

"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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Adopt-A-Family	Dennis Van Hoof
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Scholarship	Wade Van Ryzin
Reflections of Vietnam Coordinator	John Koehler
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Taps	Larry Cavanaugh
Retirement Home Visits	John VandenHeuvel
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Other Contacts

Note: Contact list is blanked out on Web version

President's Message

Well, 2020 is here and time to decide what we want to achieve in the new year. Nominations of officers will be opened at our January meeting and they will be open until the election in April. **We DO NOT have a Chapter meeting in February, our Valentine's Day Dinner replaces that meeting.** At this time we don't know if there will be an opening on the BOD, though fresh faces are welcome, we cannot just recycle our old horses and your opinion will have a direct impact on the Chapter. This is the time for you to step up and bring fresh ideas as to what the Chapter needs/ wants to do best to serve our Veterans in the next fiscal year.

Looking back;

To the families of members that have passed away in the past year, we offer our deepest sympathy, in your time of great sorrow. Please know that you're invited to all of our Chapter functions.

To the AVVA, your plans/ideas are coming to fruition, keep it up.

To all the folks that volunteered or helped in any capacity, you are responsible for our Chapter's success, let us strive to continue on as long as we are called to serve. Thanks to you all.

Larry C.

" When one member of the Armed Forces is not worth the effort to be found, then we have lost our honor"

An Editor's Musings

Well another year has passed. I do not know where the time goes. As a chapter, we have had the honor to have had our Vietnam Reflections display noticed and information about it published in the VVA magazine. The people that served as Monitors and speakers have done and continue to do a marvelous job bringing the knowledge of the War to the students at a number of educational institutions throughout Wisconsin, including Madison and Eau Claire to name a couple. Many of these students have not been taught about the entire time period that we lived through.

I second Larry's sentiment concerning the POW/MIA's. We continue to keep them in our prayers that a miracle could occur and find one of our brothers back home to their family alive.

We mourn with the family of our brother the Rev. Capt. James Seim, a fellow VVA 351 member at his passing. He had a distinguished career as a Chaplain in the U.S. Navy as well as a parish Pastor at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Neenah.

As we go into a new year, keep our country in your prayers that the divisiveness that is currently facing us may be removed and we come together again as brothers and sisters locked arm in arm.

My wife, Kathleen and I had the wonderful opportunity to tour the Veteran's Village. What a wonderful opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters who like us served our country faithfully. The members of the Fox Valley Veterans Council and the others that brought this idea to the forefront and commenced with the renovations. Our area is becoming a shining star for the Veteran community.

Dennis

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.

THE QUARTERMASTER CORNER

There are four products that are provided at every membership meeting. The Military White Dress shirts are valued at \$ 77.00 with the first one available to members for \$ 27.00!! Polo Shirts with the VVA patch for \$ 40.00. The third item are the white jackets with all patches for \$ 52.00. Finally you can get a name tag for \$ 12.00.

The store with samples is open after every membership meeting. You can also call Dennis at 320-321-2915 and leave a message.

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: Phil Moore prespanther@att.net 920.750.4110

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**)

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 casualties for January was 95 which places it in third out for 10 and February had 115 casualties which is third in the 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, 35% Marines, 50% Army, 10% Navy and 5% for the Air Force paid the ultimate sacrifice. (Notice first three entries from each month from five County area.)

January

RONALD EDWARD JAHNKE	MARINE CORPS	PFC	MENASHA	1/8/1966
JAMES JEROME LIND	ARMY	SGT	OSHKOSH	1/5/1968
CHRISTIAN ALAN LANGENFELD	MARINE CORPS	PFC	OSHKOSH	1/27/1968
ROBERT BURGERT	ARMY	SGT	MILWAUKEE	1/6/1961
ROSCOE AMMERMAN	MARINE CORPS	SSGT	MADISON	1/24/1965
EUGENE DOYCE DOLLAR	ARMY	SP4	MILWAUKEE	1/9/1966
LEO FREDERICK KRUMBINE	ARMY	PFC	MILWAUKEE	1/25/1966
MICHAEL JOSEPH BANOVEZ JR	MARINE CORPS	CPL	MADISON	1/29/1966
JAMES PETER HARTEAU	MARINE CORPS	PFC	WAUKESHA	1/29/1966
GERALD ARLENE VIZER	MARINE CORPS	PFC	EAU CLAIRE	1/31/19

