

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



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

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Late Breaking

The Reflections of Vietnam EDU program begins again in March. We have a very ambitious schedule this year and will need lots of help. The full schedule will be listed in the March /April Newsletter.

Generally there are trailer and display item maintenance tasks to be done in March and then "Away We Go!"

NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO

The Memorial Wall in Washington D.C. as viewed from The Three Servicemen monument. *Photo courtesy of PhotosforClass.com*

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

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 these folks, so they know that the Chapter has their well-being in mind.

President's Message

Chapter Tales

A very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all:

I hope the new year brings you good health, good will, and many blessings. What a whirlwind year it's been; every month had us involved in significant events. I thought retirement was meant to be easy; but still, we are on the green side of the sod; all's good.

We gained many new members whom I urge to become involved in our Chapter venues; simply ask "can I help?"; committees are listed in the newsletter and Website. We need volunteers for Fundraising and our EDU program—it's our Chapter identity. We're expanding the EDU program to showcase the Chapter's efforts. By my reckoning, we've created a (good) monster here; we do much and want to do more. Our organization is blessed with members willing to help. Our Chapter needs your participation—it's vital to our success and survival. On behalf of myself and the B.O.D.: thanks to all that participated in our Chapter activities and efforts the past year.

Our elected officials are open to advice from the membership, but as elected officials anywhere, ultimately it is their duty to make the decisions for this Chapter to the best of their abilities. Regretfully, some members continue to impugn our Chapter—defined, that means to constantly question and attack it as being wrong. Formal complaints were addressed by State and National VVA—no wrongdoing was found, period! Petty arguments transform 1-hour meetings into 2-hour ordeals; driving some members to leave early; this is bad for business. If you felt compelled to leave before a meeting adjourned, please accept my apologies; I will do my best to follow meeting protocol and quickly move past arguments as they occur.

President's Message (continued)

Nominations and elections are coming— very important events. The membership elects its leaders—don't take this lightly. I've heard talk of how the Chapter "should be run"; some positive, some negative. The election provides all members the chance to put your ideas to action; nominate good candidates (talk to them first), nominate yourself—run for office!

May the Good Lord Bless you all.

Larry Cavanaugh
President, VVA Chapter 351, Appleton

Editor's Note

Check out Chapter 351's Webpage! ***In Retrospect*** is your page. If you have stories, pictures, news links, or other stuff that relates to us, please send them. They may be in the newsletter and up here too. ***In Retrospect*** is not constrained by newsletter publishing dates. Send me the info; I'll get it formatted and put up there. From the Home Page, click on ***In Action***, then ***In Retrospect***.

For Calendar items, Photo Gallery, Videos, and Events, please contact Angie Coenen at mamacoenen55@gmail.com .

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

VVA 351 MEETINGS

The Chapter meets once a month at 7:00 pm at VFW Post 2778, 501 N. Richmond Street, Appleton—3rd Monday this year. 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 follow the meeting and there is time to socialize.

2018 Chapter Meeting Dates

January 15	February—None	March 19
April 16	May 21	Summer—None
September 17	October 15	November 19
December—None		

January 1st	New Year's Day
January-3rd	Martin Luther King Day
February 4th	USO Birthday
February 14th	Valentine's Day
February 3rd	President's Day
February 19th	Coast Guard Reserves Birthday

Valentine's Day Veteran's Appreciation Dinner

This event will take place on Valentine's Day, February 14th at the 5th Quarter. Details are forthcoming; invitations will be sent out early in 2018.

EVENTS AND OFFERS

Saturday Morning Breakfast at Angel's

Join us and other veterans for breakfast on Saturday mornings. ALL Veterans of the US Armed Forces are welcome; bring a veteran buddy along—there is a lot of room. We have vets from WWII, 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.

2018 Breakfast Meeting Dates (8:30-10 a.m.)

January 06 & 20 and February 03 & 17.

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

John Koehler '69-72' Semper Fi

Half-Off Meal at Appleton Mr. Cinders

Mr. Cinder's has a ½-off meal the 1st Monday of every month for veterans. Open at 10:30; offer runs all day—stop in and check it out.

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).

EVENTS AND OFFERS

FVTC Coffee for Veterans

FVTC has a Resource Center for Veterans— to stop, study, and enjoy free coffee. The coffee and supplies are donated by the staff.

The Salon Professional Academy - \$5 Veteran Haircut - Mondays

—Military / VA ID or DD-214 required—

3355 W College Ave Call: 920-968-0433

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Chapter Jackets

If there are four or more members who would like to order white jackets please see Dennis Van Hoof right after the meeting. The same holds for the black covers. Your name has to be on the VVA roster or Phil Moore has to know that your membership check has been submitted to National.

For those persons that already placed orders, Dennis has them on order and will keep you informed. He is hoping to distribute them at the January meeting.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Rawhide Starr Academy Presentation



Chapter 351's Glen Zimmerman, Dennis Bloy, and Tom Bartel during the POW/MIA Flag Presentation Ceremony at Rawhide Academy on November 3, 2017. This flag will be on display at the school to remind the young men of those Americans still missing in action from past wars.

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Rawhide Starr Academy Presentation



This is the photo opportunity shot taken after the POW/MIA Flag Presentation Ceremony at the Rawhide Starr Academy. Pictured are VVA Chapter 351's representatives, Rawhide staff, and students.

Glen Zimmerman is the Chairman. Dennis Bloy and Tom Bartel are the committee members.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

VVA and US Army at St. Pius with the Boy Scouts



In November, the Boy Scouts were treated to a “hands on session” with actual US Army hardware and supplies. VVA Chapter members and representatives of the US Army were present with a display of gear that is actually used in the field.

