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Education

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Community Service

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Military Support Group ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ... Mike Weaver

Chapter Appreciation

Picnic ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ... ũ Mike Weaver
Halloween Party ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ .. ũ ũ ũ ũ ũ .. ũ .Chris Meidam
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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

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Vet Center - Milwaukee (920) 1-414-536-1301

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429 S. Commercial St. - Neenah, WI 54956

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VVA 351 MEETINGS

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

2011

September 14th – Chapter meeting

October 12th – Chapter meeting

November 9th – 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 5th – Labor Day

September 14th – Adopt-A-Highway clean-up

September 16th – POW/MIA Drive

October 21st – Chapter's Halloween Party

October 31st – Halloween

November 11th – Veterans Day

November 25th to December 11th – Chapter's wreath drive

NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO

Chapter member, Carlton Schuh, is shown with his siblings at the Appleton Memorial Day Program. They are (left to right) Gene - U.S. Air Force, Bill - U.S. Army, Ray - U.S. Army, Bernie - U.S. Air Force, Carlton - U.S. Air Force (Chapter member), Leo - U.S. Army, Gordon - U.S. Air Force and Matt - U.S. Army. Carlton said this about the family. `Our cousin, Arnold Schuh, was killed in Vietnam in 1969 and we always wanted to pay a tribute to him but my family is scattered around the country and we could never coordinate a get-together until this year. My brother, Gordon who lives in Utah, finally retired; and my sister Bernie, who was in England, is now retired and they were both able to make the reunion with the rest of us. We are a very proud to be veterans of this GREAT country_.

CORRESPONDANCE

Dear Friends of The Highground,

We are excited about the new Highground Learning Center and its latest addition. The Three Soldiers Study is the signature sculpture for the Learning Center.

You are an important part of The Highground with either a direct connection to The Three Soldiers Study, with a monetary donation or by volunteering your time and talents. We would like to invite you to the dedication of The Three Soldiers Study on July 9, 2011 from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. Also, walk through the Learning Center's galleries, see how it has grown and view the two current exhibits on display: Always Lost: A Meditation on War and Fallen Heroes Project.

Please join us at this event as our way of thanking you for helping us make another vision a reality.

Sincerely,

The Highground Staff

(The Chapter donated \$300.00 in September 2010 to the sculpture)

Dear Vietnam Veterans,

It is with deepest gratitude that I would like to thank you for the monetary gift you gave for the support of the families of the 395th Ordnance Company. As our Soldiers head over to support our country's mission in Afghanistan, the families continue to support them here at home. Your gift is greatly appreciated as well as your support.

Julie Neujahr

395th Ordnance Company Family Readiness Leader

(The Chapter donated \$100.00 to the 395th Family Readiness Group)

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up

First, let me introduce myself. I am Jer Sanderfoot from Combined Locks, WI. I am 64 years old and was born and raised in Kaukauna, WI. Graduated from Kaukauna High School in 1965, attended Fox Valley Technical College for two years, receiving an Associate Degree in Accounting in 1967. I served as a Supply Sergeant for four years in the US Air Force from July 1967 to July 1971. Following one year in the USAF Reserve, I transferred to the 84th Training Division of the US Army Reserves in Appleton and Menasha. I was in the USAR for 24 years, retiring as a First Sergeant in 2006.

On the civilian side of the house, I worked for the Department of Defense as an Administrative, Supply and Training Technician for six years (1973-1979). I then worked as a Letter Carrier with the US Postal Service in Kaukauna until my retirement in 2007.

I was married to Carol (Bies) Sanderfoot, from Kaukauna for 40 years until her death from bone marrow cancer in March 2008. Carol was a Math Teacher at Appleton North High School. I am now married to one of Carol's best friends, Pam (Muth Ristow) Sanderfoot. We were married on July 4th, 2009. Pam is a retired OBGYN Nurse from La Crosse WI. She now volunteers with newborns and their mothers at Appleton Medical Center. I need to thank Pam for her support and help with this clean-up project.

Second, I would like to thank Tom Driessen and his wife for their dedication to the V.V.A., especially the Adopt-A-Highway Clean-up project. Tom has done an excellent job, making my transition into this position very easy. Thanks again Tom!!!

Finally, I would like to thank those members whom have made my job much easier thus far. Their support has been invaluable to me as a new member. One of my biggest worries was not having enough volunteers on our clean-up nights. Pam and I worried about having to pick-up trash, all alone, on that 2-mile stretch of Highway 10. Members, family and friends helping on June 1st were: Leon Meidam, Jake Paltzer, John Fiers and Dave Evans. Helping on August 3rd were: Leon & Chris Meidam (their grandson - Zeke), Carl Schuh, John Fiers, Steve Buntjer, and Amy Loritz (Appleton East High School Teacher). All of you have made my job very easy.

I would like to alert everyone to a change for our next and final Clean-up date for this year. **The next date will be Wednesday September 14th, 2011.** We will NOT be doing a clean-up on Aug 31st. Please mark your calendars!!! Next years dates will be published in the next newsletter.

