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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.

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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.

2014

November 12th – Chapter meeting

December – no meeting

2015

January – Chapter’s budget planning meeting (to be determined)

February – Chapter’s appreciation dinner (to be determined)

March 11th – Chapter meeting

April 8th – 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 11th – Veterans Day

November 27th – Thanksgiving

December 25th – Christmas Day

NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO

It is the time of the season. You have some time to shape up before the Jolly Old Guy will stop and visit your home. If for some reason you can not shape up, give Chapter member “Santa” Tim Hewitt a call. He brings joy and good tidings!!

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Richard Kerrigan Sr. and Comrades at V.F.W. Post 8642, Grand Chute, in which they donated \$50.00 to the Chapter to be used where most needed.

(V.F.W. Post 8642 is a small Post. They are very active and take care of each other, the Post and the community that they live in. Truly, they are a role model for any organization to try to imitate!!!)

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

Thank you to all that helped in making this seventh 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 and libraries for educational purposes. A scholarship will be established in honor of a local soldier who is Missing in Action or Prisoner of War in the Vietnam War. These scholarships will be presented to a student going on to 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.

This year the funds were down a little from last year, some of the members could not help that normally do. We had a good work force for the drive and they did a **GREAT JOB** but we cannot put in the hours like we used to. The total hours of working the drive are down a little.

Those that helped with drive and did a **GREAT JOB** are: Roger Brey, Steve Buntjer, Lloyd Dumke, David Evans, John Fiers, Richard Forrest, Dennis Green, Tim Hewitt, Bill Kunz, Ed Lau, Jer Sanderfoot, and Ken Wydeven.

The following businesses: Wal-Mart at the Fox River Mall, Wal-Mart in Neenah and Wal-Mart in the Darboy area are where the drive was held. Please “Thank” them for allowing us to hold the drive!!

Even in harder times “the public in the Fox Valley area does support Veterans and Veteran issues and concerns and it showed”!!

Jake Paltzer

VETERANS DAY

November 11th 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, please come and we will assemble at 10:30 am in front of the old Court House.

There are a number of offers, discounts and activities on or around Veterans Day, November 11th, to Thank Veterans for their service.

Please check your local media listings for the different events and their times.

WREATH SALE 2014

The Chapter has **discontinued** its annual wreath sale. It has been getting harder to compete with all the competition, Mother Nature and the cool weather, cost of material and aging work force. A very special **THANK YOU** to all that helped in the 25 years with the wreath drive, especially Leon Meidam who spent countless hours organizing the drive!!! The Chapter would like to Thank all those that purchased a wreath for your support all those years. Because of your support, the Chapter was able to accomplish its mission of helping Veterans and their families. We will miss visiting with you!!

If you purchased a wreath from the Chapter or know of someone that did in the past, please tell them that the drive has been discontinued and that they will have to find another organization.

Again, Thank You to all of you!!

We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

SEASONS GREETINGS

On behalf of the editorial staff of the Chapter, we hope you, your family and friends have a great holiday season – Veterans Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year.

As we enjoy the upcoming holidays with our family and friends, please keep in mind that some of our members and their family are not in the best of physical or emotional health. May the new year bring happiness and good health to all.

Staff

EDUCATIONAL EVENTS

Just a reminder that we have educational displays and formal programs scheduled at Kaukauna High School on October 31 and Northeast Technical College in Green Bay on Veterans Day November 11. We already have speakers for the presentations lined up, but we would really enjoy having additional members show up to chat with students and teachers about their Vietnam War experiences. The odds are good that we could even provide you a light lunch and a doughnut or two. If you would like to attend please contact Mike Weaver for Kaukauna HS @ 920 470 4674 or John Koehler for the event in Green Bay at 920-858-3310.

