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***September - October***

***2010***



**Fox Valley's Only Chartered  
Vietnam Veterans Organization Serving Area Veterans Since 1987**

## **VVA CHAPTER #351 – Officers**

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## **COMMITTEES**

### **Public Affairs**

Newsletter Editor.....	Jake Paltzer
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The Highground.....	Leon Meidam
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Adopt-A-Family.....	Chuck Lewis
Fox Valley Veterans Council.....	David Evans
Taps.....	Tom Driessen

### **Membership**

Veterans Collectibles.....	David Evans
Recognition / Awards.....	David Evans

### **Finance**

Fund Raising.....	Leon Meidam
Wreath.....	Leon Meidam
POW/MIA.....	Jake Paltzer
Orange Blossom.....	Jake Paltzer
Budget.....	Leon Meidam

### **Education**

Scholarship.....	Carlton Schuh
Vietnam Program.....	B.O.D.
Vietnam Display.....	Leon Meidam
Panel Presentations.....	Leon Meidam

### **Community Service**

Adopt-A-Highway.....	Tom Driessen
Boy Scouts.....	to be appointed
Veterans Day Group.....	Jake Paltzer
Military Support Group.....	Mike Weaver

### **Chapter Appreciation**

Picnic.....	Mike Weaver
Halloween Party.....	Chris Meidam
Appreciation Dinner.....	Mike Weaver
Free Fire.....	Tom Driessen

### **Nomination / Constitution**

Nomination.....	Tom Driessen
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### **Chapter Contacts**

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Joe Eiting.....	920-358-6152

## **GOALS**

VVA's goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam Veterans; to create a new identity for this generation of Veterans; and to change public perception of Vietnam Veterans.

***"Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another."***

# IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

## County Veterans Service Officers

Calumet Co..... Bill Krizek 920-849-1452  
Outagamie Co.....Andy Clark 920-832-5697  
Waupaca Co.....Jon Li Donne 715-258-6475  
Winnebago Co. Neenah ..... Robert Stone 920-729-4820

### **VA Medical Center**

Milwaukee - Clement J. Zablocki .....888-469-6614  
Appleton – John Bradley.....920-831-0070  
VA Great Lakes Center.....800-872-8662  
VA Regional Office (Milwaukee).....800-827-1000  
Vet Center – Milwaukee.....1-414-536-1301  
Informational and Referral 24 / 7  
Non-Emergency.....211 or 800-924-5514

### **U.S. Rep. Steven Kagen, M.D.**

8<sup>th</sup> District, WI  
333 E. College Av. - Appleton, WI. 54911  
920-380-0061

### **U.S. Senator Herb Kohl**

14 W. Miffin St. Suet 207 – Madison, WI 53703-2576  
920-738-1640

### **U.S. Senator Russ Feingold**

1640 Main St. – Green Bay, WI 54302-2639  
920-465-7508

### **State Senator Mike Ellis**

429 S. Commercial St. – Neenah, WI 54956  
920-751-4801

## **VVA 351 MEETINGS 2010**

The Chapter meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm, 6:30 pm refreshments and social time. Call to Order 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter meeting

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter meeting

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter meeting

**December** – No meeting

## **MEETING FACILITY**

**Chapter meetings will be held at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 724 E. South River Street – Appleton.**

This is across the river from Lawrence University in Appleton. Park in the “West” lot and use the Church entrance on that side.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**September 6<sup>th</sup>** = Labor Day

**September 17<sup>th</sup>** = POW/MIA Drive

**October 11<sup>th</sup>** = Columbus Day

**October 15<sup>th</sup>** = Chapter Halloween Party

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** = Halloween

**November 7<sup>th</sup>** = Daylight Savings Time ends

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** = Veterans Day

**November 25<sup>th</sup>** = Thanksgiving

## **NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO**

Chapter member, Leroy Johnson, accepts the Bud Otis Memorial Flag Day Trophy. The Chapter received the award for it's float in the annual Appleton Flag Day Parade. Leroy is in the center with the Honorable Appleton Mayor Tim Hanna on Leroy's left and Flag Day Chairman Greg Otis on the right.

