"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.

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

Time Marches On. Chapter election results.

Pres. Larry Cavanaugh, Vice Pres. John Koehler, Treasurer William Olcott, Secretary, Mike Bryan. The BOD consist of; Wade Van Ryzin, Joe Eiting, Dennis Van Hoof.

For all the rancor about Chapter funds that took place when my regime took over, Phil Moore answered the bell every time with written records of our income/spending. I really can't thank him enough, for all he has accomplished in updating our treasurer reports, check register and everything else that pertains to that position. Phil, the course you set, will be continued, again great job. Tom Bartel decided not to run for BOD, he remains on the POW-MIA Committee.

With this being my fourth year, I must tell you, that when I'm out and about, at various venues in the community, I feel so proud when I say " I belong to Appleton Chapter 351 VVA." Let me explain, I realize membership in any volunteer organization can be like kissing your sister. Most observe from a distance and share in the accolades that the Chapter receives. Being a member is what makes us great, it allows us to continue to do the good things we do for Veterans. Though participating in our chapter is what makes membership 'fun'. For me personally, my tenure in office so far has allowed me to meet other members, that I probably would never have met, had I just popped into our chapter meetings. Being part of the leadership that drives this Chapter, has created new friendships, both within and outside the chapter.

We've had controversy at times, we've worked through the rough spots and continue towards making our Chapter the #1 Veterans organization in the community. We've truly been blessed with all the things that have elevated our chapter. We're still doing the things we're known for and we continue to expand into new areas every year. I'm excited about our future, with the election complete we gain fresh faces, new ideas and there will be challenges that lie ahead, but the board will always act in the best interest of the Chapter. I believe we're assured of a bright successful future. 'NO ONE DOES WHAT WE DO"

Next Chapter meeting is in September. Take care and God Bless. Larry C. Pres.

An Editor's Musings

May is here! I am think spring will come, sometime, then maybe not. Spring bring the greening of the grass, the leafing out of the trees, and of course at the end of the month the somber sound of the lone bugler playing "Taps" as we remember our fallen brothers and sisters that have gone on before us.

No matter where the sound is heard, at a service at one of our many Veterans Memorials thought out the country or at any of the cemeteries where the heroes have been laid to rest. It has been 151 years since the first Memorial Day was commemorated at Arlington National Cemetery just 3 years after the conclusion of the Civil War.

The people we honor, have come from family farms to small towns to large metropolitan areas. They were laborers, supervisors, doctors, lawyers and those just graduating from college or high school or those who did not finish

They put their lives on the line for their country, for their families and for our way of life. We owe these heroes a tremendous gift of gratitude that they will never hear.

It is at this time of year that we remember why they fought an died. Why we lay the wreaths at the graves, to remember, so we don't go through the same again, which we do anyway.

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Events & Offers

Saturday Morning Breakfast at Angel's

We now meet on every Saturday morning at the regular time of **0830 1000 hours**. Join us on Saturday mornings. ALL Veterans of the US Armed Forces are welcome; bring a vet buddy along—there is a lot 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. round-a-bouts.

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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 every Saturday to Vets and friends from 11am-2pm. Contact Jack Voight or Gary Brynjulfson for further info .**(No RSVP required)**

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

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VVA 351 MEETINGS & DATES

The chapter now meets at Appleton American Legion Post 58 on West College Ave. The meetings begin at 11:00 and end at 1300 hours. The first hour is the meeting and the second hour for a meal and social time. The meetings generally fall on the Second Thursday of the meeting months. **We will not meet during the Summer months of June, July and August.**

May 16 Summer None September 12

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, Ed Lau has shirts (long and short-sleeve) and other items for sale before and after the meetings

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. (www.archives.gov/aad)

The month of March is 11th and April is 7th in the number of casualties for the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsin had 230 casualties overall for November and December during the duration of the war. Out of the group of 20 soldiers below, 5% Air Force, 50% Marines, 40% Army and 5% Navy paid the ultimate sacrifice.

