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***November - December***

***2010***



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

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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

**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  
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## VA Medical Center

Milwaukee - Clement J. Zablocki .....888-469-6614  
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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.

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333 E. College Av. - Appleton, WI. 54911  
920-380-0061

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## U.S. Senator Russ Feingold

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

## **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.

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

**December – No meeting**

## **2011**

**January** – Chapter budget planning meeting on a Saturday – to be determine

**February** – Chapter appreciation dinner - to be determined

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter 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**

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

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

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

**November to December** - wreath drive

**December 25<sup>th</sup>** – Christmas Day

## **NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO**

Chapter member, Leon Meidam, watches over the Chapter's educational display and answers questions. The Chapter's display was part of the "Welcome Home" of Wisconsin's Vietnam Veterans and area Veterans. This event was held at the Green Bay Packers stadium from May 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

## **THANK YOU**

From Stephanie Holz for receiving the Chapter's scholarship. This will help further her education. Stephanie also Thanked us for serving our country.

The Appleton Military Support Group for the \$300 donation. The Support Group is made up families that have a love one serving our country. They provide support and comfort to each other and mail care packages to those serving in the military.

## **TELEPHONE NUMBER**

To help keep the Chapter records updated, we ask that Chapter members and any one associated with the Chapter, who has discontinued their land line telephone and switched to cell phone, please give Chris Meidam at 757-6587 a call. Or if you prefer to be contacted by your cell phone and not your land line, please let Chris know. If something important dealing with the Chapter would come up or we would like to contact you to help with a fund drive, this would make it easier to contact you. Thank you.

## **CONTACT THE EDITOR**

If you have an article of interest that you would like to share, please contact me by phone at 739-2603, e-mail at [jpaltzer@yahoo.com](mailto:jpaltzer@yahoo.com) or address at 2716 N. Hillwood Ct., Appleton, WI 54911. **Articles will be at the editor's discretion!!** Articles must be received by the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month to be published.

If a CHANGE OF ADDRESS, please contact me to receive the newsletter.

To save on the cost of printing and mailing a newsletter, send the editor your e-mail address. You will not receive a paper copy thus helping to reduce cost. Think GREEN!!

Jacob A. Paltzer – Co-Editor

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

Thank you to all that helped in making this third annual POW/MIA Recognition Day Drive such a BIG SUCCESS!!! The funds that were raised will be used to purchase material on the POW/MIA issue. This material will then be distributed to local schools for educational purposes. A scholarship is established in honor of a local soldier who is Missing in Action in the Vietnam War. This scholarship will be presented to a student, going onto a higher education, from a local high school. Also the Chapter supports the National League of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia which works on the POW/MIA issue.

The weather was good except for a light rain. With the economy not in the best shape, the drive did very well!!! We did not have a large work force for the drive but those that helped did a **GREAT JOB!!** We did have a couple of new helpers. A special **THANK YOU** to Steve Buntjer and Richard Forrest for the extra long hours. This dedication is one of the reasons for the success of the drive!! An extra special **THANK YOU** to Chris Meidam for organizing the scheduling of the drive. Chris makes it look like an easy task but it requires a lot of contacting of people and trying to accommodate them to the schedule. This is another reason for the success of the drive!!

The following businesses: Wal-Mart at the Fox River Mall, Wal-Mart in Neenah, Festival Foods on CE, Festival Foods on Northland Ave. “OO” and Piggly Wiggly on Northland Ave. “OO” are where the drive was held. Please “Thank” them for allowing us to hold the drive!!

Even in harder times and no matter what their personal political belief is “the public in the Fox Valley area does support Veterans and Veteran issues and concerns and it showed!!” Chapter member, Burt Rosenthal, stated that LZ Lambeau also help make the public supportive of the Vietnam Veteran and their concerns.

### **Wreath Sale 2010**

We will have the wreath sale booth at the east parking lot at Northland Mall again this year. We will be decorating all of the wreaths, to get the quality that we want. I will be picking up the large wreaths November 5<sup>th</sup>. We will have to decorate some for opening weekend and deliveries, the rest will be decorated as we need them, this worked last year. Prices for this year: 24”- \$18.00, 36”- \$25.00, 48”- \$60.00, 60”- \$70.00, 72”- \$80.00, cane and crosses - \$20.00 and swags - \$7.00. We also cut back on large wreath orders. To get your order in as soon as you can, so I can have that wreath for you: mail your order in or call it in at 757-6587 or e-mail it to [contact@vva351.com](mailto:contact@vva351.com). All preorders will be filled first in the order received and paid for.