## **Nick's Ride to Remember**

An event held for the entire day in Little Chute, WI on September 11, 2010. At the 5th Quarter Restaurant. Corner of Hwy 41 and Cty Rd "N". Motorcycle ride to Door County and back. Live music. Food/beverages. Military vehicles on display. (current and vintage) Activities for the entire family. This honors Sgt Nick Mueller who was KIA in Afghanistan in October of 2009. He was a crew chief on a Chinook helicopter that went down in the mountains. All aboard were lost. He graduated from Little Chute H.S. and was an outstanding athlete and was a member of the school jazz band. The Patriot Guard stood the flagline for his funeral in Little Chute. He was buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

## **Vets' Appreciation Event**

Held ALL weekend on September 11 - 12, 2010 in Brillion, Wisconsin at Peters Park. **The Wall** will be there. Vintage military vehicles. Softball, horseshoe tournaments, a 5K run, food, music, etc.....

## **NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY**

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is Friday, September 17, 2010. The Chapter will do a fund drive for this important day. The drive will be starting at 8:00 am and go to 8:00 pm. The monies raised will be used to

fund the POW/MIA program. Last year some of the funds went to a \$1000 scholarship, in the name of POW or MIA from the area, for a graduating high school student and a donation was made to the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

This is a good program and to keep it vibrant requires financial support. This is where you can help. Take just 1 hour, more if you want, and offer the POW/MIA flower to the public at the following businesses: Wal-Mart by the Fox River Mall and Wal-Mart in Neenah; Festival Foods on Appleton's East side, Festival Foods on Northland Ave., "OO". All you need to bring is a chair, if you want to sit, a cap or shirt with the V. V. A. emblem and a BIG SMILE!!! This is a great program that the Chapter is involved in so let's keep it going.

To help, contact Leon and Chris Meidam at 757-6587. If we all help out, we will make this a very successful drive. You can sign up for the business that you would like to help at and the time you would like to work. So please mark your calendar so we never forget. Please call by September 10, 2010.

Leon and Chris Meidam and Jacob Paltzer

POW/MIA Chairpersons

## **CHAPTER HALLOWEEN PARTY**

Calling all witches, goblins and ghouls. There will be a burning at the stake of a local scarecrow who has stopped being scary.

This event will take place on Fright Night Friday October 15<sup>th</sup>, starting at 5:30 pm to the witching hour.

The Meidam Haunted Manor is at N2241 Mayflower Drive, Appleton. We will all eat “Crow”, really it will be a deep fried turkey at 6:30 pm. Drinks will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and costumes are always fun.

R.S.V.P. at 757-6587 with the number of people coming and what dish you will bring.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Terry Engelhardt (Army) – Appleton, John Fiers (Army) – Little Chute and Gerald Segersin (Army) – Black Creek

**Welcome Aboard!!!!**

### **THANK YOU NOTES**

**Old Glory Honor Flight of Northwestern Wisconsin** for the \$500 donation. The honor flight is for WW II Veterans, who will go to Washington DC, where they will visit the WW II Memorial in their honor and other memorial. This flight is free for any WW II Veteran. If you know of a WW II Veteran, encourage them to sign up at their local county Veteran Service office or go on line and Google Old Glory Honor Flight. Once you have done that then print off the forms and sign up. It is an experience they will never for get.

### **MILITARY VETERANS MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER**

For renewing the Chapter’s organizational membership with them.

### **CHAPTER’S SCHOLARSHIP**

From Jamie Schuh for receiving the Chapter’s Scholarship. Jamie is very appreciative of receiving the scholarship. He will be attending Concordia University of Wisconsin. Best of luck to you Jamie!!!

