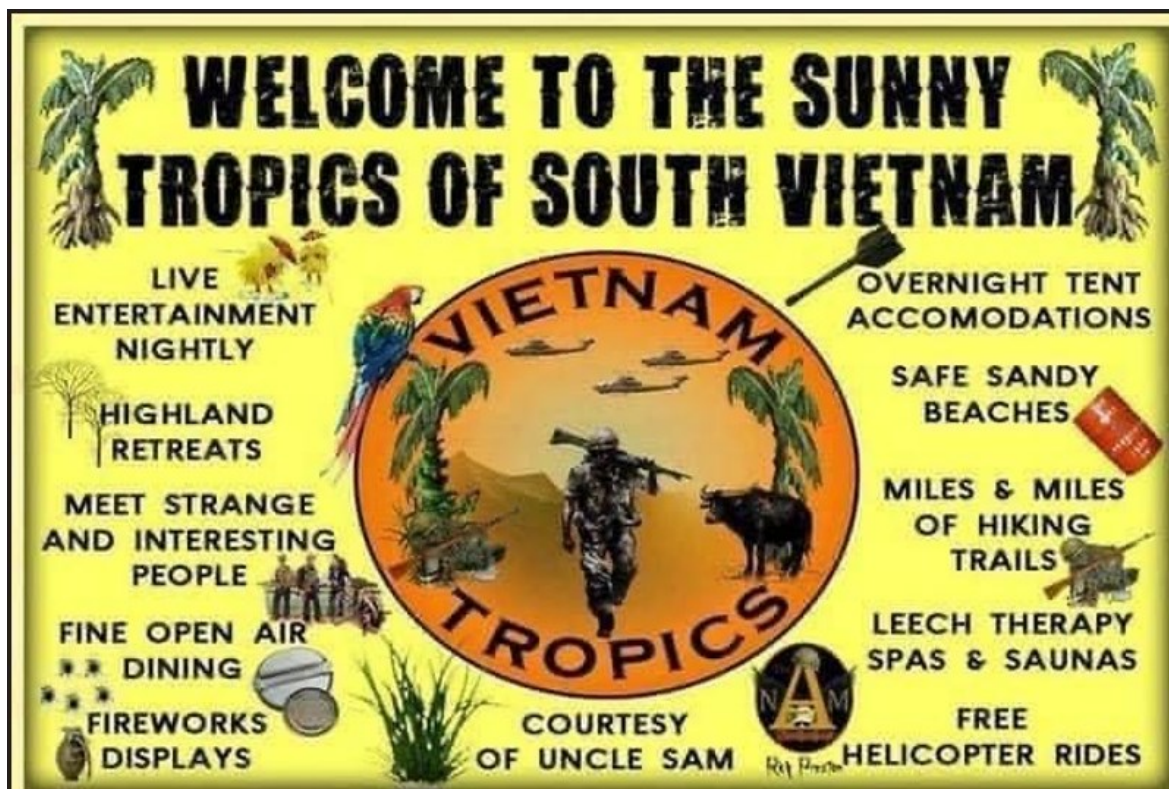


**“Never again will one generation of Veterans
abandon¹ another.”**



**634 Bowers Lane
Kaukauna, WI 54130-**

**March — April
2022**



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

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Chapter Tales

Thanks to all the members and their spouses that attended our Valentine's Day lunch at the EL Agave Mexican Restaurant. It was a welcome change of venues from the ordinary food that we have had in the past. A few complained about the wait time after ordering. but I heard no complaints about the food I imagine it's hard to prepare food for over forty people when ordering off the menu.

Upcoming Chapter Activities

Some of the upcoming Chapter activities: our BOD meetings are held on the first Tuesday, our Chapter meetings are held on the second Thursday, and we will resume monthly meetings through May. All Chapter meetings start at @11 AM and are held @ American Legion, Appleton, Wi. .

Our Orange Blossom Fundraiser is scheduled for May. The Store Captains will be soliciting members to work, please help if you are available and if your health allows. Dennis Van Hoof is our fundraising leader.

