

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



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July and August 2019



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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

Greetings, It is my hope that everyone is enjoying the heat wave we're currently having, for most, it reminds us of the oppressive heat in Vietnam, for God's sake, it's 90-100 degrees in Alaska.

Most committee leaders are always looking for help so if you can lend a hand, please contact that chairperson. We the BOD, strive to continue the good work the chapter does and it doesn't stop there, I'm so blessed to have the voices of John Koehler and Dennis VanHoof in my ear, they are the consummate partners. Their work history translates into our Chapter business profile seamlessly.

Old Glory Honor Flight PLANE PULL is on August 10th @ the very southern end of the ATW (Appleton airport). Chapter 351 is going to have a pulling team. Currently, we have 14-16 members signed up to pull, folks we need 14 more. Please contact Tom Bartel or Dennis VanHoof to sign up. We will not be clocked for time nor distance pulled, just stand there like a broom holding a rope, this event gets our name out, shows off our new shirts and perhaps helps us in the business community.

Thanks to all that participated in any way in our two Parades. The People Mover is finally complete w/ flags. Though someone mentioned 'stair railing'! Another stated slippery floor!! What has God wrought? Happily, I will attempt to appease.

Our next BOD meeting is 5 Sept. Our next Chapter meeting is Sept 12 @ AM Legion, College Ave. Appleton

Thanks to all, Pres Larry C. 'No One Does What We Do'

An Editor's Musings

As we just passed Independence Day, I just want to wish you all a good rest of the Summer. Kathleen and I just returned from a wonderful trip to the Northeast, where we saw the beauties New York State, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. We also took in the sites of Quebec and Ontario.

Summer has been "different" this year, weather-wise, to say the least. Memorial Day was chili as can be seen on the cover photo of this issue. Hopefully, it will improve soon.

Our trip made us proud to be from this wonderful country. We met great people and super scenery! It is indeed and beautiful country.

Along with its beauty are the freedoms we have. We can voice our opinions, or not. We can worship or not. We can own a weapon, or not. We can travel from state to state or not. All our freedoms are ours because of our men and women in uniform.

May God Bless America!!!

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. Contact Jack Voight or Gary Brynjulfson for further info .(**No RSVP required**)

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. **We will not meet during the Summer months of June, July and August.**

Summer None September 12 October 10 November 14

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

Pull for Honor - August 10: The VVA Chapter 351 is entered in the "pull for honor", just south of the Appleton AirPort, to raise funds for the Honor Flights that go to Washington D.C. with primarily Vietnam Vets during warm weather months. At this point we have sixteen members signed up and are looking for fourteen more. Here is your chance to have a little fun and to help win first prize!!! Call Tom Bartel to sign up. The entry fee is \$ 1,500 and if you would like to help with that fundraising call Dennis Van Hoof.

POW-MIA fundraiser - Saturday September 21: As we have done in previous years this fundraiser will be held at eight stores from Neenah to Kaukauna. There are about sixty people we will need to fill a three hour time-slot at the eight stores. Someone will be in touch with you in July or August to ask for your participation in this event.

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.

July

Reflections of Vietnam Ed Display	(Am Legion GB)	13 (Cavanaugh)
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August

Reflections of Vietnam Ed Display	Pull for Honor—10 (Van Hoof)
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November

Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program	Rawhide—1 (Weaver)
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Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program	UWEC—11 (Koehler)
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Thank You Letters from Scholarship Recipients

Dear Vietnam Veterans of America,

I am writing to extend my gratitude for the 2019 scholarship I recieved! It truly was an honor to recieve this award, and I am incredibly biessed. This money truly does make a difference in making my dreams become a reality. I am so grateful.

Of course, recieving the money was what began my journey with this organization, but along the way I was able to learn more than what money can buy. I am extremely proud to represent this organization in recieving this scholarship. It has given me a deeper respect for those who have served and allowed me to best understand veterans from the Vietnam War.

Thank you so much!



Garrett Gloudemans

Thank you Letters (Continued)

Emmeline Liske
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June 11, 2019

Vietnam Veterans of America
Appleton Area-- Chapter 351
PO Box 1862
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Dear Vietnam Veterans of America Appleton Area Chapter 351,

I am writing to thank you for your generous Vietnam Veterans of America Scholarship. I am very excited to have been selected to receive it and greatly appreciate your support.

