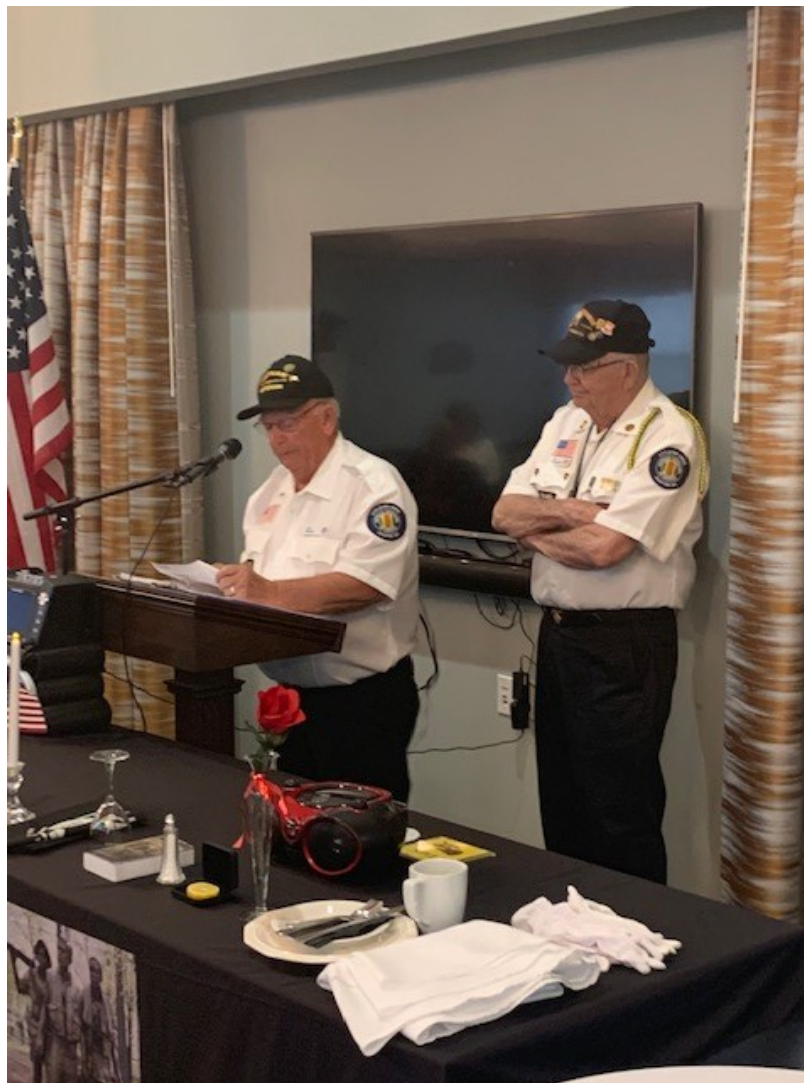


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abandon<sup>1</sup> another.”**



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# Chapter Tales

The heat is on, welcome to summer! We're entering the dead zone of the year in terms of Chapter events. May and June are typically our busiest months with all the EDU Missions. I hope you had an opportunity to participate in engaging with the students, it's always such a great experience. Glen Zimmerman has taken over the reins and is our new EDU Leader. He's busy making plans and gearing up for the coming year. The consensus of everyone is; that we will continue the EDU Program and the Display as long as we are physically able to manage. (ie) the last man standing as voted by the delegates at the last National Convention, held in Greensboro, NC.

Our Display Trailer has been taking a real beating of late, there is a small hole in the upper rear corner on the passenger side and has many scratches with two scratches the length of the cargo box, they should come out by buffing. I will be attaching a piece of an aluminum diamond plate to each of the upper rear side corners. The fenders are always constantly bent from backing into the walls and door side jams of the rental unit. The Aluminum passenger side fender has a tear in it about an inch long, after having been caught on something. I am going to replace both fenders. This preventative maintenance needs to be done, we cannot be towing a trashy-looking, banged-up trailer.

We did participate in the Memorial Day Parade, I made a decision not to participate in the Flag Day Parade because of forecasted thunderstorms. In hindsight, the rain turned out to be minimal, though if we were in the parade and a gully washer thunderstorm came about I'd been crucified forthwith.

The AVVA boat trip cruise at King was enjoyed by our AVVA and Chapter members alike, I understand it was a beautiful day on the Chain o' Lakes.

The EDU Mission at American Legion Campground @ Lake Tomahawk was held June 13-17th. We had our display open for the Open House on the 17th from 10 AM - 4 PM. We had nine members with three attending with their wives, plus a few AVVA members, we all stayed in cabins located at the Camp. It's a beautiful Camp, minus all the modern noises a person can hear all the sounds of nature. If you haven't been there, just ask at your Legion Post for information.

