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Picnic.....	Amy Jahn
Halloween Party.....	Chris Meidam
Appreciation Dinner.....	Mike Weaver
Free Fire.....	Tom Driessen

### **Nomination / Constitution**

Nomination.....	Tom Driessen
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### **Chapter Contacts**

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## **GOALS**

VVA's goals are 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 public perception of Vietnam Veterans.

***"Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another."***

# IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

## County Veterans Service Officers

Calumet Co..... Bill Krizek (920) 849-1452  
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Waupaca Co.....Jon Li Donne (715) 258-6475  
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### **VA Medical Center**

Milwaukee - Clement J. Zablocki .....888-469-6614  
Appleton – John Bradley.....920-831-0070  
VA Great Lakes Center.....800-872-8662  
VA Regional Office (Milwaukee).....800-827-1000  
Vet Center – Milwaukee.....1-414-536-1301  
Informational and Referral 24 / 7  
Non-Emergency.....211 or 800-924-5514

### **U.S. Rep. Steven Kagen, M.D.**

8<sup>th</sup> District, WI  
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(920) 380-0061

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1640 Main St. – Green Bay, WI 54302-2639  
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### **State Senator Mike Ellis**

429 S. Commercial St. – Neenah, WI 54956  
(920) 751-4801

## **VVA 351 MEETINGS 2010**

The Chapter meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm, 6:30 pm refreshments and social time. Call to Order 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter meeting – **meeting will be at Carlton Schuh's office – 715 W. Parkway Blvd. – Appleton.**

**April 14<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter meeting – **meeting will be at The Bank of Kaukauna – 264 W. Wisconsin Ave. – Kaukauna.**

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter meeting

**June, July and August – No meeting**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** - Chapter meeting

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter meeting

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** – Chapter meeting

**December – No meeting**

## **THANK YOU LETTERS RECEIVED**

**The Highground** for supporting the annual Highground Bicycle Tour with a \$200 donation.

**Old Glory Honor Flight of Northeast Wisconsin** for supporting the sending of WW II Veterans to Washington DC to see the WW II memorial on the October 27<sup>th</sup> inaugural trip. The Chapter donated \$500.

**Molly Schmidt** for receiving the Chapter's scholarship of \$1,000.

**National League of Families** for renewing the Chapter's membership in the organization.

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Well, February is almost half gone. We had our Annual Appreciation dinner this week. A total of 30 people were in attendance. It was held at Mark's Eastside restaurant. 3 teachers who we have worked with in the past for our educational presentations were in attendance. All the ladies received a rose, some chocolate, and a handmade card. Good food, good fellowship. A great time was had by all.

Our next meeting is rapidly approaching on March 10th. It will be at Carlton Schuh's office just off Richmond St. in Appleton at 7:00 PM. Hope you can all make it.

We have a very busy schedule coming up for April & May with all of our school presentations. Please make time in your calendar to join us for these. They are a terrific way for us to interact with the students. It helps inform them & gives us a great opportunity for dialogue. And of course, LZ Lambeau!! HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY to all. Mike Weaver ~

## **LZ LAMBEAU**

LZ Lambeau is a "Welcome Home" for Wisconsin's Vietnam Veterans and era Veterans. It is May 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at the Green Bay Packer stadium in Green Bay, WI. LZ Lambeau events on the grounds are free and open to the public. Due to capacity limitations, the Saturday evening Welcome Home Ceremony in the Lambeau Field seating bowl will be a ticketed event. The Chapter has purchased a block of 25 tickets. These tickets are all together in a section. Self-identified Vietnam and Vietnam-era Veterans can receive a complimentary ticket for \$2. The \$2 is to cover the handling fee. Tickets for all others will cost \$12. All proceeds from ticket sales will support the programming at LZ Lambeau. To receive a ticket, contact me at: e-mail [jplatzer@yahoo.com](mailto:jplatzer@yahoo.com) or call 920-739-2603 and I will send you a ticket. There are only 10 tickets left so contact me soon.

Jake Paltzer

## **VVA 351 NEWS LETTER**

This is the official publication of Vietnam Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter 351. It is published bi-monthly as a service to the members and other interested individuals and organizations.

The views expressed herein are those of the writers and unless otherwise stated, do not reflect the position of Vietnam Veterans of America, Wisconsin Chapter 351 or its individual members.