We will need help in manning up the sales booth, starting Friday November 26<sup>th</sup> through Sunday December 12<sup>th</sup>. The hours for the weekend are 10:00 am to 6:00 pm and the weekdays are 2:00 pm to 7:00 pm. We will be using a larger generator so there will be more heat and light. Call Chris to sign up to work, as soon as you can, because this will save her a lot of time in calling. Call Chris at 920-757-6587.

We need help working on the Chapter trailer to pick up wreaths and selling them before November 12<sup>th</sup>. We need help setting up the selling area at Northland mall, weather permitting on November 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>. Call me to work times out. Call me to work times out.

Leon Meidam - Wreath Chairman Contact Leon at 757-6587, e-mail [contact@vva351.com](mailto:contact@vva351.com)



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

LZ Lambeau, the “Welcome Home” to the Vietnam War Veterans and area Veterans is marching on into history. It was held May 20th to May 23rd at the Green Bay Packer stadium in Green Bay, WI.

In photo # 1 is the flag that marked where the LZ landing was being held. In photo # 2 is the replica of the Vietnam War Memorial in Washington DC. LZ Lambeau was the “Welcome Home” and also the remembering and honoring those that didn’t come marching back. In photo # 3 is the Posting of the Colors at the start of the Saturday evening program inside the stadium. In photo # 4 is the Huey helicopter, sometimes called the slick, which was the main transportation of getting the troops to and from the field. It was also used to bring wounded troops from the field. The air ambulance was called medevac. In photo # 5 is the duce and a half. The 2 ½ ton cargo truck is used to transport material and troops. This truck was one of the many vehicles in the motor pool at LZ Lambeau. In photo # 6 is rows of empty chairs on the field inside the stadium at the Saturday evening program. Each chair represents one of the 1,244 Wisconsinites who died in Vietnam or are listed as Missing in Action or as a Prisoner of War. A special Thank You to Terry Engelhardt for the photos. LZ Lambeau was a remarkable event and these photos are just a few of what occurred that weekend. There are more photos in the memories of those that attended. All will be remembered and cherished as time marches on.

## **Poem**

On page 11 is a poem written by R K Mitby. R K Mitby is a member of the V.V.A. Rock River Chapter 236 in Janesville, WI and a Vietnam War Veteran. He has written a number of poems about Vietnam and with space available in future newsletters they will be featured.

# LZ LAMBEAU



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## Remembering

### Lambeau

Each time we head to Lambeau  
To watch the Packers play—  
Our hearts will be returning  
To when Nam vets had their day.

That field without the yard lines,  
With chairs in perfect rows—  
The time wasn't football  
That made the legend grow.

Lambeau—that great football field—  
Served as a Nam LZ,  
Now everyone who goes there  
Will remember and will see

When the Packers score a touchdown  
Or stop a first down run,  
Those chairs filled full of veterans  
Made possible this fun.

Sitting with their idols,  
With winners from the past—  
All were stalwart heroes  
With stories that must last,

And we listened to the speeches  
And envisioned winning games,  
But we knew that through it all  
Were the Names and Names and Names.

R.K. Mitby  
May 27, 2010

## HEALTH ISSUE ASSISTANCE

I found out that many veterans are suffering from asbestosis, mesothelioma and or lung cancer after working with asbestos, especially veterans who worked in maintenance areas where asbestos was used for insulation, gaskets, brake pad linings etc. The asbestos companies filed bankruptcy and tried to keep their assets but the government made them deposit the assets into trust accounts controlled by the bankruptcy court. Asbestos can lie dormant in the lungs for 30 years before activating; so many victims don't relate it back to the exposure while in the military, or employment after leaving the military.

I can help veterans and their families get compensation for their illness and the diminished quality of life the victims and families suffer as a result of the greedy asbestos manufacturers. I don't charge the veteran anything to represent them - and I make home visits to make it easier for them. I work in conjunction with a large law firm in Chicago who has been handling these types of claims for years - but I am the local contact for the veterans who make them more comfortable than having to travel to Chicago or Milwaukee.

We don't get paid until we win; but when we win, the veterans and their families win even more!!! I get really stressed out when I find veterans spending their hard earned money for medications, treatment and special equipment when that money would be better appreciated by the spouse, children and grand children.

I do FREE consultations, and make home visits if the veterans desire; or if they feel more comfortable, they can call me at 731-0479 for an office visit. My office is conveniently located at 715 W. Parkway Blvd., in Appleton - near the Dairy Queen on North Richmond St.