The Chapter Election

Please consider running for an officer or BOD. More information on the election will be available at our upcoming BOD and membership meetings. Any nominations or questions, please contact our Election Chairman Mike Weaver

The EDU Program has on-site visits scheduled; they will be starting in April and running up to Veteran's Day. If you're interested, contact John Koehler for participation. The AVVA has put out a schedule of the senior citizen facilities they will visit, contact John Van Den Heuvel for more info.

At our March 10th membership meeting, Tim Cody from FVVC is going to share information on what they do, who they fund, etc. concerning the Veterans in the Valley. Directly after we adjourn our March 10th membership meeting, we will have the Alwin sisters give a presentation on their brother, Captain Scott Alwin a helicopter pilot in Vietnam, believed to be the pilot awarded the most Air Medals for combat missions in any branch of the service. He served with the 68th Assault Helicopter Co. (the "Top Tigers" and the "Mustangs") from 1967-72. They present a very interesting story.

At the VVA National Convention, the delegates voted that the VVA would be a "last man standing" organization. Whereby, we as VVA cannot join any other Veteran's clubs, nor can any other organizations join ours. My suggestion is that we start to plan for our future and start a conversation on how long (2-4-5 years) we want to continue as a Chapter. Several state Chapters are voicing their desire to fold; the Green Bay Chapter, Milwaukee Chapter, the Hayward VN Veterans went through all the work to create a chapter, they assembled 25 VN Veterans needed for a Chapter, then when they received the Charter, no one wanted to be officers or BOD, so they folded. I think we need to have that conversation.

For those that claim travel pay for their appointments at the VA, they are slowly going to do away with the travel pay kiosks at their Hospitals and Clinics. In the future, you will have to claim travel pay online or at the facility Travel Office by submitting a paper form and then sending it in. Travel Pay for Community Care has always been handled at the VA Clinic or Hospital Travel office.

All the best! Larry C.

If I missed any events, please contact our Newsletter editor, Dennis Bowman

Editor's Musings

Greetings Veterans and friends,

Yesterday I had the opportunity to be a part of the military rights for my predecessor as Chaplain for American Legion Post 258. John Rietveld was a humble, amazing gentleman. He immigrated to the US as a 19-year-old young man and shortly after arriving here, he enlisted in the USMC. This was just the beginning of his life of being a member of both the American Legion and the VFW. He was the Chaplain for 14 years; he conducted over 230 military rights for Veterans that preceded him in death.

It has been a pleasure to have John as a mentor in my position as the Chaplain for American Legion 258. He was a wealth of knowledge on the position; I have some large shoes to fill as the current Chaplain.

May our Lord, God, our Commander-in-Chief, give me the strength and ability to continue the Legacy of the American Legion Chaplaincy with dignity and comfort for the survivors.

Dennis

PS. Please pray for the people of the Ukraine that God protect them from the ridiculous invasion by Russia!

DB

Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

The casualty list contains the names of our brothers lost during the months from March — April. The name listed are from the three from the five county area and seven from the rest of the state.

March

PAPENFUS ALLEN DARYL	ARMY	PFC	APPLETON	OUTAGAMIE	3/15/1967
REINKE ROBERT HARVEY	ARMY	CPL	APPLETON	OUTAGAMIE	3/21/1967
COREY JAMES ALLEN	USMC	LCPL	KIMBERLY	OUTAGAMIE	3/2/1968
CHARLES FRANK DEUEL	USMC	PFC	PALMYRA	JEFFERSON	3 /1/1968
WILLIAM L. CUNNINGHAM	USMC	PFC	ANTIGO	LANGLADE	3 /1/1968
STEVEN PAUL SWATEK	NAVY	HN	PESHTIGO	MARINETTE	3 /1/1968
PAUL WALTER HEINZ	USMC	PFC	BROWN DEER	MILWAUKEE	3 /1/1968
MICHAEL A. HARVEY	USMC	PVT	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	3 /1/1969

