

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



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*July-August  
2017*



**VVA in action at St. Norbert's College**

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

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## **NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO**

Reflections of Vietnam EDU program presentation at St. Norbert's in April. This was the first in a string of a dozen at schools and institutions during April and May.

## **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.

## **THE VETERAN**

A "Veteran"—active duty, reserve, discharged, or retired—is someone who 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 fail to grasp or perhaps have forgotten this fact.

## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE (R.1)**

If you know of a Chapter member that is not feeling well or is having surgery, please contact Bill Olcott at 920-733-8199. Bill sends get-well cards to those folks so they know that the Chapter has their well-being in mind.

## *President's Message*

### **Chapter Tales**

As our Chapter settles into the doldrums of summer; suddenly we find nothing to keep us busy, though after the hectic pace of our EDU Programs and the Memorial and Flag Day Parades, it's comes as welcome relief and gives us all a time to regroup.

However, things are looming in our future. We are constantly looking for ways to advance our cause and to showcase our Chapter, focusing on the good things we do in our circle of community.

Our parade presence was outstanding—three vehicles; all looked sharp. I extend my personal thanks to all who participated. My vision is to keep our Chapter as vibrant as can be. Simply stated, it takes hard work by our volunteers to make things happen. We are blessed with an ample supply; I believe everyone should be proud of our high standards that other groups aspire to follow.

I think of the VVA State Council at the Highground and get a lump in my throat whenever I visit. Three of my friends from long ago are memorialized along with the other heroes honored there.

My wish to all: have a safe and happy summer, and *as me mother always said*, "by God if you can't be good be careful". Next Chapter meeting is in September.

Larry C

### ***Editor's Note***

VVA Chapter 351's *new* Webpage launched this spring. The content and display is controlled by Chapter 351 members. Our page can be found at [www.vvawi351.org](http://www.vvawi351.org) . Check it out! The Website contains much of what is in this newsletter. In fact, the newsletter is on the page at: ***In Action – Newsletters***. You will find the current (and past) newsletters; you can read them online and even download them. Also, for news *in between* Newsletters, is a series of postings called “On the Radar”. Here you’ll find pictures, text, and links to things (past and present) that our members would like to share. Please email [rcpo633@gmail.com](mailto:rcpo633@gmail.com); I’ll get your story out there.

For Calendar items, Photo Gallery, Videos, and Events, please contact Angie Coenen at [mamacoenen55@gmail.com](mailto:mamacoenen55@gmail.com) . Check out these sections of the Webpage: ***Events – Calendar / VVA Events-Photo Gallery and In Action – In the News / In Schools / VVA Videos***. This is where our Webmaster spends her time!

As usual, send pictures with a story and date if possible and I’ll fit them in upcoming newsletters. ***The deadline for pictures, articles, & stories is by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec.*** This allows for BOD proofing, company printing, and my tabbing, labeling, stamping and mailing of paper copies.

If you’d rather get this newsletter as e-mail—only; let me know. Contact Dale: [rcpo633@gmail.com](mailto:rcpo633@gmail.com) or text me if you like.

Thanks to Baer Printing , 3400 N. Richmond, 734-1762 for doing our newsletters. We all appreciate it.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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**

July, August— No meeting

September 21                      October 19

November 30                      December—No meeting

#### **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. – July 8 & 22, August 5 & 19.**

*Contact: John Koehler 920-858-3310 / [kent1952@live.com](mailto:kent1952@live.com)*

*John Koehler '69-72' Semper Fi*

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Free Coffee and Doughnuts

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

### The Salon Professional Academy - Veteran Haircut Every Monday - \$5

—Military / VA ID or DD-214 required—

3355 W College Ave Call: 920-968-0433

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| <b>July 4<sup>th</sup></b>    | Independence Day                |
| <b>July 29<sup>th</sup></b>   | Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary |
| <b>August 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | Coast Guard Day                 |
| <b>August 16<sup>th</sup></b> | National Airborne Day           |
| <b>August 29<sup>th</sup></b> | Marine Corps Reserve Birthday   |

