

“Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another.”



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GOAL STATEMENT

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 the public perception of Vietnam Veterans.

NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO

Landing zone: Pictured is a Huey transport helicopter making a quick drop in the field. The chopper would unload men & supplies without landing so it could escape quickly. Mr. Gaynor says the rides on the Huey were “White Knuckle Scary”.

Photo courtesy of Christopher Gaynor, retrieved from Website:

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-3215411/Vietnam-veteran-rediscovers-candid-wartime-showing-dawn-patrols-war-buddies-died-action-baseball-game-jungle.html#ixzz4TVUDmuBG> on 12/21/2016

VVA 351 MEETINGS

The Chapter meets one Thursday a month at 7:00 pm at VFW Post 2778, 501 N. Richmond Street, Appleton—according to the schedule below. Refreshments/Social time at 6:30 p.m.—Call to Order/Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Meeting time is approximately one hour. Special events of interest may periodically follow the regular meeting and there is also time to socialize.

2017 Chapter Meeting Dates

March 16	April 20
May 18	June, July, August— No meeting
September 21	October 19
November 30	December—No meeting

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 3rd	Navy Reserve Birthday
March 4th	Mardi Gras
March 17th	St. Patrick's Day
April	Month of the Military Child
April 4th	Gold Star Wives Day
April 14th	Air Force Reserve Birthday
April 22nd	Easter
April 23rd	Army Reserve Birthday

Local Events

Mar/Apr	Veteran's bi-weekly breakfasts – see page 6 Chapter Meetings – see page 4 Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program—see page 8
March 27-31	Educational Display maintenance at Appleton North High School
April 21	Member Spouse Fish Fry (time/place TBD)
April 22	Toxic Exposure Town Hall Meeting at FVTC Bordini Center from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.—open to all veterans, their families and the interested public. Pass the word. Check it out online: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/toxic-exposure-town-hall-meeting-tickets-31577757924

CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

Saturday Morning Breakfast at Angel's

If you have free time on Saturday mornings and would like to join other veterans for breakfast we would like you to attend. ALL Veterans of the US Armed Forces are welcome; bring a veteran buddy along—there is a lot of room. Veterans do not have to be affiliated with any veteran organization; we have vets from WWII, the Korean, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan wars at our table(s). Angel's is at 1401 E. John St. Appleton—between College Ave. and John St. roundabouts.

Veterans Breakfasts are on Saturday mornings from 8:30 -10:00 a.m. - *March 4 & 18, April 1, 15, & 29.*

Contact: John Koehler 920-858-3310 / kent1952@live.com

John Koehler '69-72' Semper Fi

More Breakfast Options

Festival Foods of Menasha provides FREE coffee & doughnuts every Friday morning for veterans from 8 a.m. to noon. No RSVP required (Phone the store at 920-358-1554 for details).

NOTIFICATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE

President's Message

Comrades, spring's almost here; soon it'll be "seashells and balloons time". It's also time to gear up for Chapter events we have scheduled this year, including our EDU Programs, Orange Blossom, and POW-MIA fundraising Missions. I want to thank the members, for their eagerness to be involved in these Missions, though we'll be asking more of you to step up to the plate as our Education Display Missions define us as Veterans that care. We all want to be included in the circle of community we live in, and to educate those that are eager to hear our experience.

I ask; if you are called to assist with any mission to please do so. Last year not enough members volunteered, so we were unable to man the Festival Foods store full time. This year we have more venues for our fundraisers than we've ever had before. These venues, perhaps take up at most eight hours of your time or approximately .0009 % of the hours in a year.

I really appreciate the input from you all, positive or negative, I'm open to receive feedback; via email, snail mail, train, planes, or automobiles any suggestions you may have, within reason of course; I'll see that it gets to the proper individuals.

I'm looking forward to working with you, Let's Do This!!!

Larry C

THE VETERAN

A “Veteran”—active duty, reserve, discharged, or retired—is someone who at one point wrote a blank check payable to the USA for an amount up to and including his/her life. This is a definition of honor; many people either do not understand or perhaps have forgotten

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE

If you know of a Chapter member that is not feeling well or is having surgery, contact Chuck Lewis at 667-4765. Chuck sends get-well cards to those folks so they know that the Chapter has their well-being in mind.

Editor’s Note

You may note a slightly different look the newsletter; a lot was changed, but little shows. There is a lot of information in this issue; practically the entire schedule of events for the year is included so you can plan for events.

Send me your pictures with a story and a date if possible; I’ll try to fit it in upcoming newsletters.

As usual, if you’d rather get this newsletter by e-mail—only; let me know. Contact Dale: rcpo633@gmail.com or text me if you like.

CHAPTER NEWS

Educational Display Commitments for 2017

Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program will be held at on the dates and at the places listed below:

April 11	St. Norbert's in DePere
April 13	Kimberly HS in Kimberly
April 26	Brillion HS in Brillion
April 28	Appleton North HS in Appleton
May 5	Menasha HS in Menasha
May 9	Appleton West HS in Appleton
May 10	Humana in DePere
May 12	Hortonville HS in Hortonville
May 14 or 21	King Veterans's Home in King (Waupaca)
May 17	Neenah HS in Neenah
May 19	Little Chute HS in Little Chute
May 24	Appleton East HS in Appleton
October 13	Kaukauna HS in Kaukauna
October TBD	UW Fox Valley in Menasha
November 3	Rawhide in New London

Highway Cleanup

May 17	Highway Cleanup TBA, Rain-May 24
June 21	Highway Cleanup TBA, Rain-June 28
August 23	Highway Cleanup TBA, Rain August 30
October 18	Highway Cleanup TBA, Rain October 25

CHAPTER NEWS...