Next fall, I will be attending the University of Wisconsin Eau Claire to study music. The financial support you have provided will help reduce my financial burden and will allow me to concentrate more on my education and experiences while in college. Your assistance will help me reach my academic and career goals.

Thank you again for your generosity, support, and investment into students like me. I am fully committed to my education and my future music pursuits. Additionally, you have helped inspire me to work hard and seek out ways to give back to my community throughout the rest of my life.

Sincerely,

Emmeline Liske

Thank you Letters (Continued)



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27 June 2019

Dear Mr. Koehler,

I am writing on behalf of the Project RENEW team in Quang Tri Province, Vietnam to thank you and other members of Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 351 for your gift of \$1,000.00 USD.

As you are aware, Project RENEW was established in 2001 by the government of Quang Tri Province and interested INGOs to "restore the environment and neutralize the effects of the war" – with the main focus on Unexploded Ordinance (UXO). RENEW is the only comprehensive mine action organization in Vietnam that integrates UXO Survey and Clearance, Mine Risk Education, and Mine Victim Assistance into a coordinated program of action. With broad support from the communities where we work and in cooperation with other mine action organizations, Project RENEW has made real progress in clearing ordnance, reducing accidents and casualties, and offering hope for a better future to the people of Quang Tri.

As mentioned in earlier correspondence via email, we will be using your donation for a Mine Risk Education mural art installation to be implemented at a local school. This project is expected to benefit from 200 to 300 schoolchildren in terms of reinforced awareness of UXO and safe behavior. As the display is being prepared, many passersby stop and discuss and learn from the project, and much local media is generated. The completed mural artwork will contribute longer-term to our efforts to keep children safe from the scourge of UXO that still exists and endangers people's safety. A completion report will be prepared and sent to you for sharing with others members of VVA Chapter 351.

Again, we thank you very much for your donation and look forward to a close cooperation with VVA Chapter 351 in the coming time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John", written over a horizontal line.

Trung Hieu Nguyen
Coordination Manager
Project RENEW

Thank you Letters (Continued)

Dear Mr. Wade VanRyzin,

Thank you so much for the Richard Pokey Memorial Scholarship. I greatly appreciate you selecting me for the scholarship in which it will support my tuition for my future college education. I am excited to go to UW Oshkosh for the Dual Program in education - Elementary + special Education. My future career plan is to be a special ed teacher. Because of you, this scholarship has supported and will help me for my future. I greatly appreciate it.

Thank you again,

Sincerely, Madison Meyer

Thank You, FASTSIGNS

Thank you FASTSIGNS for the very generous donation that you recently gave Chapter 351 for the Old Glory Honor Flight this summer . WE appreciate your support and assistance in helping the veterans in the Fox River Valley.



Thank You, Bernatello's

Chapter 351 wishes to thank Bernatello's Foods for their very generous donation of \$1500 to our organization . This money will be used to support various veteran causes in and around the Fox Valley area. We appreciate your support .



General News

Members of Chapter 351 had a great visit with the veterans and residents at Brewster Retirement Home in Appleton in June . We look forward to making this an annual event.



The Appleton Area Civil Air Patrol enjoyed "Reflections of Vietnam" at the Outagamie County Airport this week. WE were impressed with the members we met there and the interesting questions they had for us on the Vietnam War.



Reflections of Vietnam Visits

Thanks for your hospitality today at [Little Chute High School](#) where we presented our last "Reflections of Vietnam" of the school year in May ... What wonderful students we met to-day ...Go Mustangs!



Had a great time at [Appleton East High School](#) this last week . Wonderful students and great teachers. Thanks for the shirts , we will wear them with pride . Go Patriots!



Memorial Day

Had a great Memorial Day Parade with two special WW II veterans in our people hauler . This was their first parade ever so we figured that it was about time !

Thanks Arden Mattice 95 (nose gunner on a B 24 Liberator) and Lloyd Ellefson 98 (Sherman tank mechanic) for making this a very special day for Chapter 351 and the citizens of Appleton . See you both again year



Flag Day Parade

On June 8th The 69th Annual Lag Day was held. VVA351 had a presence along with four WWII veterans riding on the People Mover and the VVA351 Vietnam Reflection Trailer. The WWII veterans were greeted by the NCOIC of the Marine Band from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.



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