY - \$100; BRUCE CONNOLLY - \$50; JIM MCGILL - \$25; and CLAYTON FRY - \$25 ...HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF YOU, I LOVE YOU ALL ...LJ

**THERE ARE FOUR BOXES TO BE USED**

**IN THE DEFENSE OF LIBERTY:**

**SOAP, BALLOT, JURY, AND AMMO. PLEASE USE IN THAT**



**Lines From Linda**

I'm back!!!! I hope this finds everyone in the holiday spirit, next week at this time, it will be over ... Some storm huh??? Scott DeSmit, columnist for the Daily, agrees with me, drivers that drive without lights on during a storm ... DRIVER OF THE MONTH: LINDA JO, a new dent in the bumper due to the storm also, my BUDDY JIM CALARCO, who proved that being nice to the Police Officer does payoff, in your favor ... SEEN AROUND: TOM CORTRIGHT, he said to say HI, he is doing well, & he has a positive attitude, WARD & MARY BARRY, (TOPs, Batavia), JIM CALARCO, JOHN BANNISTER, KURT & MARY LOU McCOWAN, DAVE RUSSELL, DAVE SULLIVAN, J.D. HADE, BARB & DAN LaBARGE, JIM & MARYANN NEIDER, DAN MURTHA, PAM MEAD, PAUL DAMRAU, PENNY ROBINSON, (returned to work), FAITH FREGA, CLAYTON FRY, BRUCE CONNOLLY, MARY CONNOLLY, ELLYN & JERRY HOTCHKISS, SARAH WEATHERBEE, JJ. POKORNY ...guess that is it ... A BIG THANK YOU to KATHY KINMAN for sending handmade cards for me to send ...She said to say Hi to everyone ... THANK YOU TO PENNY for all the work she put into the Veteran's Honor Night/Dinner, also a belated THANK YOU to MIKE STUART, who did the Chaplain duties Veterans Day .. CONGRATS TO CHRIS WARNE, son of DAVID, who recently took a job with the competitor, better pay and bennies ... RENIE PETRIE had pics of the adorable BELLA, she will be baptized in Indiana by her Great-grandfather ...OPPS, JIM CALARCO & I have a CO-DRIVER of the MONTH ...PENNY ROBINSON, the first day or so was a little rough huh PENNY?? ...SEEN at the benefit for TOM & MARYANN CORTRIGHT: TOM & MARYANN, DAVE & ANNA WEATHERBEE, DAN LaBARGE, TED WILKINSON, LJ, JIMBO, DAVE WARNE, BONNY PITT & ASSEMBLYMAN STEVE HAWLEY ... Our thoughts & prayers are with CHARLIE (AKA GUIDO) & MARYANN O'GEEN & family with the passing of his Dad CHARLES "ACEY" O'GEEN, 12/5/09, he was a WWII Veteran, serving with GENERAL PATTON'S ARMY ...I asked that you lease keep in your thoughts & prayers: MIKE FORTI, dealing with some serious health issues, TOM CORTRIGHT, NYLA WILKINSON, CHERI HOWE, LARRY DE WIND, LARRY TAYLOR, JIMBO, KURT, BILL CORTRIGHT, KAREN ELLIS, (who has had a string of misfortunes, from heart problems to falling, fracturing her shoulder and knee, BILLY has been giving a lot of TLC), and to all of those who need our thoughts & prayers ... SPECIAL HI to MICHAEL THOMAS, we are thinking of you ...GET WELL WISHES(some belated): MARYANN & JIM NEIDER, the sniffles, we hope HEDY RYAN is doing better ...DOUG & DARLENE BRYANT had all of their kids & grandkids home for THANKSGIVING, GABE has been playing volleyball ...DOUG & DARLENE are both doing well & getting ready for the holidays ... CONGRATS TO: BILLY & KAREN ELLIS on GRAND DAUGHTER #6, born 11/11/09, RAYLEE IRELAND ELLIS, 7lbs,6oz, born in Texas, FLINT & LYANE ELLIS are the proud parents ... KAREN has received per first Social Security check. Daughter CHRISTINA & husband JIM & their girls will be living near KAREN & BILLY in Florida .. BILLY is Commander of the local DAV, and continues to participate with the Honor Guard at funerals at the National Cemetery .... HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS TO: HANS RALPH KLINK, ERNIE CURTIS, R.T. HOWE MARY CONNOLLY, DAVE SULLIVAN, KAREN ELLIS, JAN HOWLAND, DAN BURLING, BOB TYLER, RAY ENGLAND, CARMEN SEUFERT, DANIELLE BRYANT, HANNAH DEMPSEY, GRETCHEN ROSEMARK ROSALES, JONATHAN DiSANTO, J.J. POKORNY, PARKER LILY COOK, AMBER CONNOLLY, FAITH FREGA, BROOKE FREGA, MICKIE BENNETT, PAUL M. BLAKE, LARIE VAGG, PAULA STABLEWSKI, PAUL DAMRAU, GLENN ROBINSON, WILLIAM KUPPEL, TIM SHEFLIN, JACOB CORCORAN, HARRY GARNER, LES MAGOFFIN, JODI ROWCLIFFE ... HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO: KURT & MARY LOU McCOWAN, BARB & DAN LaBARGE, JERRY & GLORIA HARTER, on both counts, also to all I missed ... BABY CONGRATS TO : ERIN (CARNEY) & MARC STALEY, on the birth of their son, LUCAS EDWARD, born 12/15/09, 8lbs.,11oz., born at 8:20pm., DAD, MARC, was there, but he is the coach of Notre Dame's hockey team, & they had a big game Which they won, MR. & MRS. EDWARD CARNEY are the proud grandparents .... DAVE HEBELL sent a pic into the Daily's Backward Glances of the GOLD STAR HONOR ROLL, 1969 ... CONGRATS TO PENNY & PAUL (depending on where you read it), on winning the LeRoy Business Council Raffle, dinner for 6 at L.B. GRAND & LIMO ride to the fireworks New Years Eve... ASSEMBLYMAN DAN BURLING pictured in the Daily, presenting a grant for furthering rural health care ... ASSEMBLYMAN STEVE & wife CRYSTAL HAWLEY had their home on the tour of homes in Batavia

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I support Vietnam Veterans and would like to become a member  
of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America Dues: 1 year \$20

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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