

"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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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

Spring is here, the ole sun is getting higher in the sky, we've survived another winter, and soon the big snow melt will be on full bore.

My thanks to all who helped in planning our Valentine's Day Dinner. It was our largest get together by attendance and I thank everyone, The AVVA, Lloyd our WW11 guest, the Quartet, to Roy Rogers being in the spotlight singing our National Anthem and the closing hymn; Let There be Peace on Earth, with most singing along was the clincher for the evening. The food was superb, and in my opinion, I thought a good time was had by all.

Our Chapter Membership now stands at 158, our AVVA numbers are growing and they're getting involved with more activities in conjunction with our Chapter. Numbers mean nothing, what's important is we never lose sight of why we joined this Chapter. We need your help with achieving our objectives, be there to help man our Missions, Chapter events and our fellow Veterans in need. We're gaining in this area, we need to achieve more.

Our March 14th Chapter meeting will be nominations for any office they're several openings on our BOD. Nominate someone or nominate yourself, have your voice heard by serving on the BOD. The election will take place at our April 11th Chapter Meeting.

Thanks to all the members that volunteer to be a part of our Mission. Though some of us deal with chapter issues on a daily basis, in an attempt to keep this chapter vibrant and moving forward. We have a very aggressive menu of events this year. I urge you to volunteer, this keeps our Chapter image out front in the community. Let us keep up our enthusiastic attitude and desire to help when needed or even when not called upon. It's what's going to keep us moving forward, together.

Larry C.

Editor's Note

While preparing this month's newsletter, I have been watching the local news coverage of our brothers that have taken a mind and spiritual trip to Vietnam. Those who have made this trek earlier have spoken about the catharsis that takes place when partaking in such a life-changing event.

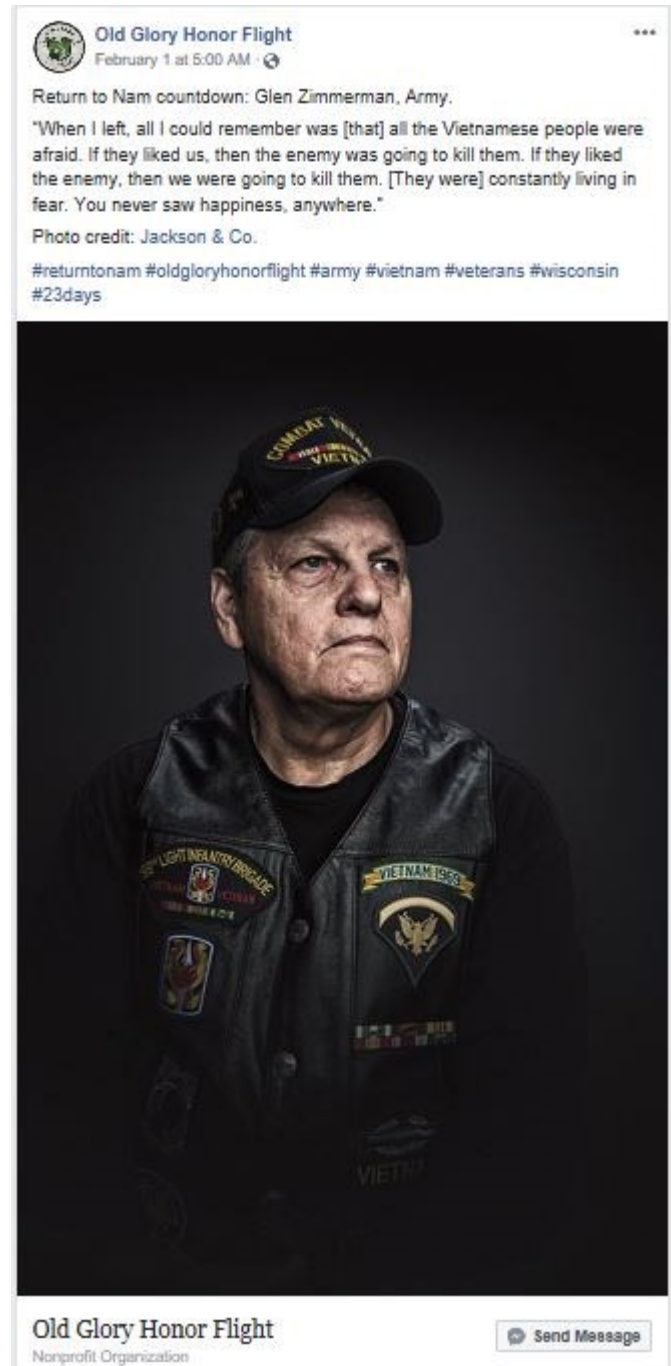
I can only imagine what you went through that 50 years ago. I did not have the opportunity to go on the battlefield and clash with an enemy that many times was unseen and brutal. **War is hell** and nobody wants to go through that again, yet you did day in and day out when called upon. You and your brothers went out for days at a time not knowing when you would be back at your home base.