February

LARRY DUANE JUDKINS	NAVY	HN	APPLETON	2/10/1967
THOMAS WILLIAM OTTE	ARMY	CPL	KAUKAUNA	2/3/1968
LEON G GRESHAMER	ARMY	2LT	NEW LONDON	2/8/1968
PETER MATTHEW FEIERABEND	ARMY	PFC	MILWAUKEE	2/13/1963
RICHARD ELMER JAECK	ARMY	1LT	CUDAHY	2/16/1964
RONALD J MAHONEY	ARMY	PFC	CHILI	2/4/1966
GARY LAVERNE PEAT	ARMY	SP4	REWEY	2/7/1966
RICHARD LEE HOGLE	AIR FORCE	TSGT	MANITOWOC	2/20/1966
WILLIAM JR FUCHS	MARINE CORPS	PFC	MILWAUKEE	2/22/1966

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 and August.**

January 9 March 12 April 9 May 14

*Note: The upcoming Board of Director Meeting are held on **Wednesday January 7, 2020** at **Angels Restaurant** from 11:00—13:00. Members may attend if they have an interest or have business that needs to be addressed by the board.*

Senior Residence Facilities Visits

Good Shepherd

Tuesday, May 26	10:00 to 11:00
Monday, November 9	10:00 to 11:00

Rennes Health and Rehab

Tuesday, May 26	2:00 to 3:00
Wednesday, November 11	10:30 to 11:30

Appleton Retirement Community

Friday, May 22	9:30 to 10:30
Monday, November 9	2:30 to 3:30

Brewster Village

Friday, May 22	2:30 to 3:30
Wednesday, November 11	2:30 to 3:30

Eagle Point Senior Living

Thursday, June 11	1:30 to 2:30
Thursday, November 13	10:00 to 11:00

Willow Lane Assisted Living

Thursday, June 11	10:30 to 11:30
Thursday, November 13	2:00 to 3:00

All VVA 351 personnel are invited to visit fellow veterans at the Senior Residence Facilities listed above. More information can be received from Jack or Shirley Vanden Heuvel.

Chapter and Associate Information

Veterans, You may have seen more active participation by spouses and friends of veterans and wondered why. As family and friends many of us were supporting and helping “behind the scenes”. I was especially interested in the education of toxins and environmental exposures which brought me to the VVA sponsored Town Hall meetings and the state VVA/AVVA combined quarterly committee meetings in Waupaca where I was asked to join the AVVA. We are not just a “ladies” group, we are men and women who want to “stand by all Veterans.” So here is more information about AVVA. Perhaps more would like to become a part of a great program. (We generally meet early evening at the Vet Center on North Richmond St Appleton)

What Is AVVA?

As Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (AVVA), we are passionate about our work and the real life issues facing Veterans and their families. We strive to create a positive impact on our Veterans and their families by making life better. AVVA is a national, nonprofit, membership organization dedicated to advancing the awareness of issues affecting Veterans, their families, and their communities. AVVA strives to ensure that ALL veterans attain the honor, respect, and benefits they deserve. We lend our expertise, support, and leadership to all veteran related programs, community service, and social activities, while remaining actively involved in our own programs and educational endeavors.

Who can become a member?

AVVA is made up of Veterans of all eras, families and friends of Veterans, and all persons who support Veterans' issues. AVVA is a catalyst for action, healing, reconciliation, mutual support, and fellowship. With more than 10,000 members, we are a thriving and strong organization. AVVA is a non-partisan, tax exempt organization.

Regular membership shall be granted to any persons who are ineligible for membership in Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. (VVA) and who wish to further the purposes of both VVA and the Corporation.

Dual membership shall be limited to those who are eligible for membership in VVA.