### **Photos on page 9 and 10**

1. At the very first Adopt-A-Highway pickup for 2010, there was a great response. The crew picks up trash and litter for a two mile section of Highway 10. When finished, they go to the Darboy Family Restaurant for supper. The Chapter donates \$5 toward each person's meal. From L to R: Leon and Chris Meidam, David Evans behind Chris, Jake Paltzer, Cheryl and Leroy Johnson, Mike and Crystal Weaver, Diane and Tom Driessen with Steve Buntjer standing behind Tom.
2. The annual Chapter picnic was held immediately after the Appleton Flag Day Parade at Erb Park. Chapter members and their families and the Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Troop, that the Chapter sponsors, all enjoyed a delicious meal. Gourmet chef Tom Driessen working feverishly in the kitchen. Look out Mad Dog and Merrill, you have competition.
3. Chris Meidam (L) and Diane Driessen(R) organizing for the hungry crew that is about to feast. A lot of behind the scene work is done before hand so everyone can enjoy themselves at the picnic.
4. Some Chapter members in the chow line, from L to R: Wayne Gabriel, Richard Forrest and Chuck Lewis. Like being in the service – real straight line.
5. All are enjoying a very delicious meal. The meal was pot luck with the Chapter provided the meat and pop. At pot lucks you get a good variety and they taste great.
6. There was a medic on hand to handle unforeseen situations. It would be “cool” to ride in the medic's jeep. Not sure how good the air conditioner works in the summer.

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## **THE MISSING MAN TABLE AND CEREMONY**

### **MISSING MAN CEREMONY**

The Missing Man Ceremony is a dignified and solemn moment in many formal dinners and other occasions. There have been many different narratives written for the ceremony but the symbolism is quite constant.

The Missing Man Ceremony usually follows the “Posting of the Colors” and the “National Anthem” in the order of the program.

### **THE CEREMONY**

As you enter the dining area, you may have noticed a table at the front, raised to call your attention. It is reserved to honor our missing loved comrades.

Set for six, the empty places represent our men missing from each of the five services: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and civilians. This Honor Ceremony symbolizes that they are here with us, here in spirit.

Some here today/tonight were very young when the Vietnam War began; however, all Americans should never forget our brave men and women who answered our nation's call and served the cause of freedom in a special way.

As the Honor Guard places one of the five service covers or a civilian cap on each empty plate, I would like to ask you to consider their sacrifices, followed by a moment of silent prayer.

### **HONOR GUARD**

In silence or with dignified, reverent music as background, the Honor Guard moves into position around the table and simultaneously places one of the service covers of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force

and Coast Guard, or a civilian hat, on each empty dinner plate at each table setting. The Honor Guard then departs.

Moderator:

Please be seated while I explain the meaning of the items on the special table.

The table is round to show our everlasting concern for our men still missing.

The cloth is white to symbolize the purity of their motives when answering the call to duty.

The single red rose, displayed in a vase, reminds us of the life of each of the missing, and their love ones and friends who keep the faith, waiting for an answer.

The vase is tied with a red ribbon, symbol of our continued determination to account for our missing.

A slice of lemon on the bread plate is to remind us of the bitter fate of those captured and missing in a foreign land.

A pinch of salt symbolizes the tears endured by those missing and their families who seek answers.

The bible represents the strength gained through faith to sustain those lost from our country, founded as one nation under God.

The glass is inverted to symbolize their inability to share this evening's toast.

The chairs are empty. They are missing.

Let us now raise our glasses in a toast to honor America's POW/MIA's and to the success of our efforts to account for them.

## TABLE SET UP

A small bistro table

White tablecloth

Single place setting, preferably all white

Wine glass inverted

Salt shaker

Slice of lemon on a bread plate with a pile of spilled salt

Small bud vase with a single stem red rose

Red ribbon tied around the vase

Lit candle

Empty chair

## **NATIONAL LEAGUE of FAMILIES of AMERICAN PRISONERS and MISSING in SOUTHEAST ASIA**

The League originated on the west coast in the late 1960s. Believing that the US Government 's policy of keeping a low profile on the POW/MIA issue while urging family members to refrain from publicly discussing the problem unjustified, the wife of a ranking POW initiated a loosely organized movement that evolved into the National League of POW/MIA Families. In October 1968, the first POW/MIA story was published. As a result of that publicity, the families began communicating with each other, and the group grew in strength from 50 to 100, to 300 and kept growing. Small family groups flooded the North Vietnamese delegation in Paris with telegraphic inquiries regarding the prisoners and missing, the first major activity in which hundreds of families participated.

The National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia was incorporated in the District of Columbia on May 28, 1970. The League's sole purpose is to obtain the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation during the Vietnam War.

