

"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 Toxic Exposure Seminar (Agent Orange) was held Saturday 4/21 at Fox Valley Tech's Bordini Center. There was a good turnout and new information was shared with veterans and the public. Long-term effects of exposure to toxic chemicals used in warfare in Vietnam and elsewhere continues to be a concern for veterans and their families. The dioxins released as a result of Agent Orange and its variants, for example have caused adverse health effects through many generations of those initially exposed.

NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO

Glen Zimmerman, VVA-351 POW/MIA chairman, presented five (5) service branch flags to Rawhide Boys Ranch on March 23, 2018. Rawhide will display these along with the POW/MIA flag donated last fall by our Chapter. *Photo courtesy of Mike Weaver*

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

Thanks to all that supported our Officers and BODs in our recent Chapter election. To the BODs I want to thank you for the willingness to volunteer your time and services, that tells me you have an interest in our Chapter's future. Now with the numbers we have, there's an untapped reservoir of "human capital" to draw on to keep all our goals and objectives, intact for the coming year.

Our Education Artifact Display Program is progressing well, with the month of April having the most missions. We've had some new members participate; their fresh faces and stories bring new voices to our program. The eagerness of our youth, wanting to hear of our experience amazes me; after a session some students want to talk privately about their GPA or another veteran in their family. To me, that makes it all worthwhile; I count that as "truly a blessing".

The *Appleton Magazine* recently featured an article about our Chapter. We're occasionally on TV; how great is that? We're being recognized for the things we do, not only for Veterans but the Fox Valley community. We're making many new friends in the business community and they're making donations of money and material things. That's what comes of good relationships and it speaks volumes about how our reputation continues to expand. All of us, should be proud of our Chapter. No one does what we do!

P.S. My last two years as president have been truly unique, there was a lot of issues we had to deal with, not normal business. There were heated times, but we continued to move the Chapter forward; that is what we're charged to do. So, if you stopped attending meetings, please come back; things have changed.

President's Message (continued)

Again, thanks to the volunteers, BODs, officers and committee chairs that keep things humming. I'm not going to lie: I couldn't do it without you. I thank you.

P.P.S. In membership, we're tied with the Eau Claire Chapter, each having 149 members.

Larry C.

VP's Note

Please check out our Website at www.vvawi351.org; it is cool.

Also, we are accepting new Regular and Associate members (VVA and the AVVA). You need not have served in the armed forces to join as an Associate member.

Editor's Note

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

The most current version of the newsletter will always appear on the Chapter's Webpage. The paper copy and the email versions should be the same, but sometimes there are changes (these will be in the Late-Breaking section in RED).

Quartermaster Corner

VVA Chapter 351's white jackets with patches clearly identify you as a member. The jackets are available to you at a reasonable price. If you would like to order a jacket contact Dennis Van Hoof at a meeting, or e-mail dennis2201115@gmail.com.

Also, there will be new name tags available (like Bill Olcott's) with price reductions for group purchases. Nametags will be available to view at meetings; Need other supplies? See Dennis Van Hoof.

VVA 351 MEETINGS & DATES

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.

May 21	Summer—None	September 17
October 15	November 19	December—None

ADOPT-a-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP DATES

May 16(23) June 20(27) August 22(29) October 24(31)

Alternate dates are always the following Wednesday (in parentheses). We meet at the "Park & Ride" at Highway 10 & N at 5:00 p.m. With 8 volunteers, the job takes about 1 hour. Come and help out! After we are done we meet at Darboy Family Restaurant for a bite to eat. The Chapter donates **\$6** toward each volunteer's meal. ***Interested? Contact Jer: jsanderfoot@new.rr.com***

Military Calendar for May and June

May	National Military Appreciation Month
May 1st	Silver Star Service Banner Day, Loyalty Day
May 8th	Victory in Europe (VE) Day
May 19th	Armed Forces Day (in Armed Forces Week)
May 22nd	Maritime Day
May 28th	Memorial Day
June 6th	D-Day (Allied Invasion of Normandy, 1944-WWII)
June 14th	Flag Day (in National Flag Week), Army Birthday
June 23rd	Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
June 27th	PTSD Awareness Day

EVENTS AND OFFERS

Saturday Morning Breakfast at Angel's

Join us for breakfast on Saturday mornings. ALL Veterans of the US Armed Forces are welcome; bring a vet buddy along—there's lots of room. We have vets from all wars at our table(s). Angel's is at 1401 E. John St., Appleton—between College & John St. roundabouts.

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

May 12 & 26 and June 09 & 23.

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

EVENTS AND OFFERS (continued)

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.

Half-Off Meal at Appleton Mr. Cinders

Mr. Cinder's has a **half-off** meal on 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, & Green Bay (University Avenue) provide FREE coffee and doughnuts every Friday morning for veterans from 8 a.m. to noon. No RSVP required.

Vets and Friends of Wisconsin Inc. 2508 N Richmond St. Appleton

Our Coffee House provides free soup and sandwich to Vets and Friends every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We have also partnered with St. Joe's food program to provide short-term and long-term needs.