April

GENE JAY HOWARD	ARMY	SP5	NEENAH	WINNEBAGO	4/2/1968
THOMAS FRANCIS DAZEY JR	ARMY	SP4	NEENAH	WINNEBAGO	4/9/1968
JOHN R DAGOSTINO JR	ARMY	SGT	GREEN BAY	BROWN	4/30/1968
GERALD CARL CAPELLE	ARMY	CPT	FOND DU LAC	FOND DU LAC	4 /1/1965
JAMES MICHAEL ARRIES	USMC	PFC	ELK MOUND	DUNN	4 /1/1967
ROBERT PAUL RUMINSKI	USMC	LCPL	TWO RIVERS	MANITOWOC	4 /1/1967
ROGER WILLIAM RAIH	ARMY	PFC	MANITOWOC	MANITOWOC	4 /1/1968
THOMAS JOSEPH MURPHY	ARMY	SP4	RIVER FALLS	PIERCE	4 /1/1970
DAVID JEROME SCHMIDT	ARMY	SP4	MUKWONAGO	WAUKESHA	4 /1/1970
JOHN ANTHONY JELICH	ARMY	CW2	STEVENS PT.	PORTAGE	4 /1/1972

Reflections of Vietnam projected Schedule for 2022

TLadies and Gents, I wanted to provide with some updates to this years schedule for our programs. This will be discussed in greater detail at our annual EDU all hands meeting that will be held at Vets and Friends on Friday March 18 from 1100-1230 and you are cordially invited to attend.

his schedule will be finalized on January 31. If you have an interest in attending one of these events, please contact the moderator for the mission. All phone numbers are 920 area code. Our plan is to include Hmong Veterans at a number of these programs as teachers have asked that we do this due to the high number of Hmong students enrolled at their schools.

Reflections of Vietnam projected Schedule for 2022 as of 2/22/22							
Date	School	Scheduled Moderator		Location	Scheduled Driver		Notes
7-Apr	Valders HS –	John Koehler	(858 3310)	Valders	G Brynjulfson	(419 6920)	Trost, Clusen,
							VanDen Heuval,
							Koehler,
							Brynjulfson
							Set up 1200 pack
							pack up 1530
13-Apr	FVLHS -	G. Zimmerman	(428 1229)	Appleton	D. Grossman	(740 8066)	
22-Apr	Seymour HS –	Ken Wydeven	(734 9540)	Seymour	L. Cavanaugh	(264 7919)	
29-Apr	Menasha HS	Moderator TBD		Menasha	Driver TBD ??		Roy Rogers
2-May	West HS -	Jerry Clusen	(205 4494)	Appleton	D. Grossman	(740 8066)	(Hmong vets)
4-May	Hilbert HS -	Marty Huss	(858 1332)	Hilbert	T. Eckstein	(836 1965)	
10-May	Little Chute HS –	Marty Huss	(858 1332)	Little Chute	T. Eckstein	(836 1965)	(Hmong vets)
12-May	Kimberly HS –	G. Brynjulfson	(419 6920)	Kimberly	G. Brynjulfson	(419 6920)	
17-May	Neenah HS -	Wade Van Ryzin	(734 9638)	Neenah	T. Eckstein	(836 1965)	
20-May	East HS -	G. Brynjulfson	(419 6920)	Appleton	G. Brynjulfson	(419 6920)	(Hmong vets)
7-Nov	Kaukauna HS	Moderator TBD		Kaukauna	Driver TBD		
2-Nov	Chippewa Tech.	John Koehler	(858 3310)	Eau Claire	L. Cavanaugh	(264 7919)	
28-Oct	Rawhide	Jerry Clusen	(205 4494)	New London	D Grossman	(740 6920)	

There are at least 4 other schools that are on our radar screen, but we have not committed to any actual dates with them. Larry Cavanaugh will be working to assign drivers for these missions once they are finalized within the next few weeks.

This program is open to all Chapter 351 members and we would very much like to have you consider attending. You do not have to get up and speak if this is something that you are not comfortable with. You can join us for the camaraderie with fellow members, students and faculty. There is always hot coffee, donuts and often lunch at these schools if we do an all-day program. If you would like your spouse, children or friends to attend this, we can arrange this to happen. AVVA members are also cordially invited to attend any of these events.

I will be providing an update on this year's missions and our program at our next meeting on Jan 13, 2022, at the American Legion.