All V.V.A. members and other interested parties are encouraged to submit articles, opinions or any other copy or pictures for publication on subjects relevant to veterans issues and concerns. These articles should be submitted by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the prior month of the issue to the editor or assistant editor. To save on the cost of printing and mailing a newsletter, send the editor your e-mail address. You will not receive a paper copy thus helping to reduce cost. Send to [jpaltzer@yahoo.com](mailto:jpaltzer@yahoo.com) Think GREEN!!

## **NEW MEMBERS**

James and Mary Heindl

Richard Wangard

**Welcome Aboard!!**

## **APPRECIATION DINNER**

On February 10<sup>th</sup>, the Chapter held an Appreciation Dinner for the members, associate members and their spouse or friend of the Chapter.

Pictures of the activities are on page 10.

In picture 1, President Mike Weaver presents Carlton Schuh with the Distinguished Service Award. This award was to have been presented to Carlton at the WI. V.V.A. State Convention but Carlton could not attend. Mike presented it at the dinner.

It is in recognition of all the hard work Carlton does for the Chapter.

In picture 2, area teachers that help the Chapter with the Educational Display of the Vietnam War at their respective high school were recognized. The Chapter presented them with a “Certificate of Appreciation” for all their hard work in recognizing the Vietnam War Veteran at their school. They are: Mike Sommers of Hortonville High School, Daniel Shimek of Appleton Central Alternative High School and Amy Loritz of Appleton East High School.

In picture 3, some of the members and their spouses enjoying the evening!!

A BIG THANK YOU to President Mike Weaver for organizing a really enjoyable evening.

### **PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS**

Our main mission is to attend the funeral services of fallen American heroes *as invited guests of the family*. Each mission we undertake has two basic objectives:

1. Show our sincere respect for our fallen heroes, their families, and their communities.
2. Shield the mourning family and their friends from interruptions created by any protestor or group of protestors.

We accomplish the latter through strictly legal and non-violent means.

To those of you who are currently serving and fighting for the freedoms of others, at home and abroad, please know that we are backing you. We honor and support you with every mission we carry out, and we are praying for a safe return home for all.

Pictures of the Patriot Guard Riders are on page 9.



## **PATRIOT GUARD RIDERS**

In picture 1, Area Senior Ride Captain Mike Weaver, center of group, explains the details of the mission to those who make up the “Honor Line”. When everything is covered, Mike closes with a prayer. This “Honor Line” was for the funeral of Sgt. Cayla Anne Hankwitz – Jenss in December 2009.

In picture 2, the Honor Line was for the “Send Off” and “Welcome Home” of the WW II Veterans in the Old Glory Honor Flight program to Washington D.C. to see the WW II Memorial. This was in October 2009. The Chapter supports this Old Glory Honor Flight program.

In picture 3, the Honor Line was for the “Welcome Home” of the Appleton based 395<sup>th</sup> Ordinance Army Reserve Unit. The unit returned from Afghanistan in June 2008.

In picture 4, forming the “Line of Comfort” at the dedication of the Outagamie County Veterans Memorial. The memorial was a dedication to those that died from Outagamie County while serving in American Armed Forces from the Civil War to the present day. This was dedicated on Memorial Day weekend of 2009 at the Outagamie County Court House.

I, as Sr. Ride Capt for N.E. Wisconsin, deeply appreciate all of our members of VVA #351 that participate in the Patriot Guard activities. Their dedication to come and stand in silent vigil for days on end is to be highly commended. It is another unselfish demonstration of our commitment to HONOR our Fallen brothers/sisters in combat. We are proud to say, "that NEVER again will one generation of Veterans turn their back on another group of Veterans" returning from combat. The support that all of these Gold Star families receive is immeasurable in scope. Each and every one of you is going above and beyond the call of duty. I salute ALL of you. ~ Mike Weaver~



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## Welcoming Home Wisconsin's Vietnam Veterans

May 21-23, 2010 Green Bay, Wis.

[lzlambeau.org](http://lzlambeau.org)

### APPRECIATION DINNER



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Mike (L) and Carlton (R)



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(L to R) Mike, Daniel and Amy



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Chapter members and spouses enjoying the evening.