AVVA MISSION STATEMENT?

To provide support to Veterans and their families through programs, projects, and education.

AVVA VISION STATEMENT?

To create a better everyday life for Veterans and their families.

Chris Van Ryzin

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Wisconsin Veteran's Village

On Tuesday, December 3rd, an Open House was held at Wisconsin Veteran's Village. A tour of the Administration Building as well as two completed apartments was given. The facilities and future plans look absolutely wonderful.

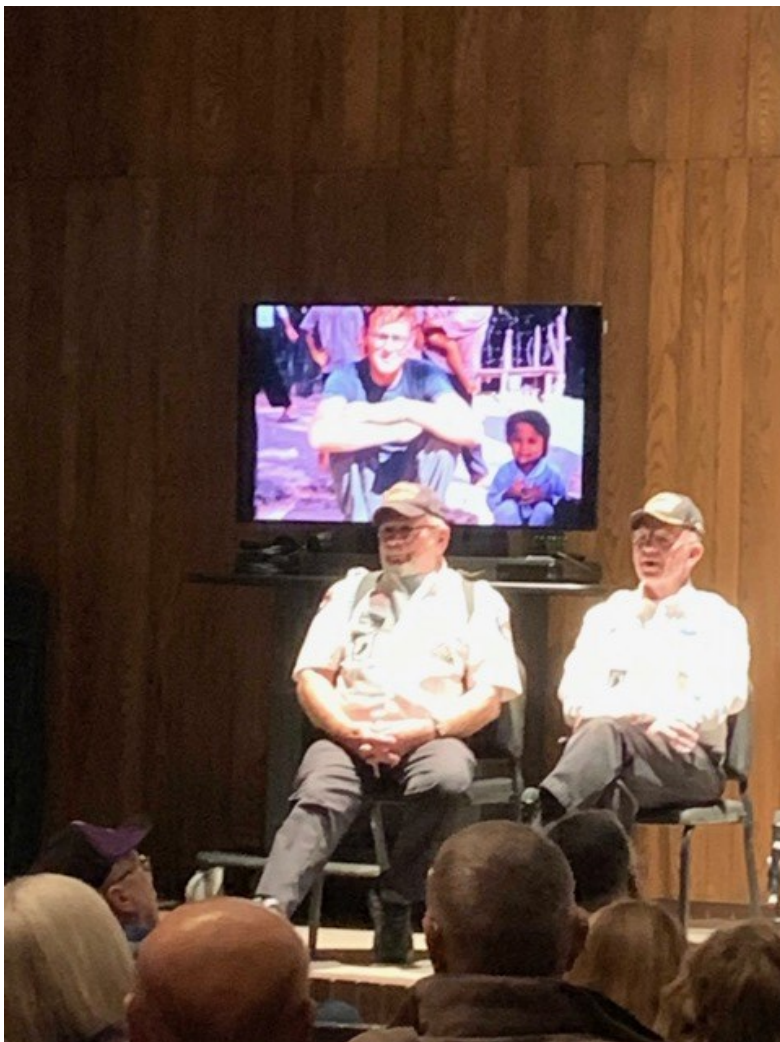


Appleton Retirement Community Visit



Reflections of Vietnam Eau Claire Visit

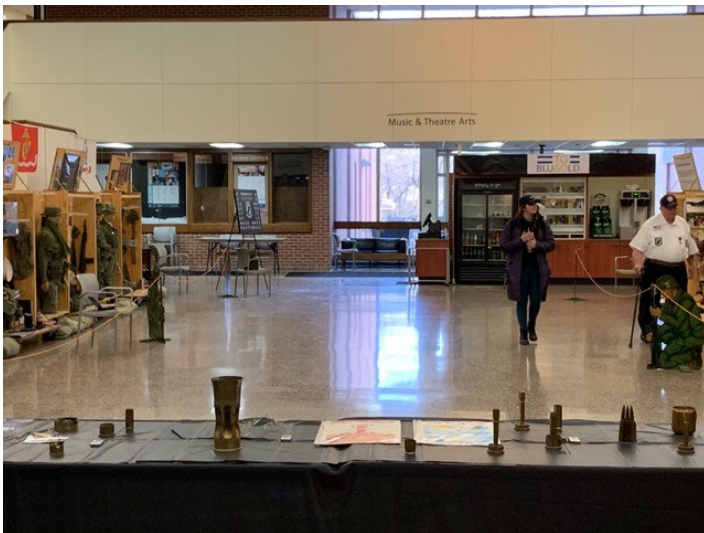
VVA 351 had a good representation at the Veteran's Conference at the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire



Reflections of Vietnam Eau Claire Display (Cont.)