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

—Military / VA ID or DD-214 required—

3355 W College Ave Call: 920-968-0433

EDU & OTHER EVENTS

Reflections of Vietnam Schedule for 2018

May 11	Hortonville HS	Hortonville
May 16	Neenah HS	Neenah
May 18	Menominee Indian HS	Keshena
May 20	King Veterans Home	King
Oct. 26	Rawhide Boys Ranch	New London
Nov. 6	NE WI Tech. College	Green Bay
Nov. 8	Lakeshore Tech. College	Manitowoc
Tentative	UW Eau Claire	

Wounded Warrior Veteran Fishing Event

A *Free Veteran Fishing Outing* will be held again in Winneconne on Saturday May 26th. The event grows and gets better each year. Last year we had 7chapter members attend; they had a ball. You get hooked up with a professional guide in their boat; they supply tackle, bait, snacks, and soft drinks. The event starts at 8 a.m. and ends at noon with a picnic lunch and raffle drawings. During lunch, volunteers even clean your fish for you! Here is a link to the event: <https://www.facebook.com/WoundedWarriorVetFishingEvent/>

EDU & OTHER EVENTS (continued)

Pulling for Honor at ATW Airport

Chapter 351 will participate in *Pulling for Honor* again this year if there is enough interest. It is planned for Saturday June 23rd Last year we had a fun day with 15 members present. Here is the link: <https://atwairport.com/community-partnerships/pulling-for-honor-2018/>



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Dennis Van Hoof, Gary Brynulfson, and John Koehler had a great time on their 20-day trip to Vietnam. They toured the entire country from Hanoi to Saigon and enjoyed lots of reflection and reconciliation time. All three are tanned, rested, and ready for spring!



ITEMS OF INTEREST

Our Chapter recently presented certificates of appreciation to four businesses that support us.



5th Quarter



Angels Restaurant

ITEMS OF INTEREST (certificates, continued)



FastSigns of Appleton



Tim & Jay's Automotive Specialists

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Upcoming Events

Our Orange Blossom drive will happen in early May. The Memorial Day and Flag Day Parades are not far behind. Both parades are a hoot and are great recognition for our Chapter and our members!

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The parade starts at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 28, beginning at Houdini Square on College Ave and proceeds East, passing through Lawrence University campus and then travelling Northeast on side streets to Riverside Cemetery.

We gather at the VFW parking lot on N. Richmond St at 8:00 a.m. We will have our people hauler trailer to transport our folks from the VFW to Houdini Square and back from Riverside.

FLAG DAY PARADE

The parade starts at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 9, on E. Wisconsin Ave near St Therese Church, proceeding West to State St, turns South to College Ave, then proceeds East ending at Lawrence University campus.

We will gather at a location yet to be determined at 1:00 p.m. We will have our people hauler trailer to get people from the start and end of the parade.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Upcoming Events (continued)

The State VVA will hold its Quarterly Meeting and Annual Picnic at the Highground on June 16th. They will have use of the Learning Center all day. *Special Note: If you are attending, please contact Mike Demske so an accurate food count for the picnic is made.*

We will be having another July cruise on the Chain-O-Lakes in Waupaca—Tuesday, July 17th. Anyone going can contact Joe Eiting at 920-205-1565, prior to June 6, 2018.

Outagamie County Veterans Service Officer Visit

Outagamie CVSO, David Holst will present a Question & Answer Session on May 21st prior to the regularly scheduled VVA Chapter 351 meeting. Mr. Holst's meeting will run for 1.5 hours from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

He will discuss services available to Veterans who have served honorably in war and peace. He is knowledgeable about US, State, and County Veteran's Services as well as the health care services available through Bradley Veterans Clinic in Appleton, Heumpfner in Green Bay, and Zablocki in Milwaukee.

Mr. Holst will meet with any veteran to set up an office appointment. If unable to answer a question, he will get back to the veteran with an answer.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Heroes

Not to begrudge
The spontaneous courage
Of the four men on the train
Against their adversary—

Their Actions were extremely
Admirable and laudable
And the press and awards
They received were
Deserved and appreciated,

But

Like valor happened
Every day in The Nam
To virtually
No accolades.

Pink To Gray p.9
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 May and June rank 1st and 3rd in the number of casualties for the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsin had 137 casualties overall in May, and 105 overall in June during the duration of the war. Out of the group of 20 soldiers below, 50% Marines and 50% Army paid the ultimate sacrifice.

May

Robert L. Cloutier	Marines	Somerset	5/21/66
DuWayne Soulier	Marines	Milwaukee	5/1/67
Michael P. Bertelme	Marines	Watertown	5/2/67
Ricky M. Gilbertson	Marines	Milwaukee	5/3/67
Daniel M. Kasten	Army	Ripon	5/7/67
Michael M. Gukich	Marines	North Prairie	5/8/67
Melvin L. Gunderson	Army	Cable	5/9/67
Allan F. Berweger	Marines	Ashland	5/10/67
John T. Kloc	Army	Franklin	5/10/67
James N. Tycz	Marines	Milwaukee	5/10/67

June

Karl B. Rische Jr.	Marines	Milwaukee	6/3/67
Harry E. Geary	Army	Beloit	6/3/67
Curtis L. Tremaine	Marines	Oconomowoc	6/3/67
Rex A. LaDuke	Army	Kimberly	6/7/67
James L. Hamlet	Marines	New Richmond	6/10/67
Dennis R. Manske	Army	Pine River	6/12/67
James P. Schueller	Army	Marshfield	6/17/67
George T. Murray	Army	Stevens Point	6/17/67
Dale D. Dwyer	Army	Milwaukee	6/18/67
Alan N. Engel	Army	Mt. Calvary	6/19/67

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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