### Local Events

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| <b>July /August</b>         | Veterans Breakfast (see page 7)<br>Highway Cleanup Day (see page 9) |
| <b>July 7<sup>th</sup></b>  | Lake Michigan Fishing Trip (see page 9)                             |
| <b>July 18<sup>th</sup></b> | Chain-O-Lakes Tour (see page 9)                                     |



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

### Lake Michigan Fishing Trip

Bob Gresens and John Koehler arranged a veterans charter trip for July 7 with Semper Fi Charters, Manitowoc. License & Trout Stamp necessary. This is a 6 hour cruise on Lake Michigan.

Contact: John Koehler 920-858-3310 / [kent1952@live.com](mailto:kent1952@live.com)

Semper Fi Charters at 920-901-0970

### Chain-O-Lakes Tour

The Sunset boat tour on the Waupaca Chain of Lakes is July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The boat gets underway at 7:00 p.m. (1900) and will return to port about an hour and a half later. It should be lots of fun.

Contact Joe Eiting: [capteiting@aol.com](mailto:capteiting@aol.com) / 920-205-1565.

### Educational Display Commitments for 2017

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

October 13      Kaukauna HS in Kaukauna

November 3     Rawhide in New London

### Highway Cleanup

August 23      Highway Cleanup 5 p.m., Rain August 30

October 18     Highway Cleanup 4 p.m., Rain October 25

## **CHAPTER BUSINESS**

### **Regular Meetings**

The Chapter meetings are required periodically and serve as the venue to conduct business. Business must be conducted in an orderly fashion. All attendees must conduct themselves in a civil and respectful manner—therefore, excess negativity, threats, and name calling is not appropriate.

Chapter meetings have a regular order-of-business. There is a set time for discussions under the control of the President; the general outline of business is as follows:

1. Opening (prayers, pledge, introductions)
2. Roll Call
3. Reports
4. Old Business
5. New Business
6. Closing (prayers, final comments, etc)

It is not appropriate for members to initiate discussion during items 1, 2, or 3, unless the person who has the floor asks for input.

The appropriate time for discussions is during items 4 and 5 or at the President's discretion (and then only one person has the floor at a time).

It is the responsibility of the President and the Sergeant-At-Arms to maintain order during meetings.

The Ground Rules used by the National and State Organizations and Chapters is included on the next page as a guide for all members to observe.

## CHAPTER BUSINESS



### GROUND RULES

1. **Everybody Plays:** Extra effort will be made to include members in decision making within the time available. By the same token, members will seek information directly from the source of their concern before they criticize.
2. **Mutual Respect:** Respect is the foundation of trust. Disagreements can be managed and respectful dialogue makes for creative problem solving. Disrespect tempts people to leave the organization, even when the disrespect is not aimed at them but they observe it.
3. **Flag Confidential Information:** Discussions within the board need to be as open as possible, but members should indicate when sensitive issues need to remain confidential. As a rule, members can freely discuss the issues that are expressed in board meetings, but not connect these with any source.
4. **Attack Ideas, not People.**
5. **Listen:** Balance your advocacy for your position with a thoughtful exploration of the other person's position.
6. **Formalize Conclusions:** Try to bring issue discussions to closure and write down the resulting agreements.
7. **Clarify Commitments:** Be sure everyone is clear about their roles and responsibilities and hold them accountable for doing what they say they will do.
8. **Manage Conflict:** Manage conflict by honestly surfacing disagreements and adopting a creative problem-solving approach to resolving them.
9. **Review & Monitor:** Review these ground rules and monitor how well they are observed at every meeting.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

For car enthusiasts, there are plenty of shows to see in the summer. This one is being held at Ho Chunk Casino in Baraboo (S3214 County Road BD). This is VVA's first sponsorship at this location—looks like a good one. Drive down and have some fun!

**VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**  
**WISCONSIN STATE COUNCIL OF VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA**

FIRST ANNUAL VVA WSC  
**CAR SHOW**  
JULY 14 - 16, 2017

CASH 50/50 DRAWING  
TOP 50 PRIZE PLAQUES  
FOOD, FUN, SPECTACULAR VEHICLES  
MUSIC AND SOUND BY JOE LOCKE

HO-CHUNK GAMING  
WISCONSIN DELLS

S3214 COUNTY ROAD BD | BARABOO, WI 53913 | 800.746.2486 | HO-CHUNKGAMING.COM

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

2017

# Pulling for Honor

Benefiting Old Glory Honor Flight

**September 9, 2017**  
**Appleton International Airport**

**When:** Saturday, September 9, 2017

**Where:** Platinum Flight Center on the south end of the Appleton International Airport (N259 Ares Drive)

**Time:** Gates open at 10:00 am. Pulling begins at 11:00am

**How it Works:** Teams consist of a maximum of 20 members but can choose to pull with less than 20 if desired. Each team must collect a minimum of \$1,500 for the privilege of competing in this exclusive event—all proceeds benefit the Old Glory Honor Flight.

**What to Expect:** Lots of family fun. **FREE** admission and **FREE** parking for general public/ spectators. Food served out of the Delta Grill It Plane! Exhibitors from veteran's organizations (providing vital information regarding services available for veterans in our community), Military displays, the FedEx NASCAR, and various aircraft displays. **PLUS** an opportunity for kids to pull a smaller aircraft! The main event will feature adult teams of 20 that compete by pulling an A300 jet weighing in at approximately 198,600 pounds!

**Register your team or donate online at [www.atwairport.com](http://www.atwairport.com)**

All proceeds benefit Old Glory Honor Flight, which is dedicated to transporting our local veterans to Washington D.C. to see the memorials built in their honor.



Gulfstream™



*This may be a good venue to set up our Reflections of Vietnam EDU Display. More details will follow in the September – October Newsletter or on our Webpage [see In Action – Newsletters and “On the Radar”]*

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Vets and Friends of Wisconsin is now OPEN!

VVA Chapter Member Jack Voight says:

“It is located at 2508 N. Richmond St. Suite B, Appleton.  
Hours are Wednesday through Friday from 7 AM to 9  
AM and on Saturday 7 AM to 11 AM.”

There is free coffee, soda and donuts. Come and enjoy the friendly conversation and fellowship.



Memorial Day Parade getting ready to roll...



Also see at Memorial Day...

## 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 months July and August were 4<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest in casualties for the State of Wisconsin. That said, over 9% of the overall casualties for July occurred in 1966, 60% of these Army. In August, Marines accounted for 70% of the state's lost servicemen.

#### July

Curtis J. Steckbauer	Army	Fond du Lac	7/1/63
Donald D. Watson	Air Force	Tripolii	7/31/65
Kenneth L. Schaefer	Army	Beaver Dam	7/3/66
Neil G. Reuter	Army	Milwaukee	7/5/66
James D. Benway	Army	Milwaukee	7/9/66
James L. Ledin	Army	Mellen	7/15/66
Anthony G. Calverley	Marine Corps	Racine	7/15/66
Michael J. Banovez Jr.	Marine Corps	Madison	7/18/66
David E. Peters	Army	Milwaukee	7/20/66
Bradley A Pearson	Marine Corps	Clear Lake	7/20/66

#### August

Gilbert R. Nickerson	Marine Corps	Racine	8/18/65
Gordon H. Blexrude	Marine Corps	Eau Claire	8/24/65
Thomas A. Sagen	Navy	Two Rivers	8/24/65
Dennis R. Martin	Marine Corps	Muskego	8/24/65
Terry J. Neumeier	Marine Corps	Kewaunee	8/30/65
Michael T. Ledebur	Army	Milwaukee	8/2/66
Raymond J. Churchill	Army	Lyndon Station	8/4/66
Vernal G. Martin	Marine Corps	Marshfield	8/8/66
Alan J. Kakuk	Marine Corps	Two Rivers	8/9/66
Robert T. Walsh	Marine Corps	LaCrosse	8/10/66

