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Vietnam Display.....Leon Meidam
Panel Presentations.....Leon Meidam

Community Service

Adopt-A-Highway..... Jer Sanderfoot
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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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."

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.

2012

June, July and August – no meeting

September 12th – Chapter meeting

October 10th – Chapter meeting

November 14th – 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

July 4th – Independence Day

August 2nd – 5th – bike tour for The Highground

August 8th – Chapter’s highway pickup

September 3rd – Labor Day

September 21st – POW/MIA Recognition Day Drive

NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO

Chapter member Leon Meidam went bow hunting for bear in Canada last fall along with his son-in-law. They were very successful!! (L to R) bear, Keith Wincentzen, Persian Gulf Veterans, Leon Meidam and bear.

CORRESPONDENCE

Dear V.V.A. – Chapter 351,

I want to thank you for answering the challenge. Your support ensures that the stories and sacrifices of our heroes will never be forgotten.

As a special thank you, I've enclosed this challenge coin.

It is only with the support of people like you that we'll finish the campaign to build the Education Center at The Wall.

Sincerely,
Jan C. Scruggs
Founder and President

(The Chapter donated \$500.00) to the challenge.)

Dear Vietnam Veterans of America,

Thank you so much for the donation of \$300.00 to the Appleton Military Support Group. We will use the money to send packages to our loved ones overseas. Thank you again for remembering our soldiers.

Sincerely,

**Marlene Cops
Appleton Military Support Group**

Dear Leon Meidam,

Thank you for sharing your experiences with the students. We appreciate the extra time you gave to set up the display. We look forward to seeing you next year.

Thank You – Deb Gauthie

Dear Steve Buntjer,

Thank you so much for sharing your story. It's extremely nice of you too share your story. Thank you so much!

Neenah High School History Students

Dear Mr. Forrest,

Thank you for coming to speak to our classes! I learned a lot and am really appreciative of your service. Your presentation was very interesting and I hope you keep coming and continue to share your story!

Sincerely – Stevie Grabie and class

Dear Mr. Hoks,

Thank you for coming and sharing your experience with our class. It's so interesting to hear real stories of what went on, and it helps everyone understand what you went through. I know some of the memories must be hard to relive, so I thank you for coming and sharing with it. You were very brave, then and now.

Thank you so much – Trev Gabie and Neenah High School History Students

(These are Thank You letters from students and staff at Neenah High School. The Chapter did the Vietnam War Educational Program there.)

Thank you Vietnam Veterans of America for the \$500.00 scholarship. The money will go a long way helping me to continue attending school. Thanks Again.

Christopher Grant

Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter 351

Dear President Michael Weaver and members,

The Fox Valley Veterans Council, Inc., F.V.V.C., would like to Thank the Chapter for your generous donation to the council's project Veterans Emergency Fund of \$1,000.00 in the month of March, 2012. The program will assist Veterans and their families in the Fox Valley area with housing assistance, utilities, medical bills and a host of other issues.

Sincerely,

Jacob A. Paltzer – Treasurer

Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter 351

Thank you for your generosity and kindness in assisting the Wisconsin Families of our Fallen Military Heroes. It is wonderful thoughtfulness that allows us, the families of the Fallen Heroes; to gather together to help each other heal.

Thanks so much.

Judith Singer – Being There-Reaching Out

(The Chapter donated \$500.00 to the organization.)

ORANGE BLOSSOM DRIVE

This year's Orange Blossom Drive on May 4th and 5th was a success.

This was the seventh annual drive for the Chapter. The drive funds are down a little from last year because the number of workers was less and another fund raising organization conducted their drive the same weekend as ours. We will be meeting with this other organization and try to understand each goal and work out and understanding so both of us will have a successful drive.

We want to thank the following businesses for allowing us to hold the drive: Copps on West Wisconsin Avenue; Festival Foods on “CE” and “OO”; Piggly Wiggly in Kaukauna and Little Chute; and Wal-Mart on Calumet Street and in Neenah. Please make an effort to thank these businesses!!

A Special Thank You to all that made this drive so successful!! Hats off to Chris Meidam for lining up the scheduling!!

Thank You letters were sent to the businesses, for their support of the drive, and to all the great workers, who made the drive so successful!!

We are looking at some changes to make next year’s an even better drive. The public does support Veterans and it showed!!

Jake Paltzer

BOY SCOUT TROOP 57

Boy Scout Troop 57, sponsored by the Chapter, is holding brat fries on June 24th; July 7th, 8th, 14th and 15th; and August 4th, 5th, 11th and 12th. The fund raising for the High Adventure Crew will be used for a trip to the Apostle Islands for a sea kayaking trip this August and next summer to Seabase in Florida for a scuba diving trip. The brat fries will be held at Festival Foods – 1200 W. Northland Avenue, Appleton. The Boy Scouts are working hard to achieve their goals. Stop and support the troop and enjoy a delicious brat or hamburger.

The Highground

The Highground in Neillsville, Wisconsin has evolved to be a Veterans 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.