Chain-O-Lakes Tour

Plans are being made for a sunset boat tour on the Waupaca Chain of Lakes again this year due to the popularity of last year's event.

The date will be July 18th and the time of departure will be 7:00 p.m. Check your calendars and see if this is a fit for you.

If you are interested in attending, there will be a sign-up sheet at the March Chapter meeting. If you want to make planning for the event easier, you can contact Joe Eiting by email or phone and get on the list early: capteiting@aol.com / 920-205-1565.



Photos courtesy of Clearwater Harbor Resort

<http://www.clearwaterharbor.com/boat-cruises>

REGIONAL NEWS AND BEYOND...

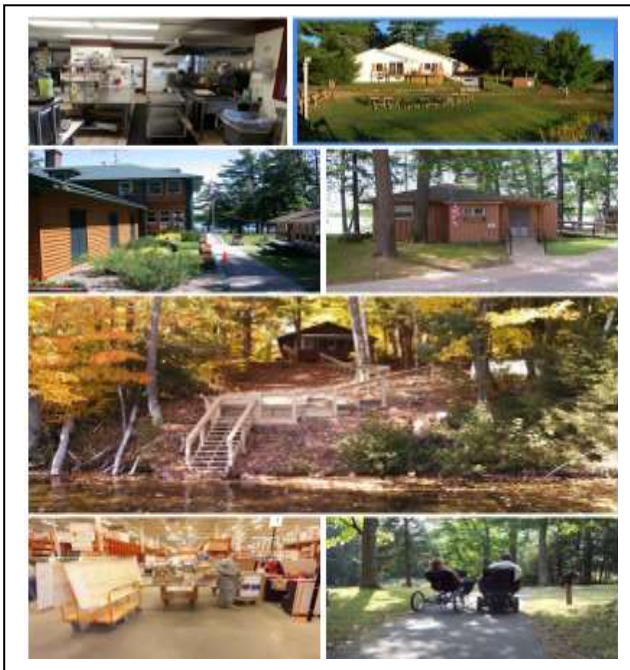


King Cemetery—part of the “Wreaths Across America” project pictured. Over 6,000 wreaths were placed at this location.

Photo courtesy of WDVA Courier, supplied by Mike Weaver

REGIONAL NEWS AND BEYOND...

Camp American Legion has set aside a week for Korean & Vietnam Veterans—June 19-23, 2017. Your stay at the camp is absolutely FREE. If you are interested there is a form to complete which asks basic personal, military, family, health, and physical questions; the form must be signed by a County VSO or American Legion Officer. For more information email/call rcpo633@gmail.com/9204196444; I will send you the application. With a computer or smartphone you can visit the Website which explains everything in detail: www.wilegion.org/page/content/services/camp-american-legion .



Photos courtesy of Camp American Legion

ITEMS OF INTEREST



Above: Dave shown on patrol near the Cambodian border: River Division 551, PBR 779, 1970.

Photo courtesy of the Dave Grossman collection

Below: PBR Mar II; 2 Detroit diesels, water-jet drive, ~30 knots. At least 3 survive on display at Vallejo, CA, Orlando, FL, & Mobile AL. Check out www.hnsa.org.

Photo courtesy of Wikipedia: en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrol_Boat,_River



ITEMS OF INTEREST...

Affront

It was quite depressing—
I'd heard those words before
That their war was much worse,
And They had suffered more,

But when a Nam Vet prattled
That early years were worse
Than 69-70
My reply was very terse—

“Gallantry is gallantry,
And the wounded heard their call,
And which time doesn't matter,
To those who gave their all.

RK Mitby – *Plastic Water* p.16

ITEMS OF INTEREST...

Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

According to the Defense Casualty Analysis System the total record count of deaths for Wisconsin is 1,161 as of April 29, 2008.

(<http://www.archives.gov/aad>)

The breakdown by calendar year is as follows:

1961 – 1	1962 – 0	1963 – 2	1964 – 4
1965 – 35	1966 – 95	1967 – 243	1968 – 316
1969 – 272	1970 – 140	1971 – 43	1972 – 8
1973 – 1	2004 – 1		

The first casualty was Lt. Tom Joseph Cress USN of Milwaukee. He died as the result of a crash landing on USS Coral Sea on 06 Jan 1961. He is buried at Wood National Cemetery in Milwaukee.

Source: www.honorstates.org/index.php?id=364748

The last casualty, Lance Corporal Richard Michael Goossens USMC—home of record, Racine—died on 24 Sep 2004 and is buried in the Hayden Cemetery, Hayden, Colorado.

According to the Website marines.togetherweserved.com, “LCPL Goossens was wounded on 12 May 1968; the Department of Defense said: ...death was caused by these wounds.”

Source: <http://marines.togetherweserved.com/usmc/servlet/tws.webapp.WebApp?cmd=ShadowBoxProfile&type=Person&ID=302365>

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Copy of DD 214 is required for verification.

DD-214's are not kept on file by V.V.A Chapter 351 after verification and enrollment.

V.V.A. Chapter 351 will pay \$50 of the \$100 Life Membership when you Join Chapter 351; here is all you have to do:

1. Fill out the form completely-PLEASE PRINT;
2. Attach a copy of your DD-214 to the form;
3. Attach a \$50 check payable to VVA Chapter 351 to the form;
4. Send the filled-out form and attachments to:

Vietnam Veterans of America
410 W Franklin St Unit 1862
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/ZIP: _____

Telephone/Email: _____

For more information on what we do and what opportunities are available, contact Joe Eiting at 920-205-1565 or e-mail capteiting@aol.com.

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