John Koehler

UPCOMING SENIOR LIVING FACILITY VISITS 2022

Good Shepherd Services	Thursday, June 2	10:00 to 11:00
607 E Bronson Street	Monday, November 14	10:00 to 11:00
Seymour, Wi 54165	Linda Beschta	
Rennes Health and Rehab	Tuesday, May 31	2:00 to 3:00
325 E Florida Avenue	Friday, November 11	2:00 to 3:00
Appleton, Wi 54911	Melanie Fintelmann/ Claire	
Appleton Retirement Community	Saturday, May 28	10:00 to 11:00
200 W Packard Street	Friday, November 11	10:00 to 11:00
Appleton, Wi 54911	Colleen Brickner	
Brewster Village	Thursday, June 2	1:00 to 3:00
300 W Brewster Street	Wednesday, November 9	2:00 to 3:00
Appleton, Wi 54914	Lisa Pingel	
Eagle Point Senior Living	Tuesday, May 31	10:00 to 11:00
855 E John Street	Wednesday, November 9	10:00 to 11:00
Appleton, Wi 54911	Katie Neuman	
Willow Lane Assisted Living	Saturday, May 28	2:00 to 3:00
850 W Eisner Road	Monday, November 14	2:00 to 3:00
Appleton, Wi 54913	Alexa Biese	



Restricted Flight Golf Tournament

**2 Person Best Ball \$25.00 Per Person
Walking – \$10.00 extra for Cart**

**Rainbow Straits Golf
Course part of
Camp 10 Camp-
ground**

*18227 US 10, Reedsville, Wisconsin on Sunday, July 17, 2022
Noon Shotgun Start. Every entry will be given 2 restricted flight
golf balls. Regular golf balls cannot be used!*

**18 Holes (9 Holes Putting on
Greens and 9 Chipping Holes)**

**Beverage Cart
50/50 Raffle
Hole Prizes**

Contact: Dave Trost
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trost2@sbcglobal.net
Please make checks payable to Old
Glory Honor Flight

What is Restricted Flight Golf?

Restricted Flight Balls are lighter than regular golf balls and do not travel as far as a regular golf ball. You use regular golf clubs to play Restricted Flight Golf.

You can walk the course which is considerably shorter than regular golf course but golf carts are available to rent.

The Camp 10 Restricted Flight Golf Course is an 18 hole course (920) 9 regular putting greens and 9 chipping holes).

Restricted Flight Golf at Camp 10 is open to the public!



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VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, APPLETON AREA CHAPTER 351
RICHARD POUKEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ELIGIBILITY – A graduating senior attending an area high school or a child/grandchild of a Chapter 351 Vietnam Veteran member.

SUBMISSION – Write an original narrative essay based on your interview with any US military veteran of any branch of service who served on active duty anywhere in the world during the 16 year period January 1, 1959 to May 7, 1975. We hope that by opening a cross generational dialogue with a Vietnam Veteran you have an opportunity to learn history directly from a veteran who lived it and may gain a deeper understanding of their youth goals, life experiences, and value challenges.

You, the student, may be a dependent, relative, or acquaintance of your interview subject. If you are not able to connect with a qualifying veteran of your own choosing contact VVA 351, Wade Van Ryzin at 920-540-0924, prior to March 1st for the name of a member to interview. You must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the USA.

SCHOLARSHIP - The scholarship is intended to assist in alleviating some of the expenses incurred in furthering your post-secondary education. There are four scholarships available, in the amount of \$1,500.00 each. The winners will receive their check following the completion of one semester at a post-secondary facility including technical college.

APPLICATION – Please submit of the following:

Application form

Transcripts – official copy of high school grade transcripts

Proof of Service Statement by Veteran – DD214 accepted

Essay – A double-spaced, three to five page interview narrative essay, in 10 or 12 point font.

The most critical aspects of the narrative essay are what you have learned from the interview and how you express those ideas. Your entry will be scored based on originality, appearance and grammar (verbatim or basic question/answer formats will not be accepted).

All data must be postmarked by **March 31st**. The four successful candidates will be notified by May 1st.