May

Robert Louis Cloutier	Somerset	Marine Corps	5/21/1966
Duwayne Soulier	Milwaukee	Marine Corps	5/1/1967
Michael Paul Bartelme	Watertown	Marine Corps	5/2/1967
Ricky Mark Gilbertson	Milwaukee	Marine Corps	5/3/1967
Daniel Mark Kasten	Ripon	Army	5/7/1967
Michael Martin Gukich	North Prairie	Marine Corps	5/8/1967
Melvin Willard Gunderson	Cable	Army	5/9/1967
Allan Frederick Berweger	Ashland	Marine Corps	5/10/1967
John Thomas Kloc	Franklin	Army	5/10/1967
James Neil Tycz	Milwaukee	Marine Corps	5/10/1967

April

Karl Balthasar Rische, Jr	Milwaukee	Marine Corps	6/3/1967
Harry Eugene Geary	Beloit	Army	6/3/1967
Curtis Llewellyn Tremaine	Oconomowoc	Marine Corps	6/3/1967
Rex Alfred Laduke	Kimberly	Army	6/7/1967
James Lewis Hamlet	New Richmond	Marine Corps	6/10/1967
Dennis Rudolph Manske	Pine River	Army	6/12/1967
James Patrick Schueller	Marshfield	Army	6/17/1967
George Thomas Murray	Stevens Point	Army	6/17/1967
Dale Don Dwyer	Milwaukee	Army	6/18/1967
Allen Norbert Engel	Mt Calvary	Army	6/19/1967

Reflections of Vietnam Tour Schedule

We are going to be very busy for the year presenting programs in throughout Wisconsin . Typically we look for 6-8 vets for each program. If you know you have an interest and want to sign up , please contact the moderator for additional info.

May

Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program	Humana DePere	8 (Koehler)
Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program	Hortonville HS	10 (Forrest)
Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program (Moore)	Green Bay East HS	15
Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program	Neenah HS	16 (Forrest)
Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program (Grossman)	King Veterans Home	19
Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program	Civil Air Patrol	21 (Weaver)
Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program	Little Chute HS	22 (Clusen)

July

Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program	(Am Legion GB)	13 (Cavanaugh)

Homecoming for Vietnam Veterans
Menasha High School

On Saturday, March 9th, the 53 Vietnam Veterans returned from their Tirp to Vietnam. They were greeted to the playing of the 84th Army Band and over 3000 cheering well-wishers as they came into the Fieldhouse at Menasha High School. The cheering was deafening as the made their way into the Fieldhouse. Many of us present, felt as though we were being welcomed home also. Here are a few pictures from the Homecoming.

Welcome Home!

VIETNAM VETERANS

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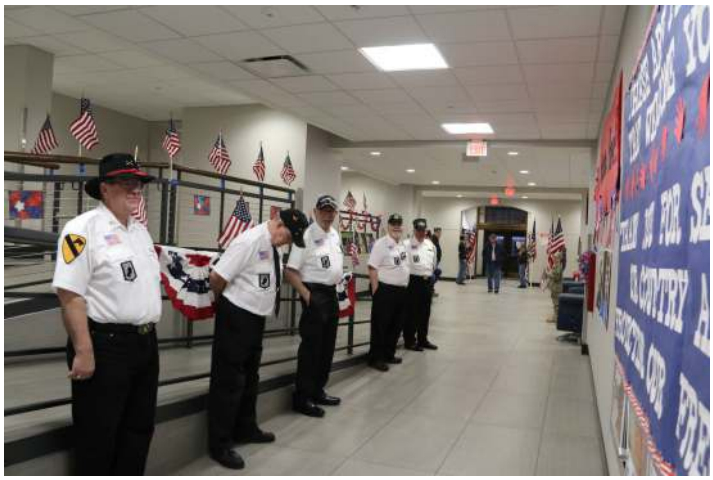

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Reflections of Vietnam Tours

During the past 2 months the VVA351 Reflections tours included stops at Madison College, Appleton North, Appleton West, Hilbert, and Kimberly High Schools. All stops were very successful with many questions asked of the Veterans both during the display and the Narrations.

Madison College

Kimberly High School

Kimberly High School
(Continue)

Appleton West High School

Appleton North High School

Have a Blessed Memorial Day!

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