You were there to try to win against an enemy that was aiming at you, and using many ways of doing it.

Now these men are in Vietnam again. Their minds must be going back to those days that seem like yesterday for them. Those who have had to fight the war over and over again in their dreams hopefully will receive some sort of liberation from those memories.

God grant the serenity to these brave comrades who placed their lives on the line. My prayer is that each one of them may find peace from now on.

Dennis



VVA351 Member Glen Zimmerman

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. roundabouts.

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.**

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 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.

EVENTS AND OFFERS

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.

March 14 April 11 May 16

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.

March

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| Roy Anthony Schaefer Jr | Cudahy | Marine Corps | 3/5/1967 |
| William Robert Janka | Sheboygan | Army | 3/5/1967 |
| Douglas Lee Kramer | Wisconsin Rapids | Marine Corps | 3/6/1967 |
| Daniel John Orlikowski | Eagle River | Marine Corps | 3/7/1967 |
| John Mittchel Bronkema | La Crosse | Navy | 3/9/1967 |
| Chester Arthur Myers Jr | Milwaukee | Army | 3/10/1967 |
| Philip John Kimpel | Fond Du Lac | Marine Corps | 3/11/1967 |
| Donald Peter Johnson | Appleton | Marine Corps | 3/13/1967 |
| Gary Wayne Olson | Milwaukee | Marine Corps | 3/15/1967 |
| Allen Daryl Papenfus | Green Bay | Army | 3/15/1967 |

April

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| William Paul Martin | Beloit | Army | 4/2/1967 |
| Daniel Garry Patrick | Salem | Air Force | 4/5/1967 |
| Eugene Richard Kritz | Milwaukee | Army | 4/11/1967 |
| Larry Scott Jensen | Milwaukee | Army | 4/15/1967 |
| Robert Allen McCartney | Janesville | Marine Corps | 4/15/1967 |
| Darryl Jay Koch | Hartland | Army | 4/15/1967 |
| William Ray Hill | Kenosha | Marine Corps | 4/16/1967 |
| Walter Alex Chatos Jr | Oconomowoc | Army | 4/16/1967 |
| Vincent James Agius | Janesville | Marine Corps | 4/17/1967 |
| Otto Robert Ensslin | Waukesha | Marine Corps | 4/22/1967 |

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.

March

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| Reflections of Vietnam Mission | Madison | 29 (Koehler) |
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April

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| Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program | Kimberly HS | 12 (Cavanaugh) |
| Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program | Brillion HS | 17 (Cavanaugh) |
| Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program | North HS | 26 (Forrest) |
| Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program | Menasha HS | 30 (Forrest) |

May

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| Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program | Hilbert HS | 2 (Huss) |
| 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

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| Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program | (Am Legion GB) | 13 (Cavanaugh) |
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“Something for everyone in 2019”

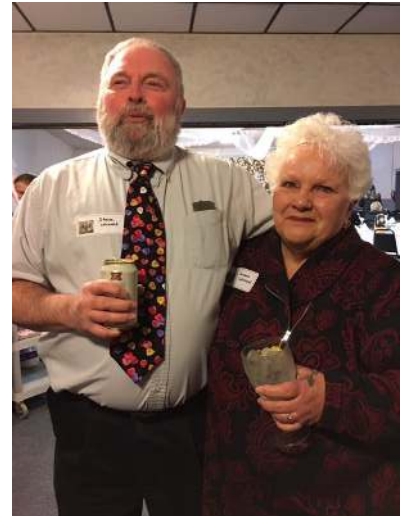


Valentine's Day Dinner

On Thursday, February 14th the members of VVA351 and their guests had a wonderful time of socializing. The Mariner in Kaukauna was the venue and the Meulemans' were wonderful hosts. The food was tantalizing and the Barbershop Quartet was great. It was great to see a friend, WWII Vet Lloyd Ellefson, having a wonderful time.



Valentine's Day Dinner - Continued



Blast from the Past 2013



This memorial bench for Missing in Action member Richard J. Hentz was placed in the Isle of Valor Park in Menasha.



SOLDIER

I was that which others did not want to be.
I went where others feared to go, and did what others failed to do.
I asked nothing from those who gave nothing, and reluctantly
accepted the thought of eternal loneliness . . . should I fail.
I have seen the face of terror; felt the stinging cold of fear;
and enjoyed the sweet taste of a moment's love.
I have cried, pained, and hoped . . . but most of all,
I have lived times others would say were best forgotten.
At least someday I will be able to say that I was proud of
what I was . . . a soldier.

George L. Skypeck

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