The National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia held their Forty first Annual Meeting on July 21 to 24, 2010. The Chapter took a Sustaining Contributor ad space in the convention booklet. The Chapter also remembered service men that were POW or MIA during the Vietnam War from the area. They are:

**Robert W. Brownlee Jr.** – he was a military advisor to the South Vietnamize Army. He is listed as MIA on April 24, 1972 in Kontum Province, South Vietnam when his group was overrun. Robert's home is listed as Chicago, IL. Robert's wife, Audrey, lives in Appleton

**James K. Brueggemann** – he was on the submarine, USS Scorpion, that was declared missing in the Atlantic Ocean on May 22, 1968. James was from Appleton. He did not die in the Vietnam War but during that time period.

**Eugene DeBruin** – he had served in the U.S. Air Force. After serving in the U.S. Air Force he worked for Air America. It was a CIA type of operation. On September 5, 1963, Eugene's plane was shot down in Laos where he was captured and held prisoner. Eugene was from Kaukauna.

**John F. Hartzheim** – he was in the U.S. Navy. He was on a plane that dropped listening devices and was shot down on February 17, 1968. He was listed as MIA but on February 19, 1999, his remains were officially listed as recovered. John was from Appleton.

**Richard J. Hentz** – he was in the U.S. Army. The surveillance plane he was on was shot down and he was listed as MIA on March 4, 1971. Richard was from Oshkosh.

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- Pain and suffering
- Loss of enjoyment of life
- Lost wages
- Damage to your vehicle

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## **GOLFER AT THE DENTIST**

A man and his wife walked into a dentist's office.

The man said to the dentist, "Doc, I'm in one heck of a hurry. I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf, so forget about the anesthetic, I don't have time for the gums to get numb. I just want you to pull the tooth, and be done with it! We have a 10:00 AM tee time at the best golf course in town and its 9:30 already... I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!"

The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness, this is surely a very brave man asking to have his tooth pulled without using anything to kill the pain." So the dentist asks him, "Which tooth is it sir?" The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth honey, and show him.

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Be sure to fill out the form and submit it with your ad.

All ads should be submitted as a clean, high resolution at actual size of your final ad.

Ad copy and disk will not be returned.

All ads will be in black and white.

All ads must be accompanied by appropriate payment.

**Payable and mail to: Vietnam Veterans of America**

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Ad space starts November 1st and expires October 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **Chapter Jackets**

We have three Chapter jackets in stock (L, XL and 2XL). For jacket: first name, patches and you supplying your unit patch or service patch, total price will be \$35 total. If we need to order a unit or service patch, it will be a total cost of about \$50. However, we can order any size jacket you need. Getting a jacket one size larger than you ordinarily wear works well if you may want to wear them with something heavier underneath in much cooler weather but the jackets do come with an inner liner.

### **In Stock:**

Cap – V.V.A. logo (Navy mesh) - \$15.00  
U.S. Flags - Right - \$4.50 ea.  
Chapter 351 Logo Patches - \$3 ea.  
3 in. Life Member Patches - \$4.00 ea.  
3 in. Reg. Member Patches - \$3.50 ea.  
2.5 in. Life or Reg. Member Patches - \$3.00 ea.  
3 in. POW/MIA Patches - \$2.50 ea.  
2 1/4 in. POW/MIA Patches - \$5.50 ea.  
VVA Associate Stickers - \$1.80 ea.  
3 in. V.V.A. – Associate Patches - \$3.65 ea.  
2.5 in. V.V.A. – Associate Patches - \$3.60  
10 in. VVA Logo Patches at \$19.95 ea.

We will order more by request.

David Evans - Veterans Collectibles Chairman

### **Membership Information**

**VVA was congressionally chartered in 1986. VVA is a Veterans service organization comprised of any person that served in the United States Military.**

## **Membership Eligibility**

**Regular Member:** In Vietnam between **February 28, 1961** and **May 7, 1975** or any duty location in the world between **August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975.** Copy of DD 214 **required.**

**AVVA Member:** wives, children and concerned individuals.

### **To Join – Complete The Following**

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Life installments \$50.00 Down + 8 months of \$25.00

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**Phone**\_\_\_\_\_.

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