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Army/VVA-351 at St. Pius with the Boy Scouts

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Wreaths Across America Program

Paraphrased: "...the program started in 2007 in response to individuals who heard of wreaths being donated to honor veterans. These folks wanted to support Arlington National Cemetery and to bring that experience to their own communities. Thus, in 2016 over a million wreaths were placed at over 1000 locations across America. The program's purpose is to remember the fallen, honor those serving, and teach children about the high cost of freedom..."
source: www.wreathscrossamerica.org/financials

When you donate \$15 to sponsor a wreath, you will know exactly where those dollars are going, and that a veteran who gave his or her service, or even made the ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten.

Central Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery (WICVMK)

Remember. Honor. Teach. On 12/16/2017, wreaths were placed on veteran's gravestones at Central Wisconsin Veterans Cemetery, King, Wisconsin. There are currently 7131 veteran's graves at King. As of 12/16/17, 5518 of 7131 wreaths were sponsored (77% of goal).



President Cavanaugh placing wreaths at King

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Photo

I look at the photo
And see a lean, green man
And wonder still this moment
Just why I took that stand

To let myself get drafted
And go on to that war
When even in that era—
What were we fighting for?

Yes, draftees had the answer—
We were fighting to survive,
To come through the battles
And bring us home alive,

And now I am an old man
And look back at those days
Of chaos and decisions
That went so many ways,

And I still feel the chasm
That lingers just below
Of some who made their choices
And didn't have to go—

Which leaves me disenchanting,
As I look at that face—
Have come to the conclusion
That we never can erase

The death of our young men
Who got their nation's call
And went to do their duty
And gave to us their all.

Pink To Gray p.8
Cheryl Mitby & R.K. Mitby

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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 of January and February rank 3rd and 5th in the number of casualties for the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsin had 95 casualties overall in January, and 115 overall in February during the duration of the war.

January

Roger L. Buss	Army	Cottage Grove	1/24/65
Ronald E. Jahnke	Marine Corps	Menasha	1/8/66
Michael P. Moran	Army	Milwaukee	1/9/66
Eugene D. Dollar	Army	Milwaukee	1/25/66
Jean P. Dowling	Marine Corps	Madison	1/29/66
William R Glueckstein	Navy	Brookfield	1/29/66
Rodney J. Olson	Army	Eau Claire	1/31/66
Willy V. Quast	Army	Madison	1/7/67
Robert J. Mann	Army	Brookfield	1/8/67
David B. Merrill	Army	Beaver Dam	1/9/67

February

Robert Burgert	Army	Milwaukee	2/13/63
Peter M. Feierabend	Army	Milwaukee	2/16/64
James R. Neubauer	Army	Columbia	2/4/66
Duane V. Olson	Army	Arena	2/7/66
Victor J. Kohlbeck	Army	Manitowoc	2/20/66
Leo F. Krumbine	Army	Milwaukee	2/22/66
William Fuchs Jr.	Marine Corps	Milwaukee	2/28/66
William A. Beyer	Navy	Platteville	2/1/67
David J. Frischman	Marine Corps	Waukesha	2/1/67
Robert V. Bair	Army	Rochester	2/2/67

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Vietnam War Memorials In Washington D.C.

There are four Vietnam War Memorials in Washington D.C.: the Memorial Wall, The Three Servicemen, the Women's Memorial, and the Memorial Plaque (source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam_Veterans_Memorial).

The Memorial Wall was completed in 1983 and listed 58,191 names; as of May 2017, it lists 58,318 names. Approximately 1200 are still listed as missing (source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam_Veterans_Memorial).

The Three Servicemen was established in 1984. It is located a short distance from the Memorial Wall and depicts three soldiers that appear to be looking solemnly at the wall (source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam_Veterans_Memorial).

The Women's Memorial was established in 1993 and is dedicated to the women who served, mostly as nurses. It depicts three women in uniform with a wounded soldier (source: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vietnam_Veterans_Memorial).

The Memorial Plaque honors the men and women who served in the Vietnam War and later died as a result of their service. It was dedicated on November 10, 2004 in a candlelight vigil led by the Vietnam Veterans of America (source: <http://ww.vietnamproject.ttu.edu/inmemory/vietwarmem/plaque.htm>)

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Special Recognition

Kneeling soldiers for our Reflections of Vietnam EDU Display were constructed and painted by one of our members, Don Monarch, to replace the aging black silhouetted figures used previously. President Cavanaugh brought these to the Moderator/Presenter training session conducted on December 15th. All present were able to admire the display. Thanks so much Don for your talent and hard work.



The Chapter also recognizes Behr Printing for printing our newsletters. They are wonderful partners with our organization and we truly appreciate their services.

The Chapter thanks Angels Restaurant for making space available for Veteran's Breakfast every two weeks. Recently they donated a percentage of their proceeds from Veterans Day sales to our Chapter.

Special Life Membership Offer

Life Membership Dues are normally \$100.00; you can join for \$50.00.

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 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 and a \$50 check payable to VVA Chapter 351;
3. Send the filled-out form, check, and DD-214 to:

VVA Chapter 351 c/o Joe Eiting
537 Jackson St.
Little Chute, WI 54140

Name: _____
Address: _____
E-mail: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
Telephone: _____ Cell: _____
Birthday: _____ Gender: M F (circle one)
Service Branch: USA USN USAF USMC USCG (circle one)
Former member / wish to transfer? VVA #: _____

For more information, contact Joe Eiting at 920-205-1565 / capteiting@aol.com.

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