

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



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2019***

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

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## **Chapter Meeting Changes**

Due to the numerous conflicting news about the VFW Club, the Board of Directors have made the decision to change the location of the meetings to the American Legion Post 38 starting with the January meeting. The Board also decided to change the time of the meetings from evening to 1100 to 1300 hours. The first hour will be the meeting and the second hour will be a social hour. This allow one to purchase food and beverages during the social hour. The meetings will fall on the Second Thursday of the meeting months. Meeting dates are as follows:

Jan 10<sup>th</sup>   March 14<sup>th</sup>   April 11<sup>th</sup>   May 16<sup>th</sup>

**February 14th the Valentine's Day Dinner Dance at The Mariner.**

## **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**

Happy New Year to everyone. I hope the past holidays were joyful and filled with memories with your friends and loved ones. For those alone, these times can be lonely and stressful and we feel your pain.

I continue to be amazed by the support we receive from our local community, I attribute this to the outreach of our members being involved in the venues we as a Chapter participate in, such as speaking at schools on Memorial and Veterans Day, visiting nursing homes and show compassion with the Veterans that reside there. We were recognized by Spectrum and History Channel, through a grant inclusive of Appleton North High School.

We are growing in every way, our **Reflections of Vietnam Program** is second to none. We have graduated to uniformity in our presentations, white uniform shirts black pants, black shoes, our uniform shirts will be coming soon.

With that being said, we had a little hiccup with our last EDU Mission, causing it to be canceled. We need to count ourselves as being lucky that this is the only thing that happened over the years.

With the new year comes elections, please think about someone that you could nominate. Remember you can nominate yourself for the officers and the BOD positions. The Chapter BOD needs progressive thinkers and is willing to spend at least 7-10 hours per month doing chapter related work, in order to keep our Chapter moving forward. **Get involved, it's the future of our Chapter.** Remember if you nominate someone they must be at the meeting to accept or decline. Nominations are open in our January and March meetings with the election in April.

We are in the process of having the AVVA become more relevant in our chapter, by having them take on more duties, activities of the chapter. Ladies, please think about joining, it's a time to get together with other partners of our Veterans.

I want to thank all the members that volunteered to help our cause in any way in this past year, because our concern for others never ends. Volunteering your time and talents makes you feel connected, involved and part of the human condition. We all need to contribute in some way to the success of our Chapter. Thanks to all Officers, BOD and Committee chairs that keep our Chapter humming and without all of you we wouldn't be near the pinnacle of success we enjoy.

Larry C

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

The past two months has been a new revelation for me. I retired from my part-time job at Wal-Mart. This gave me more time to do what I want, when I want, or so I thought.

As some of you may know, I am a Visitation Pastor at my church. I now have five days a week to visit my people and conduct seven services at five different facilities. I find this time to most rewarding. Serving people who in their days of prime life were themselves servants.

I have also been part of two great showing of the **Reflections of Vietnam** exhibit. I witness many of my brother and sister Vets explain the various item in the collection and what those articles mean to you and the memories that they pull from the recesses of your mind. Having never been through war as you "brothers" and I use that word with endearment, I thank you for making this "Era Vet" feel welcome in your brotherhood!!!

In this season of Christmas and New Years, we have the opportunity to receive the internal and eternal Peace that can only come from the Baby born in Bethlehem. This child promised twelve hundred years before to Abraham and then again to King David. This child, the only ONE who can give us that peace. May you all get to know Jesus, the Christ (Messiah). As He told Nicodemus, **"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.** (John 3:16, ESV)

May the New Year bring you new memories that will bring a smile to your face and joy to your heart.

*Dennis*

## **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](mailto:dennis2201115@gmail.com).

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

## **EVENTS AND OFFERS**

### **Military Calendar for January & February**

#### **January**

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| Martin Luther King Jr. Day | January 15, 2019 |
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#### **February**

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| Four Chaplains Day | February 3, 2019 |
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| President's Day | February 19, 2019 |
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| Coast Guard Reserve Birthday | February 19, 2019 |
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# Events & Offers

## **Saturday Morning Breakfast at Angel's**

Join us 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.

January 5 & 19 February 2 & 16 March 2 & 16

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

## **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.**

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



# 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](http://www.archives.gov/aad))

The month of January is 5<sup>th</sup> and February is 3<sup>rd</sup> in the number of casualties for the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsin had 210 casualties overall for January and February during the duration of the war. Out of the group of 20 soldiers below, 0% Air Force, 25% Marines, 60% Army and 15% Navy paid the ultimate sacrifice.