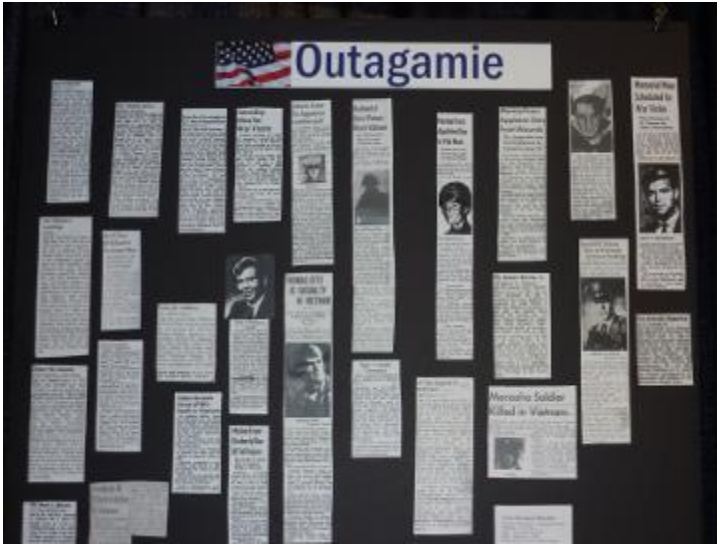
This is a continuing series on the tributes at The Highground. The tribute “The Liberty Bell” was founded in 1976 by a group of businessmen from Minnesota. Their goal was to bring to the citizens of the nation the true, inspiring story of the founding of our Republic, and the principals of personal freedom upon which this founding was achieved. An exact replica of the original liberty bell was made in France. Mounted on a trailer, the Liberty Bell was taken to thousands of schools throughout the

United States, allowing over one million children in 36 states a first-hand opportunity to learn about freedom. When the tour director died, the Liberty Bell Foundation decided that the best place for the Liberty Bell to continue its patriotic mission was The Highground. Today it is housed in an authentic timber frame shelter built by volunteers.

PAPER WALL

The Paper Wall is a collection that recognizes the names and stories of 1,244 Wisconsin men, while serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, died in Vietnam defending the U.S. It is a collection of obituaries, newspaper stories and other personal information on these men. The exhibit was unveiled at LZ Lambeau and in January was exhibit at the Menasha Public Library and was on exhibit at The Highground in March and April. The display involves seven 8-foot-long sections. The display was created by genealogist Mary Jane Herber of the Brown County Library. In photos #1 and 2 are the stories of individuals from that given county – some of the many stories of all the counties in Wisconsin that are on display.





Survivors, in addition to his mother, are three brothers, a sister and a grandmother. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Wichemans Funeral Home.

Pfc. Robert Reinke, Jr.
 418 Michael St., Kimberly
 Age 28, passed away Tuesday, March 21 in Viet Nam. He was born November 23, 1946 in Appleton and was a graduate of Appleton Sr. High School in 1966. Mr. Reinke is survived by his wife, the former Carla Ebers; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reinke, Sr., Appleton; three brothers, Roger, Ronald and Randy, all at home; one sister, Lou Ann, at home. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will be in Highland Memorial Park where there will be a military service. Friends may call at the Wichemans Funeral Home after 1 p.m. Thursday. Service will be provided at 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Arnold R. Schuh Dies in Vietnam; Services Pending

Arnold Raymond Schuh, age 25, Appleton, Wisconsin, was killed in Hanoi, October 20, in Vietnam while serving with the 101st Airborne Air Assault Division.

ARNOLD R. SCHUH
 (Posthumous Photo)
 He was born January 11, 1940 in Green Bay. He attended St. Francis Grade School, Sacred Heart Academy, and graduated from Princeton High School, with the class of 1962. Schuh was employed at The Home Place and "Papa's" Restaurant.

John F. Hartzheim

Appleton High School, was killed in action in Vietnam Feb. 22. He joined the navy in March, 1963, and had been stationed in Tinian since November, 1967. Details of circumstances surrounding Hartzheim's death have not been divulged by the Navy. He is survived by his wife, Marie; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hartzheim, route 1, Wausau, seven sisters, and four brothers.

Pvt. Allen D. Papenfus

221 E. Franklin St.
 Age 18, passed away Wednesday, March 25 in Viet Nam. He was born April 18, 1948 in Appleton and attended Appleton High School. Allen is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon M. Papenfus; three brothers, Kluben, Franklin and Dennis; one sister, Darlene; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ellefson, all of Appleton. Funeral arrangements are incomplete and pending at the Wichemans Funeral Home.

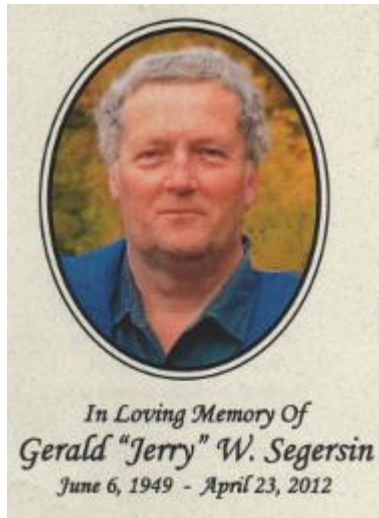
TAPS

May each of us, when our voyages and battles of life are over, find a welcome in that region of the blest where there is no more storm-tossed sea nor scorching battlefield.