Upcoming meetings 1100 hours @ Post 38 College Ave, Appleton, Wi. BOD, July 5th. Chapter meeting. July 14th.

All the best, Larry C.

## Editor's Musings

Kathleen and I just returned from a wonderful trip to North, South Carolina and Georgia. Weather was warm, but not too uncomfortable for this time of year. We visited with my cousin and her husband. Ginny is a Gold Star child from WWII. We all were glad to get together again. We also visited with family friends near Atlanta. Dave is on the forefront of fighting the Covid19 disease at Grady Hospital laboratory. We sure live in a beautiful country. The Blue Ridge Mountains are gorgeous, but it sure is good to get back.

I was thinking, since this time of year our activities are pretty quiet and the past few months were very active, so I thought it might be a good idea to do this issue as a yearend scrapbook edition. Everyone who participated in the EDU educational demonstrations and Fundraising activities are to be congratulated for a "job well done". A total of six EDU events were held. A great report for all the meetings was received.

Our fundraising results were outstanding as well. We received a total of \$19790 for the Orange Blossom Drive. Kudos to all the people who occupied the six stores on those three weekends.

A Thank You also goes out to the VVA and AVVA members who made the visits to the veterans in the various Senior Care facilities. I am sure the resident Veterans were pleased to see you all. These men and women appreciate the time that you spent with them.

And last but not least, there were a number of VVA and AVVA members that went on the cruise of the Waupaca Chain of Lakes. As we were purchasing ice cream after the ride, a young man said he would pay for our treats. What a wonderful way to end a nice trip.

*Dennis B.*

# Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

## May

JOOSTEN ROBERT WALTER	NAVY	HN	LITTLE CHUTE	OUTAGAMIE	7/16/1967
BLAESE RONALD PAUL	ARMY	PFC	COMBINED LOCKS	OUTAGAMIE	7/23/1967
FISCHER JAMES ROBERT	ARMY	SGT	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	7/23/1967
BRINES GERALD RAYMOND	ARMY	PFC	SHULLSBURG	LAFAYETTE	7 /17/1967
TEGELMAN DALE FRANCIS	USMC	LCPL	MANITOWOC	MANITOWOC	7 /17/1967
MCGREW LLOYD ARTHUR	USAF	MAJ	LA CROSSE	LA CROSSE	7 /17/1970
BANOVEZ MICHAEL JOSEPH JR	USMC	CPL	MADISON	DANE	7 /18/1966
GREETAN ROGER WILLIAM	ARMY	PFC	OCONTO FALLS	OCONTO	7 /18/1967
HILDEBRANDT JAMES GEORGE	ARMY	SSG	MIDDLETON	DANE	7 /18/1968
KEEFE DENNIS WRIGHT	USMC	LCPL	WAUWATOSA	MILWAUKEE	7 /19/1968

## June

HAWLEY KENNETH BRUCE	USMC	CPL	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	8/12/1966
VANDER HEYDEN CHARLES G	ARMY	SGT	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	8/21/1968
MORIARTY JAMES MICHAEL	USMC	PVT	APPLETON	OUTAGAMIE	8/22/1968
IMRIE JOHN CHARLES	ARMY	SP4	JOHNSON CREEK	JEFFERSON	8 /18/1967
HEINECKE RONALD MATHIAS	ARMY	SP4	THERESA	DODGE	8 /18/1968
SULLIVAN JOHN FRANCIS	ARMY	CPL	FRANKLIN	MILWAUKEE	8 /18/1968
VANDERBOOM PAUL WARD JR	ARMY	SP4	FOND DU LAC	FOND DU LAC	8 /18/1969
DENTON ARTHUR GERALD	ARMY	SFC	WEST ALLIS	MILWAUKEE	8 /18/1971
HERING ROBERT HENRY	ARMY	CPT	BURLINGTON	RACINE	8 /19/1968
MCCORMICK DENNIS LEE	ARMY	PFC	WAUKESHA	WAUKESHA	8 /19/1968

## Reflections of Vietnam projected Schedule for 2022 as of 2/22/22

Date	School	Scheduled Moderator	Phone	Location	Scheduled Driver	Phone
7-Nov	Kaukauna HS	Mike Weaver	(470-4674)	Kaukauna	L. Cavanaugh	(264 7919)
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)
15-Nov	Valley Christian School	Mike Weaver	(470-4674)	Oshkosh	D Grossman	(740 6920)