Jer Sanderfoot

Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator

FLAG DAY

Appleton's Flag Day Program was held on June 11th. The Chapter had a Color Guard and float in the parade, photos on page 9. In photo # 1, Boy Scout Troop 57, sponsored by the Chapter, carried the Chapter banner in the parade. In photo # 2, Cub Scout Pack 3157, also sponsored by the Chapter, carried their banner. In photo # 3, the Colors are carried by members of Boy Scout 57 with Brian Jahn as guard on the left and Leon Meidam on the right of the Colors. Chapter members marching behind the Colors are: (L to R) Richard Forrest - calling cadence, Tim Hewitt - not visible, Carlton Schuh and Steve Buntjer. On page 10, photo # 1, are Chapter members riding on the float (L to R) Bob Everson and John Fiers. In photo # 2, Chapter President Mike Weaver is driving his jeep and trailer in the parade. The passenger is Chapter member Chuck Lewis.

The Highground

The Highground has evolved to be a memorial park that pays tribute to the Dead, and honors the Survivors, their service, and their sacrifices. It also pays tribute to the people who supported them when they were away and upon their return.

This is a continuing series on the tributes at The Highground. On page 10, in photo #1 is the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Tribute: 'The Gold Star'. This tribute honors all those families, who not only lost a member as a result of their service, but those who supported their loved ones when they came home. We know that many Veterans give every day of the rest of their lives as a result of their service. This Gold Star honors all family members who support them. Included in the tribute is earth brought to The Highground from gardens, homes and other places where families last saw their loved ones alive. In the tradition of the Gold Star, we also honor the thousands of hours that are volunteered by hundreds of individuals each year to continue the work of The Highground. This tribute measures 65 feet across.

FLAG DAY



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The Highground



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FLAG DAY



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Jane's John

Waiting in their rest rooms
In long lines' oh so slow'
And holding back and aching
And wanting just to go'

Women in the men's room
Every time I go
To a rock'n`rolling concert
Or a jam-packed country show.

Women in the men's room
Heeding nature's call'
Using all the sit-downs
But not the urinals.

Some guys take their girlfriends'
No old men bring their wives'
We are a changing people
With different kinds of lives.

If older gents don't like it'
Perhaps it's all their fault
For making women's powder rooms
As small as bankers' vaults,

But what on earth would happen
If men came through their door
And said that equal's equal'
Now what you screaming for

And if a man can't hack it,
He can volunteer and be
In that one last excluder:
U.S. Infantry.

R.K. Mitby

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

National POW/MIA Recognition Day is Friday, September 16, 2011. 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 funds raised will be used to fund the POW/MIA program. Last year some of the funds went for two \$1000 scholarship, in the name of a 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, Neenah and Wal-Mart on Appleton's East side; Festival Foods on Appleton's East side and Festival Foods on Northland Ave., 'OO_ and Larry's Piggly Wiggly in Kaukauna. 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 9, 2011.

To make a donation: make the check out to the V.V.A. - Chapter 351 and in the memo section write POW/MIA Drive. Mail to this address: V.V.A. - Chapter 351 - P.O. Box 1862 - Appleton, WI 54912-1862. The V.V.A. - Chapter 351 is exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c) (19) of the IRS Code.

Leon and Chris Meidam and Jacob Paltzer
POW/MIA Chairpersons

CHAPTER HALLOWEEN PARTY – FRIGHT NIGHT FRIDAY

Don't be scared. Nothing bad will happen to you!!

Set aside Friday, October 21st for the Chapter's Halloween Party. Costumes would be great but not necessary.

Come to: The Meidam Haunted Manor - N2241 Mayflower Drive, Appleton at 5:00 pm.

Dinner will be at 6:00 pm. This year we will be having Spook-gatti and Hallo-weenies (hamburgers and brats too).

After dinner we will be having a campfire and roasted marshmallows. We will also have the fixings for smores.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass unless you wear a costume. Please R.S.V.P.: 920-757-6587

NEW MEMBERS

John Koehler, Appleton
Stan Tucker, Kaukauna
Ken Wydeven, Appleton

Welcome aboard!!

Winchester Area Historical Society

1800's come back to life at Winchester Area Historical Society!

Bring the family for fun, food and activities. Come meet folks who will re-enact the frontier life during an 1800's Rendezvous on September 17-18th starting at 10AM until 4PM.

There will be an encampment, blacksmith, tomahawk throwing, wool spinning demonstration, homemade items for sale, and a storyteller from the Menominee Nation. Activities for children include Panning Gold with a prospector and his wife, wagon rides to the back 40, petting zoo and old-time children's games.

The library will be open on Saturday and we will also have a rummage sale on Saturday and Sunday. Food and refreshments will be sold on the grounds.

Come to Winchester Area Historical Society, 5186 County Road II, Larsen, Wisconsin.

SEAT BELTS

Flying to Los Angeles from Orlando the other day, a passenger noticed that the "Fasten Seat Belts" sign was kept lit during the whole journey although the flight was a particularly smooth one.

Just before landing, he asked the stewardess about it.

"Well," she explained, "up front there are 17 University of California girls going home to Los Angeles from their Spring break.

"In back, there are 25 Navy enlistees. What would you do?"

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