GERALD “JERRY” W. SEGERSIN

Our friend is in the hands of our Heavenly Father and “God giveth His beloved sleep.”

Chapter member Jerry Segersin passed on Monday, April 23, 2012. Jerry served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Vietnam. He was married to Sandy for 40 years and they have four children. Jerry was a member of the Seymour American Legion Post and a life time member of the Disabled American Veterans – Chapter 18 and V.V. A. – Chapter 351. He had been active in the Chapter, helping with many of the programs and activities. He was proud to be a Chapter member. Please keep Jerry and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



BRONSON'S SQUAD

We just finished high school
And went right off to war,
But still we haven't figured
What on earth we're fighting for.

We grease 'em with our 16's,
And we hit 'em from the air,
But they run off to Cambodia,
And we can't get 'em there.

We're fighting for our buddies—
White and Black and Brown—
Who come from farms and cities—
Not from mansions far from town.

And we're hacking through the jungle
To kill Cong and NVA—
We fight from open LZ's
Where Agent Orange has had its way.

At home our peers are dancing
And protesting all around,
But we grunts here in the Boonies
Use stealth and make no sound.

We're serving in the Valley,
Though drenched with sweat or rain,
And listen to the lizard
Who lives in this terrain.

R.K. Mitby

TAPS

May each of us, when our voyages and battles of life are over, find a welcome in that region of the blest where there is no more storm-tossed sea nor scorching battlefield.

GERALD P. BAKER

Our friend is in the hands of our Heavenly Father and “God giveth His beloved sleep.”

Gerald was a former charter member of the Chapter. He passed on Friday, June 1st. Gerald served first with the U.S. Marine Corps and then the U.S. Navy and retired after 22 years of service. He served two tours in Vietnam where he received two Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart. Please keep Gerald and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

TOWN OF GREENVILLE PARADE

The Town of Greenville will hold their annual parade and Veterans Appreciation Day on Saturday, August 25th. There will be a dedication of two beams that were in the Twin Towers that collapsed from the terrorist attack on New York City on 9/11. It will be held at about 11:00 am and last about one hour. It will be held at the Veterans, Firemen and EMTs Memorial by the Safety building. There will be a parade at 2:00 pm. If there is enough interest, we would like to enter the Chapter's float. We would like a Color Guard for the Memorial dedication and if possible maybe enter the parade. Contact me by August 20th if you are interested in participating in one or both programs at 739-2603- Jake Paltzer.

WINCHESTER AREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Winchester Historical Society invites you to a thresheree and Civil War Ball on Saturday, August 25th at the society's grounds and at the Winchester Town Hall. There will be food and refreshments, tractor show, crafts, raffles, petting zoo, wagon rides and historical displays.

The grounds open at 1 pm, threshing at 2 pm and the Civil War Ball at 4 pm. Come and see how it was done the old fashion way.

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up

2012 Clean-up Dates: Wednesdays = August 8th and September 19th.

We meet at the “park & ride” on the NE corner of Highway 10 & County Road N at 5:00 P.M. The total job takes about an hour, if eight volunteers show up. Please mark these dates on your calendar in pencil. If it was like last year, we will have some rainy-day changes. I also want to state that the “job” is not done until the “paperwork” is done. To accomplish this, we all meet at the Darboy (Mohnen’s) Family Restaurant for something to eat. It is located in the Darboy Plaza on the SE corner of County Roads N & CE, behind the BP gas station. Our VVA Chapter will donate \$5.00 towards each volunteer’s meal.

I will be sending out E-mail notices to all Chapter Members prior to our Clean-up dates. If you are interested in volunteering, please send me your E-mail address at: jsanderfoot@new.rr.com.

Jer Sanderfoot - Adopt-a-Highway Coordinator

AGENT ORANGE TOWN HALL

The May/June 2012 issue of the National V.V.A. Veteran magazine had an article by AVVA President Nancy Switzer. She spoke on Town Hall meetings, that are being held around the country, where people can tell how herbicides – Agent Orange used in Vietnam affected our troops and their children and grandchildren. Some of the problems they faced are cleft lip and palate, congenital heart disease, fused digits, hip dysplasia, neural tube defects and undescended testicles. If you and your family, or you know of a family with problems, please contact Mokie Porter at mporter@vva.org or Mike Demske from Manitowoc Chapter 731 at 920-684-1624. Please share your story with Mokie or Mike.

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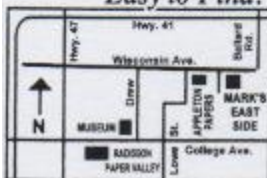
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Life Member: V.V.A. – Chapter 351, V.F.W. Post 2778 and American Legion Post 38

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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.

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