## Education Committee

### **The Vietnam Presentations and Vietnam Display Programs**

**New Display Boxes:** We are building two boxes for the display. The Boy Scouts are doing this as an Eagle project. If it should be turned down, they will do this any way. This will be completed by end of March. 99 percent of the display will be mounted in the display boxes and we only have to open them up and hook them together. Set up time now is one hour with two people. Half hour take down. This is a great improvement to the display part of the program. This will make a greater demand for the program. We still have a man power need. When the display is up, we need someone on each end, at the minimum to keep watch. This gives the veterans doing the presentations time for a small break between classes, or they have to watch too. This makes for a long day. We now have to go back over our cost to non-education presentation. With the new set up, our cost is now way down to do presentations. Looking at \$500.00 per day fee plus travel cost over 50 miles. We have gotten an offer to have some pamphlets made up for our display and presentations to send to all schools and other requests. I have started working on that.

**Manitowoc Lincoln High School:** We will take the display to Manitowoc to set up Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. We will set up with members from Manitowoc VVA Chapter 731 and Lincoln High School students. We will be working the presentation April 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. This is one of the best school programs I have seen. We need your help all day or for part of the day. Let me know soon if you can help. You can come in the afternoon just to see the closing ceremonies. It is outstanding. Lincoln puts on a great lunch if you are going to be there all day and we will stop to eat on the way home.

**Little Chute Middle School:** Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, we will do presentation but do not know what we can take in at this time.

**Hortonville High School:** Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, in the classroom from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm.

**Neenah High School “History Alive”:** Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 4:00 pm is set up and May 5, 7:30 am to 3:10 pm we will be putting up the display and doing presentations.

**LZ Lambeau:** Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup> is the setup at Packer stadium atrium, Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, is the Educational Day and May 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> is open viewing. We will be integrated with WI Museum. Do not know the set up yet. We will need veterans all day Friday, May 21, to help with the display and students viewing. Will need members to help with display security all other times the display is open. I would like to have two members assigned at all times. If one has to take a break, one will be there. We will have security help from Lambeau but still have to have our members by our requirements. If I cannot confirm our membership help, I have to pull us out. No one wants that. Let me know what times you can help, how long, so I can make a schedule up. The more help, the shorter the time frame for all. When our display is seen, we will get a lot of request in the future. The grant money for the display will be used up this year. We will need paying events to help do the schools free and improvements. This could be a big help to the Chapter also. Let me know what you can do and still enjoy the other activities.

**Schools we do not have date set for this year: Appleton – North, West, Central, East High Schools and Hortonville High School.**

If you prefer to do a school, let me know which one and I will contact you on date and time. I try to use as many members as I can. No one can do it all so call me and let me know. I hope some of our new members will help. Your life in the military is important to the students and it will make you feel good. You do not have to be a member to do presentation.

Presentations and Display Committee

Leon Meidam

## Wreath Sales 2009

The Wreath Sales for 2009 is one of our best. Thanks to the hard work of Chapter 351 members, some luck and the wonderful supporters of this Chapter. We were sold out the last weekend. The Chapter thanks Northland Mall for giving us a place to sell wreaths.

We got a lot of work done on the selling booth thanks to Brian Jahn, Jacob Paltzer, Steven Buntjer, Leroy Johnson, Carlton Schuh, Bill Kunz. Now we have more heat and lighting to make your time in the cold more comfortable. Dave Evans is happy now he can start the new generator with a turn of a key.

Members that helped: Leroy and Cheryl Johnson for getting and donating boughs to sell and made crosses. Leroy & Cheryl Johnson, Christine Meidam, Brian & Amy Jahn decorating wreaths to sell. Their work added a lot to the Chapter's profits. Thanks to all the members that worked at Northland Mall: David Evans, Pat Gabriel, Ralph Gehrmann, Tim Hewitt, Brian & Amy Jahn, Leroy & Cheryl Johnson, Les Kersten, Chuck Lewis, Christine Meidam, Jacob Paltzer, Burt Rosenthal, Carlton Schuh, Roxann Miller, Mike Weaver, Bill Kunz, Terry Worsech, Mike Hoks and Ron Yow. Thanks to Carlton Schuh for helping take down and packing everything away and have it ready for next year.

Without your donated time to the Chapter, we could not make this fundraiser work. I also want to personally thank each and every one of you for all your help. You made my job so much easier and fun this year.