## Nursing/Retirement Homes Schedule

### Veterans Day Week

Wednesday, November 9

Eagle Point Senior Living  
855 E John Street, Appleton

10:00 to 11:00  
Katie Neuman

Brewster Village  
300 W Brewster Street, Appleton

2:00 to 3:00  
Pam Schmidt

Friday, November 11

Appleton Retirement Community  
200 W Packard Street, Appleton

10:00 to 11:00  
Colleen Brickner

Rennes Health & Services  
325 E Florida Avenue, Appleton

2:00 to 3:00  
Melanie Finkelmann/Claire

Monday, November 14

Good Shepherd Services  
607 E Bronson Street, Seymour

10 :00 to 11:00  
Linda Beschta

Willow Lane Assisted Living  
850 W Eisner Road, Seymour

2:00 to 3:00  
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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## **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!

# 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.

# 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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# EDU Visits

The EDU Display Teams have been putting on many miles last few weeks with more to come in the near future. They have been at Appleton West and East\*, Hilbert, Little Chute\*, Kimberly and Neenah. A full complement of VVA 351 members were present at each location.

Our EDU Display is the most inclusive display of Vietnam artifacts of any in the United States. We are tremendously privileged organization to have the display and the people who are willing to answer questions about their wartime experiences.

\* Among Veterans included

# Appleton East



# Appleton West



Appleton West High School is one of the schools that VVA 351 EDU Unit visits. The students were told about the Vietnam War by both members of our unit and also members of the Lao Veterans organization. These men gave of themselves as well as their homes.



# EDU Visits

## Appleton East



The EDU Unit had a very successful year. It was great to get back out to the schools again. The students were polite and attentive to the speakers. The questions offered by the attendees were thoughtful.

# Fundraising

## Woodman's Market



## Festival—Neenah



## Fleet Farm



**Fundraising this year was a success! Over \$19000 was raised!**

# Senior Facility Visits

Jack and Shirley Van Den Heuvel, Dave Grossman and Ron Kraus and others visited with veterans at Eagle Point Senior Center.



# Chief Waupaca Cruise

On June 9<sup>th</sup> VVA 351 members and their guests took a cruise on the Waupaca Chain of Lakes on the Chief Waupaca stern wheeler. Prior to the boat ride, we had a nice lunch in the restaurant at Clear Water Harbor. We all had a wonderful time of visiting and a beautiful cruise on a wonderful scenic tour.



## EDU Thank You

Dear Veterans,

I wanted to take the time to write you all this letter just to say thank you for coming in to talk to all of us. I personally resonated with the presentation because my grandfather is also a Vietnam War Veteran. He was, and still is, deeply scarred by the war. Because of this, he never tells stories or talks about his time in the service. To this day he is fighting the effects of Agent Orange. He is currently in the hospital suffering from liver and kidney failure, as well as PTSD. Hearing some of your stories really helped provide some insight into what my grandpa has to live with every day. My favorite part of the presentation was hearing your individual stories because it provided a more vivid explanation of what the Vietnam War was really like. Thank you so much for taking the time to come in and speak to us, and thank you so much for your service.

Best Wishes,

Cadence

# EDU Thank You

Dear Veterans,

I want to thank you for coming to Hilbert High School to talk about your experiences and for showing us the displays. It was a very well put together presentation and I enjoyed hearing about everything you all had to talk about and had shared with us all. Seeing all of the displays was really impressive and learning more and being able to ask questions throughout it all was fun and I learned a lot. The stories you all shared with us was my favorite part of it all. I also wanted to thank you for your service in Vietnam and throughout the war. I think it was very brave and I'm so thankful that you were willing to sacrifice that much for our country.

Sincerely,

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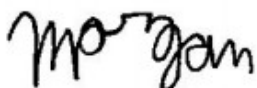
# EDU Thank You

Dear Veterans,

Thank you for coming to our school and sharing your amazing and interesting stories with us. I really enjoyed both the stories and the display, and learning more about FSB's and the M16 really helped me feel a lot more confident about my History presentation that was later. Your service and every veterans service is greatly appreciated and honored, and thank you for taking time out of schedules to come and speak with us, tell your stories, and show us your mementos from your time in service. I learned a lot about the War then I had ever thought I had known before, like how Agent Orange affects not just the people in direct contact, but their family. My moms dad, Big G, was serving in Scotland during Vietnam, so when I visit over the summer in New Jersey, I'll be sure to show him the pictures of the display I took and the stories you shared! So, once again, thank you for taking time to share your stories and experiences with us.

P.S. My little brother (Hes in 2nd grade) loved hearing about your stories, and he can't wait to be a Junior/Senior and he gets to attend the presentation as well.

With a lot of thanks:

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