Carlton Schuh – Chapter member

## AGENT ORANGE BENEFITS

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will add two new conditions to the list of “presumptive illnesses” related to Agent Orange exposure. These are Parkinson’s disease and ischemic heart disease. In addition, VA will expand the presumption for chronic lymphocytic leukemia to include all chronic B-cell leukemias, such as hairy cell leukemia. These conditions will now be presumed to be service connected to herbicide exposure in Vietnam.

Vietnam Veterans with these illnesses will be able to claim VA disability benefits and health care services without having to prove that their conditions are connected to Agent Orange exposure. The new policy expected to take effect in late 2010, will apply to Veterans who served in Vietnam anytime during the period beginning January 9, 1962 and ending May 7, 1975. It will not apply to Veterans who only served on “Blue Water” Navy ships in the region.

This list of presumptive service connected illnesses is based on an independent study by the Institute of Medicine (IOM). The report, titled *Veterans and Agent Orange: Update 2008* ([www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record\\_id=12662](http://www.nap.edu/catalog.php?record_id=12662)), found some evidence linking exposure to Agent Orange with increase risk for Parkinson’s disease and ischemic heart disease, and a stronger link between the herbicide and chronic B-cell leukemias. The VA’s decision to include these conditions brings the total number of categories of presumed illnesses linked to Agent Orange to 14. The decision regarding chronic B-cell leukemias actually expands the presumptive determination of chronic lymphocytic leukemia to include all chronic B-cell leukemias.

For more information on VA’s services and program for Veterans exposed to Agent Orange, go to [www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange](http://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/agentorange) or call VA at 1-800-749-8387.

## **AGENT ORANGE BENEFITS**

Presumptive service connection means that VA acknowledges that a condition is service connected. Veterans who served in Vietnam who have one or more of these conditions do not have to show that their illness(es) is (are) related to their military service to get disability compensation. However, claims must be filled by these Veterans to be considered for disability compensation.

A list of conditions recognized for presumptive service connection for in country Vietnam Veterans:

Acute and subacute peripheral neuropathy, AL amyloidosis, chloracne, all chronic B cell leukemias, diabetes mellitus (type 2), Hodgkin's disease, ischemic heart disease, multiple myeloma, non Hodgkin's lymphoma, Parkinson's disease, porphyria cutanea tarda, prostate cancer, respiratory cancer and soft tissue sarcoma.

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## **VETERANS DAY**

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. On this day our Nation honors all military Veterans. There will be a program at the Outagamie County Court House; this is presently the Administration building located at 410 S. Walnut Street, Appleton. The program starts promptly at 11:00 am with the ringing of local church bells, introduction, prayer, speeches by dignitaries, poster contest done by students from local schools and ending with Taps. Immediately after, visit the Outagamie County Veterans Memorial inside. After the program everyone is invited to the American Legion Post on 3220 W. College Avenue, Appleton for a lunch. Our Chapter supports this program and participates in it.

If you would like to be in the Color Guard, contact Carlton Schuh at 757-0696. We will assemble at 10:45 am in front of the old Court House.

The following are a list of programs or activities on or around Veterans Day, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>:**

Thompson Center – 820 W. College Ave. – Appleton. Lunch and program at noon. You will need to pick up a ticket to participate. Get a ticket while available.

Appleton Retirement Community - 200 W. Packard Street is offering a complementary lunch for Veterans, their spouse or a friend. Join us for a delicious lunch at noon (free of charge) with entertainment by: Arlie Schneider. Please RSVP to Sue or Colleen @ 920-954-9990 by November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>:**

Einstein Middle School – 324 E. Florida Ave. – Appleton. Program from 8:00 am to 9:00 am with social gathering after.

Fox Valley Lutheran High School – 5300 N. Meade Str. – Appleton. Breakfast starts at 8:00 am to 9:00 am. and program to follow. RSVP at 739-4441 by November 9<sup>th</sup>.

Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar – through out Wisconsin. Free meal off a limited menu for all Veterans during serving hours.

**Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup>:**

Golden Corral – 1169 N. Westhill Blvd. – Appleton. Free meal for any Veteran from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

**Thank you veterans, past and present, for serving our county!!!**



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## **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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1 Year \$20.00 ( ) 3 Year \$50.00 ( )

Life \$225.00 ( ) ages 50-55

Life \$200.00 ( ) ages 56-61

Life \$175.00 ( ) ages 62–65

Life \$150 ( ) ages 66 and over

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

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**Address** \_\_\_\_\_.

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**State / Zip** \_\_\_\_\_.

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