ADOPT-A-FAMILY

The Chapter has an ADOPT-A-FAMILY Program. This program is where the Chapter takes a Veteran and his / her family Christmas shopping. The Chapter donates \$200.00 to the program and the funds collected from the “Helmet” that is set out during the Chapter’s wreath drive. This donation amounts to about \$300.00 and brings the total for the Adopt-A-Family program to about \$500.00. Chapter member, Chuck Lewis contacts the family and helps them with the Christmas shopping. Chuck gets the name of a family from the Outagamie County Veterans Service Office, who screens these families.

CHAPTER TRAILER

Our chapter recently received a very generous gift from Fastsigns that will help us proudly show off who we are and what we stand for as our new chapter trailer rolls down the highway. Pictured are Larissa Pottratz and Tracy Anthony. These women and the other associates at Fastsigns donated their time, talents, and materials for the outstanding decals on the back door of our new trailer. All of us proudly salute Fastsigns and thank them for their generosity! Photos on page 9.

PRESTIGIOUS MEDALS

Prestigious service medals someone might receive while serving in U.S. Armed Forces.

SILVER STAR



The **Silver Star Medal** was established by President Woodrow Wilson during World War I. It is awarded for gallantry not justifying the award of one of the next higher valor awards – the Distinguished Service Cross, the Navy Cross, or the Air Force Cross. The gallantry displayed must have taken place while in action against an enemy of the United States, while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force.

It is estimated that between 100,000 and 150,000 Silver Stars have been awarded since the decoration was established. Colonel David Hackworth earned ten Silver Stars for service in the Korean War and the Vietnam War.

Women to receive the Silver Star medal were: three nurses who served in World War I; in World War II, four Army nurses serving in Italy; one woman in Iraq War and one woman in Afghanistan. These are of the known recipients, more are possible.

CHAPTER'S TRAILER



Larissa Pottratz on the left and Tracy Anthony on the right.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Appleton Memorial Day Parade and Program was held on Monday, May 26th – Memorial Day. The parade started at 9:00 am on College Avenue and ended at Riverside Cemetery.

1



Chapter's Colors carried by Boy Scout Troop 57.



2

The Chapter's float

3

Chapter member marching and in cadence!!



Memorial program at Riverside Cemetery with various Color Guards.



FOOTBALL

She wore a bright, red dress,
With leggings that were white,
And on Thanksgiving Day—
Played football tough and right.

Her brother and her cousin
Knew exactly what to do—
My little, playing partner
Found some concepts—pretty new.

Her brother flipped sharp passes—
Her cousin scooted fast—
And I prayed very hard
That my energy would last.

I tried to keep her leggings clean—
To not get any stains,
And then she ran an end
And made a nice, long gain.

And we were scoring touchdowns
And matched them score for score:
She got her leggings dirty
And her red dress almost tore.

Her twin was playing Barbies—
Was sad she didn't play—
So we tossed around the ball—
Said there'd be another day.

It was the start of something—
A love just for the game—

A small piece of their backgrounds,
As they strive to make their names.

We caught what we were after
And left the lake in peace.

THE VIETNAM MONUMENT

Come veterans, family, nation all—
To see our country's wailing wall;
Strong granite lists the grunts who died
In the bleak war, the world decried.

It's half a symbol, many rags,
Pushed out of sight—the busts and flag,
Still, recognized are those who served
And found a fate, so undeserved.

And all that's missing, in this dream,
Are tape-recordings from the scenes
Of high-placed figures telling lies
And countless voices' protest cries.

Yet, when it's viewed, one might just crack,
At times and turmoil it brings back
For mighty Lady, We love You—
This lesson, We, will not eschew.

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.

ROBERT D. EVERSON

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

Bob passed away peacefully on September 8, 2014. This date also is the 41st wedding anniversary of Bob and Sue. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps. and served two tours in Vietnam. Bob was a member of a number of Veterans organizations. He was past president of the Fox Valley Vietnam Veterans Association. He was active with Chapter 351: helping with fund drives and the Vietnam Educational Program where he and other members educated students on the Vietnam War. Please keep Bob and his family in your thoughts and prayers.



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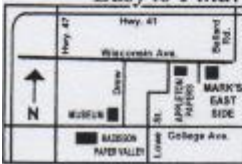
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