Reflections of Vietnam Eau Claire Display (Cont.)



Board of Directors Meeting
VVA Chapter 351
4 December 2019
Held at Perkins Restaurant – East Side
Appleton, WI.

Board Members Present

Larry Cavanaugh – President
Wade VanRyzin – Scholarships
Joe Eiting – Membership
Dennis VanHoof – Sergeant-at-Arms
Michael J. Bryan – Secretary

Board Members – Excused

John Koehler – Vice President
Phil Moore – Treasurer

Guests

Glen Zimmerman, Dennis Bowman, John & Shirley Van Den Heuvel (AVVA), Chris VanRyzin (AVVA), Frank Witt (AVVA)

Meeting commenced at 1100 hours

LC-1: Larry opened the meeting by reading the proposed agenda and asking for any additions/changes. The only change was to add AVVA business to item #1 – Financials. Because Phil was absent, we skipped over this item and went on.

Larry asked for an update from AVVA – Shirley and Chris talked about the Valentines Day dinner which will be on February 13, 2020 - Thursday at Fox Cities Stadium. The dinner will be buffet style. Discussions regarding costs for guests and spouses will be finalized in the near future.

Another discussion arose regarding the “Visiting Nursing Homes” and how it will be budgeted with AVVA. This will be discussed and clarified with Phil Moore.

LC-2: Larry briefly talked about the “VVA Chapter 351 Budget Request Form” as designed, requested and proposed by John Koehler. Larry indicated that we should wait and discuss this with John in the near future. Significant discussion took place amongst attending board members and guests.

LC-3: Larry stressed the importance of committee leaders to prepare their proposed budgets for the upcoming fiscal year. Significant discussion took place amongst attending board members and guests.

LC-4: Larry asked all present who are planning to attend the upcoming Wisconsin State Council - Initial response showed that John Koehler and a few other members will be going. Joe Eiting indicated that we are getting a new member to our chapter – Steve Riley from Green Bay will be joining our chapter and wants to attend the state council meeting. This should bring our chapter roster total to 162 members.LC-4:

LC-5: Larry indicated that the next BOD meeting will be January 7th 2020 at 1100 hrs Angels Restaurant in Appleton.

LC-6: Larry announced that elections and nominations will be coming up at our membership meeting in January 2020.

Old Business: Dennis VanHoof is researching KIAs that lost their lives in Vietnam and were from five (5) counties in East Central Wisconsin (Outagamie, Winnebago, Calumet, Brown, and Waupaca) be listed in our Chapter 351 newsletter by their name, branch of service, the month and day they died. Dennis Bowman has agreed to do this.

New Business: Joe Eiting suggested that we donate funds to the Christmas Angel Program. This donation would come out of the Veterans Assistance Fund.

Dennis VanHoof made a motion for Chapter 351 to donate \$300.00 to Christmas Angel Program **m/s/p** VanHoof/Bowman.

Meeting adjourned at 1230 hrs. **m/s/p** VanHoof/Eiting

Submitted

Michael J. Bryan, Secretary

VVA Chapter 351

Appleton, WI

Over the Christmas Holidays your chapter 351 made donations to two deserving Vietnam Veteran families who otherwise would not have been able to have a Christmas. We also donated to the Patriot Guard so they can carry out their "Christmas Angel" program which will allow the Guard to buy gifts for grandchildren of Vietnam Veterans and distribute them. Six of our members passed away over 2019. They received flowers from our chapter this Christmas.

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