### January

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| TIMM CONRAD PETERSON     | MARINE CORPS | CLAYTON    | 1/10/1967 |
| THOMAS ERWIN MATUSH      | ARMY         | MADISON    | 1/12/1967 |
| CHARLES JOHN THOMA       | ARMY         | MADISON    | 1/12/1967 |
| THOMAS ARTHUR GERG       | MARINE CORPS | BROOKFIELD | 1/12/1967 |
| ROBERT DALE ERICKSON     | ARMY         | SUPERIOR   | 1/13/1967 |
| ANDREW LESLIE MOODY, Jr. | ARMY         | GERMANTOWN | 1/16/1967 |
| MARK ANTHONY CHMIEL      | ARMY         | MILWAUKEE  | 1/23/1967 |
| RICHARD THOMAS WUCINSKI  | MARINE CORPS | MILWAUKEE  | 1/23/1967 |
| DELL CONLEY GEISE        | NAVY         | BURLINGTON | 1/26/1967 |
| TERRY LEE MANZ           | ARMY         | MILWAUKEE  | 1/28/1967 |

### February

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| KENT LEROY JOHNSTONE    | MARINE CORPS | AMERY           | 2/4/1967  |
| KENNETH DAVID ROBERTS   | ARMY         | WAUSAU          | 2/5/1967  |
| DANIEL J MCGILVARY, Jr. | ARMY         | MILWAUKEE       | 2/7/1967  |
| WILLARD ANSEL GODFREY   | ARMY         | MILTON JUNCTION | 2/7/1967  |
| LARRY DUANE JUDKINS     | NAVY         | APPLETON        | 2/10/1967 |
| RODNEY HOWARD RICKLI    | NAVY         | FOND DU LAC     | 2/15/1967 |
| JOSEPH PAUL FORAN       | ARMY         | MILWAUKEE       | 2/16/1967 |
| JEFFREY LANDIS BEATY    | ARMY         | BLAIR           | 2/16/1967 |
| THOMAS HOWARD ZEHNER    | ARMY         | BRUCE           | 2/20/1967 |
| STEVEN OWEN PERLEWITZ   | MARINE CORPS | ALGOMA          | 2/26/1967 |

## **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. We have partnered with St. Joe's Food Program to provide for short and long-term needs. Contact Jack Voight or Gary Brynulfson for further info .( **No RSVP required**)

### **“Reflections of Vietnam” Programs -**

We are going to busy for the remainder of the year presenting programs in NE 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.

Here are some recent pictures from the presentation at Northeast Wisconsin Technical Center (NWTC) in Green Bay.

Future programs will be announced soon.





**Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 Appleton, WI**



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Each year Chapter 351 of the Vietnam Veterans of America donates \$ 1,000 to assist two veterans who need help to make a Christmas possible. This year's two gifts went to two Fox Valley families; one a single mom who is an Iraq veteran, the other the spouse of a Vietnam Veteran who recently has passed away from Agent Orange Illness. Both are grateful and would not have had a Christmas without.





## Veteran's Visit to Rennes

On the afternoon of November 9<sup>th</sup>, a contingent of VVA351 Members spent the afternoon listening and talking to the veterans that reside at Rennes Heals and Rehab Center in Appleton. The people enjoyed their visits tremendously. This is a continuing mission by our chapter to those who have issues living at home.

### The Group



## Wreaths Across America

Each December on National Wreaths Across America Day, our mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 1,400 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad.

On December 15<sup>th</sup>, local Veterans placed wreaths on the graves of the GAR Cemetery at King. This worthwhile endeavor shows the commitment we have to our Veterans even after they have passed.





## Gifts Given to DAV Volunteers



**Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 Appleton, WI** is at ...  
Green Bay VA Health Care Center.

1 hr · Green Bay · 🌐

Chapter 351 today donated Christmas gift certificates to the hard working office personnel and drivers at the DAV office at the Appleton VA Clinic . Every year these folks safely transport hundreds of patients to appointments at the VA Hospital in Milwaukee and the Green Bay Clinic . ....we proudly salute you all !



**Letter received from Outagamie County:**



**OUTAGAMIE COUNTY  
CRIMINAL JUSTICE TREATMENT SERVICES**

320 S. WALNUT ST., APPLETON, WISCONSIN 54911  
TELEPHONE: (920) 832-5160 FAX NO: (920) 968-4175

December 21, 2018

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 351  
Attn: John Koehler  
410 W. Franklin Street  
Appleton, WI 54912

Dear Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter 351:

Please accept our gratitude for the supportive role you are playing by providing incentives for the Outagamie Veterans Treatment Court. We are blessed to have local veteran organizations, local businesses, and private citizens contribute donations and/or support in order to recognize the efforts our veterans put forth in their recovery of mental health and/or substance abuse diagnoses.

Your donation has expressed support, recognition, and encouragement to the veterans in our justice system. Your willingness to participate in their recovery and provide support makes this program successful at each milestone. The items you donated will be put to use to encourage and reward positive and healthy behaviors of our veteran participants. Incentives are a critical part of our program, as we aim to focus more on incentives than on sanctions.

The following certificates/gift cards were received on August 18, 2017:

- 5 – Clear Water car wash gift cards (\$10 each)
- 5 – Oshkosh Military Veterans Museum gift certificates (\$25 each)
- 15 – Kwik Trip gas cards (\$10 each)
- 15 – Marcus Theatres gift cards (\$10 each)

Thank you for your willingness to continue to work with Outagamie County Veterans Court and your never ending mission to help veterans in need. It helps us assure that no soldier is left behind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beth Robinson', written over a horizontal line.

Beth Robinson  
Veterans Treatment Court Coordinator

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