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On August 25th Ron Traue and I attended the Moving Wall Ceremony in Elmira. Ron found his buddy "Fish's" name on the wall and was doing a rubbing of his name. Another Vet stepped up and asked him if he knew "Fish". Ron said yes and said that Fish was his best buddy, the Vet told Ron that he was "Fish's" best buddy also. (pictured above) So here is a picture of Ron and a Soldier he was with in Nam.



Jack & Ron

Nichols Labor Day Parade



On September 4th 11 members of our Chapter marched in the 2006 Nichols Labor Day parade. We had eight members present that marched and three members that followed along in a vehicle. In this parade we had a special treat, we had two active duty Marines that marched with us. The two Marines were Cpl Chrissy Traue (Ron's daughter) and her boyfriend Cpl. Dave Wilcox. This is one of the largest turnouts we've had since I've been President. We also had Associate members Susan Hartzel and Suz McManus riding in my Polaris 6X6 with Ron Traue's mom riding in the middle. We put our Chapter Banner on the front of the 6X6. This freed up two more of our members to march. The members participating were Ron Traue, Rick Deubler, Dave Honnick, Burt Baldwin, Frank Williams, Jim Tomlinson, Bob Shuta, Jack Hartzel, Ken Wolf and Bob Spawn and Joe Buttacavoli and his boys. I believe all had a great time although I didn't like the idea that I had to ride instead of March

but hopefully I'll be well enough to march in the next parade.

Nichols Parade After!



Roadside Clean-up!



Bob Shuta, Ken Wolf, Jack & Susan Hartzel, Ron Traue, Rick Deubler, Vince Trawinski and Bob Spawn and Dean Morgan not pictured. It was a nice day and I believe we all had a good time.

POW/MIA Vigil 2006



On September 16th-17th The Owego American Legion Staged a POW/MIA Vigil on the Square in Owego. The Vigil was attended by many Veterans Organizations from around the area. Our shift was from 9am till Noon on the 17th. Nine regular member were present with three dressed in VFW uniforms. We also had two Associate members present. Suz McManus one of our associate members who is also a veteran stood her watch with us. Ron Traue's Brother Tom who was in a Revolutionary Uniform stood his watch with Ron (pictured bottom left and bottom).



New Life Member Ken Wolf Stands Watch!



Looking at Ken, would you want to mess with anything?

VA INFORMATION

If you have a VA Disability rating of 10% or more you are eligible to receive Hearing Aids and Eye Glasses at the VA Hospital. However, in certain circumstances you may still be eligible without a disability rating.

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DISABLED VET JOBS: Disabled veterans are participating in a new virtual program that not