Wreath Sale Committee Head

Leon Meidam

## **HIGHWAY PICKUP**

The dates for the Highway Pickup are April 28, June 30 and August 25. The dates are all on Wednesday. We will meet at 5 pm in the "park & ride" on the corner of Highway 10 and County N. We do two miles of Highway 10 between County N and Highway 55. Depending on how many show up, it usually takes just over an hour. When we finish, we go to the Darboy Family Restaurant for something to eat. The Chapter donates \$5 towards each person's meal. Good chance to get some fresh air and help the Chapter.  
Tom Driessen

## **FREE FIRE**

We will have our Free Fire on Saturday, April 17th, from noon until 4 pm. It will be held at the Kaukauna Range, located on the east side of Kaukauna. There will be many different types of firearms to shoot. Nothing that is full automatic but plenty of period firearms. Some of ours & some of theirs. This is a chance to shoot something you may have not seen or shot in a long time. Leon brings his black powder rifles for those that have an interest in shooting one. If you have something you want to bring, feel free to do so. Most of the people will let you shoot the guns if you ask. There is no cost to come or to shoot. NOTE: there will not be a Mad Minute or any rapid fire do to a noise complaint from a neighbor. Any questions or concerns, contact Tom Driessen at 766-2906. Everyone is welcome to come. Chance to do some plinking and have a good time.  
Tom Driessen

## **OLD GLORY HONOR FLIGHT**

This is an opportunity to get every WW II Veteran, from Northeastern Wisconsin, to Washington DC to see the WW II Memorial. If you know a WW II Veteran or if you would like to help

escort or support a WW II Veteran to Washington DC to see the WW II Memorial, call 920-560-4646 and ask for Drew MacDonald. Please visit the web site at: [www.oldgloryhonorflight.org](http://www.oldgloryhonorflight.org) The maiden flight for Old Glory Honor Flight took place in October 2009. The first of four flights to Washington DC will take place on April 8, 2010. The Chapter supports the program.

### **HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!**

Mary Clancy goes up to Father O' Grady after his Sunday morning service, and she's in tears.

He says, "So what's bothering you, Mary my dear?"

She says, "Oh, Father, I've got terrible news. My husband passed away last night."

The priest says, "Oh, Mary, that's terrible. Tell me, Mary, did he have any last requests?"

She says, "That he did, Father."

The priest says, "What did he ask, Mary?"

She says, He said, 'Please Mary, put down that damn gun...'

*A drunk staggers into a Catholic Church, enters a confessional booth,  
sits down, but says nothing.*

*The Priest coughs a few times to get his attention but the drunk continues  
to sit there.*

*Finally, the Priest pounds three times on the wall.*

*The drunk mumbles, "ain't no use knockin,  
there's no paper on this side either!"*

**May the raindrops fall lightly on your brow.**

**May the soft winds freshen your spirit.**

**May the sunshine brighten your heart**

**May the burdens of the day rest lightly upon you.**

**And may God enfold you in the mantle of His love.**



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However, we can order any size jacket you need. Getting a jacket one size larger than you ordinarily wear works well if you may want to wear them with something heavier underneath in much cooler weather but the jackets do come with an inner liner.

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3 in., Reg, Member Patches - \$3.20 ea.

2.5 in. Life or Reg. Member Patches - \$2.90 ea.

3 in. POW/MIA Patches - \$2.40 ea.

2 1/4 in. POW/MIA Patches - \$5.42 ea.

VVA Associate Stickers - \$1.80 ea.

3 in. V.V.A. – Associate Patches - \$3.65 ea.

2.5 in. V.V.A. – Associate Patches - \$3.60

10 in. VVA Logo Patches at \$19.95 ea.

We will order more by request.

David Evans - Veterans Collectibles Chairman

## **Membership Information**

**VVA was congressionally chartered in 1986. VVA is a Veterans service organization comprised of any person that served in the United States Military.**

## **Membership Eligibility**

**Regular Member:** In Vietnam between **February 28, 1961 and May 7, 1975** or any duty location in the world between **August 5, 1964 and May 7, 1975**. Copy of DD 214 **required.**

**AVVA Member:** wives, children and concerned individuals.

### **To Join – Complete The Following**

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Life \$200.00 ( ) ages 56-61

Life \$175.00 ( ) ages 62–65

Life \$150 ( ) ages 66 and over

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**Limited time - \$50 rebate on Life Membership.**

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