All materials are to be returned to:

VVA Appleton Area Chapter 351 Scholarship Committee
Wade Van Ryzin
821 W Browning St, Appleton, WI 54914

Congratulations graduate!

Wade Van Ryzin

For further Information: ON WEB PAGE www.vvawi351.org
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 Scholarships

Also check for additional scholarships:

Vietnam Veterans of America State Scholarships

Vietnam Veterans of America National Scholarships

If you have questions or desire additional information, please contact Wade Van Ryzin at 920-540-0924.

VVA Chapter 351 Educational Scholarship

Do you have a child or grandchild who is a graduating High School Senior continuing on to further education? The Scholarship information and application is now available with return submission by **March 31st**. The essay is based on an interview with a Vietnam Veteran. Information is on our web page: at www.vvawi351.org or contact Wade VanRyzin at 920-540-0924 or wwanryzin@aol.com **See Application on page 11.**



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Appleton Area Chapter 351



RICHARD POUKEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student Personal Data:

Date _____

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle I.) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Qualifying Veteran Interviewed:

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle I.) _____

Address _____

Veteran is student's _____ Parent/Grandparent _____ Relative _____ Acquaintance

Address _____

Branch of Service _____ Dates of Service _____

(Please complete the attached Qualifying Veteran Release/Proof of Service Statement)

Educational Data:

High School(s) Attended with Dates _____

Current grade point average _____ Anticipated graduation date: _____

Academic honors, awards, recognitions, etc. _____

Community, church, and volunteer activities _____

What is your intended major or educational goal? _____

What post-secondary school/campus do you plan to attend? _____

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 and spouses are welcome; bring a vet buddy along—there is a lot of room. We have Vets all wars at our table(920) s). **Angel's** is at 1401 E. John St., Appleton —between College & John St. roundabouts.

Vets and Friends of Wisconsin Inc. 2508 N. Richmond St. Appleton

The coffeehouse initially served a sandwich and soup on **Saturdays from 11:00am – 1:00pm** but has now expanded it's meal selection to a rotating menu of hot foods including ham, beef, pork and chicken along with all of the fixings. The Coffeehouse also serves a full breakfast on **Friday mornings from 8:00am till 10:00am**.

The Quartermaster Corner

There are four products that are provided at every membership meeting. Available are the Military White Dress shirts, Polo shirts with the VVA patch, white jackets with all patches and finally, you can purchase a VVA 351 name tag. The store with samples is open after every membership meeting.

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.

EDU Maintenance

Ladies and gents.

I will be doing our annual EDU Display spruce-up, at my domicile, north of Brillion.

I will need two members to help unload the boxes on Friday, March 25, 10:00 as the display trailer maintenance happens on the 28, at Tim & Jays, Little Chute.

The dates are March, 28 thru 30th.

Work times, 9 AM - 3:30 PM.

Where, N9189 Cty Rd PP Brillion, Wi.

My maintenance checklist keeps getting shorter each year. Most chores involve; dusting all the boxes, refolding, spraying Clorox on all the clothes, oiling the weapons, resecuring any loose items. I am in the process of building a secure bullpen for our resident Water Buffalo, as his ears, horns, and the driver's head are always being knocked off.

2022 Orange Blossom Fund Raiser Information

We will be doing the Orange Blossom fundraising on Fridays and Saturdays in May this spring. Store Captains will be making calls from Mid March to Mid April. Please join us if you can.

May 6-7	Fleet Farm	Tom Bartel
	Festival "OO"	Bill Olcott
May 13-14	Festival Darboy	Mike Weaver
	Festival — Neenah	Larry Cavanaugh
	Woodman's	Dennis Van Hoof
May 20-21	Fleet Farm	Gary Brynjulfson
	Piggly Wiggly — Kaukauna South*	Mel Rabideau
	* Date subject to change	

Valentine's Day Get-Together



A group of 30+ Members, Spouses and Guests met at El Agave Restaurante for a wonderful gathering with good food and good company.



AVVA

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. (920) We generally meet early evening at the Vet Center on North Richmond St Appleton)

What Is AVVA?

As Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (920) 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. (920) 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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