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

This is an excerpt from correspondence between UWGB and VVA Chapter 351 about a new UWGB Grant Program that is worth our support and will get our name into academia circles:

*“A while back you came to UW-Green Bay and did a wonderful presentation on Vietnam. Thank you for your time and expertise.*

*I am reaching out to community veteran advocates like the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 regarding a program important to veterans who want to attend school. This program is the **Northeast Wisconsin Veterans Upward Bound** program. UW-Green Bay is writing a grant...”*

### **Elaina Koltz - Financial Aid Senior Adviser/Veteran Services**

Note: “Veteran” is defined as any UA military veteran who served more than 190 days of active duty (other than for training only), or was released from service because of a service connected disability. “Low-income individual” means an individual whose family’s taxable income for the preceding year did not exceed 150% of the poverty level amount (about\$36k).

#### Enrollment Services

Office of Financial Aid, SS 1203

UW-Green Bay, 2420 Nicolet Drive, Green Bay, WI 54311

tel: (920) 465-2065 | fax: (920) 465-2299

e-mail: [koltze@uwgb.edu](mailto:koltze@uwgb.edu)

Web: [www.uwgb.edu/veterans/](http://www.uwgb.edu/veterans/)



Vietnam presentation at Little Chute HS...



## ITEMS OF INTEREST



# Northeast Wisconsin Veterans Upward Bound *FAST FACTS*

**WHAT:** Dept. of Education-funded program to support post-secondary enrollment and success for US Veterans

**WHO:** Serve 125 low-income/1<sup>st</sup> generation college student veterans in the seven-county NE WI target area. Veterans must have a discharge OTHER than dishonorable. **WHEN:** Program begins Sept 1, 2017; funding ends in Sept. 2022.

**WHERE:** Host-defined target area: Brown, Kewaunee, Menominee, Oconto, Outagamie & Shawano

**COST:** No cost to participants

### **PROGRAM SERVICES/ACTIVITIES:**

- (a) Academic instruction and tutoring: Intensive basic skills development in those academic subjects (math, science, composition, other); short-term remedial or refresher courses for veterans who are high school graduates but who have delayed pursuing post-secondary education; study skills and test-taking workshops
- (b) Individualized academic, college admissions (including financial aid), college success and economic literacy counseling: academic advising and assessment, career planning, guidance and assistance in federal financial aid program counseling (grants, loans and scholarships and FAFSA completion); assistance with military educational benefits
- (c) Referrals to other support services provided by target area veterans organizations: collaborative effort between local, state and federal agencies to provide food, healthcare and other appropriate supportive services to target area veterans

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES:**

- (a) Increase academic achievement based on pre-program assessment of skills)
- (b) Completion of the VUB program
- (c) Post-secondary enrollment
- (d) Post-secondary completion (2 or 4-year degree)

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### A—Mystery Tour

When I skyed off to those monsoons,  
Our atronauts were on the moon.

And in between (you know the tale)—  
Of how we won, but you said:

Fail—

Just—give your body,

And your soul,

And play your little soldier role;

And that I did, but not too well—

For war and I could never jell.

Then home I limped—depressed and sore,

And found—The Beatles—were no more.

*RK Mitby – Voyage from Nam p.2*

## **Special Life Membership Offer**

**Life Membership Dues are normally \$100.00**

**Eligibility Requirements for regular membership:**

Service in Vietnam between 2/28/1961 and 5/7/1975 **OR** active service at any duty location in the world between 8/5/1964 and 5/7/1975.

**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  
Appleton, WI 54912-1862

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](mailto:capteiting@aol.com).

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