

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



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Kaukauna, WI 54130-1004**

**September - October
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**Fox Valley's Only Chartered Vietnam Veterans
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Chapter Tales

Where has our summer gone? The stubble of the oats field is a sign that fall is here. I love this part of the year; the trees in all their splendor will soon be upon us, enjoy it. We have at least two EDU Missions scheduled for this fall. If you have a chance, please attend one of these programs, step up and become a Moderator. Glen Zimmerman, our EDU leader, is already sending out the information to various entities for next year's missions, check with him, he has all the particulars for our remaining missions.

At our September 8 Chapter Membership meeting we presented a \$5,000 check to the Commandant of the American Legion Campground. They have various projects that need funding, and after twelve total members and some spouses spent a week there it was decided to help with their cause.

I am looking for someone to take over the Fundraising Leadership position and the TAPS program. The TAPS person orders and hands out a special Chapter Bible at the Memorial Service to the surviving spouse/ family member when one of our members pass away.

Ladies and gents, On a personal note: I do need to inform all of you that I will not be in the running for the office of President in 2023. I will continue my duties until a successor is elected at the April 2023 Chapter election, and not beyond. As Ge. William Tecumseh Sherman stated: "If nominated I will not run, if elected I will not serve!"

This is due to the rapidly deteriorating health of my wife. She very shortly will need constant supervision/care and I feel it best for me to be at her side during this time.

I will make the announcement to that effect at our upcoming BOD Meeting on September 6th and the Chapter Membership meeting on September 8th. The months between September and our next election in April should give you all ample time to discuss and put forth a candidate.

In closing; one simply does not leave a great party before closing time but as the lights go out and the music dies down, it's time for me to hang it up and head on out. As bittersweet as this is, for me the time has come. So to all of you, I cannot thank you enough for making the party as great as it was.

Larry C

Editor's Musings

Wow! What a month! Get back from our wonderful vacation to the Southeast, and a couple weeks later, I came down with Covid! I thank God, that it was not too bad, just fatigue, shortness of breath and voice issues. My speaking voice was at least 2 octaves lower than normal. I am still having a few issues in singing, which will be something else when Choir starts in 2 weeks, at least I have some time to get the voice back. Enough about me.

Since we are at the beginning of the Activities part of the year, I do not have much information to fill out a 16 page newsletter. We had a couple of events in which we participated. We went to Rawhide for the Annual Fish Fry and a day later the Old Glory Honor Flight Plane Pull for collecting funds for this wonderful opportunity to give Veterans a chance to go to Washington D.C.

Kathleen and I attended the Minnesota State Fair with our son and daughter-in-law. I was very surprised at the lack of hardly any Veteran gear. Of the thousands there, I saw less than a handful of people with either a cap or shirt on. I wore my VVA hat and was greeted by just as many as the hats I saw. How disappointing.

I sure am happy we live here where we are not afraid to display our service to this great country. I did not see any representation from any of the Armed Forces at the Fair. Though this was a bit of a disappointment, it did not dampen our fun at the largest State Fair in the country. I recommend that you all get to go at least once.

May the Triune God be with each one of you and yours.

Don't forget the BOD Meeting on Tuesday, September 6 and the next Membership Meeting on Thursday, September 8th.

Enjoy the rest of your Summer and the beginning of Fall.

Dennis B.

Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

September

PAUL EMERSON CHRISTJOHN	ARMY	PFC	ONEIDA	OUTAGAMIE	9/9/1968
GARY ALAN WALDORF	ARMY	PFC	GREEN BAY	BROWN	9/11/1968
ROBERT JAMES BECK	USMC	LCPL	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	9/18/1968
NEIL NORMAN GREINKE	USAF	1LT	FRANKLIN	MILWAUKEE	9 /11/1969
KURT FRANCIS PONATH	ARMY	PFC	CUDAHY	MILWAUKEE	9 /12/1968
WILLIAM HENRY HANSON	ARMY	1LT	PARK FALLS	PRICE	9 /12/1968
MICHAEL LEE MULCAHY	USMC	PFC	STOUGHTON	DANE	9 /13/1967
EDWARD KENNETH RYAN	ARMY	SGT	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	9 /13/1968
CORNELIS A VANDERSTERREN	ARMY	CPL	WAUKESHA	WAUKESHA	9 /13/1968
EDMOND WILLIAM RICHARDSON	ARMY	SSG	POTOSI	GRANT	9 /13/1970

October

ARNOLD RAYMOND SCHUH	ARMY	PFC	KAUKAUNA	OUTAGAMIE	10/20/1969
ROGER JOSEPH KOPKE	ARMY	SSG	GREEN BAY	BROWN	10/30/1969
GARY LEE SCHROEDER	ARMY	PFC	APPLETON	OUTAGAMIE	10/20/1970
JOHN ALEX RAUSCH	ARMY	SGT	BIG BEND	WAUKESHA	10 /1/1968
LARRY WAYNE BERKHOLTZ	ARMY	SGT	SULLIVAN	JEFFERSON	10 /1/1970
ROBERT JAMES WISCH	USMC	PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	10 /10/1967
LOREN LESLIE ERTEL	ARMY	SP4	PLYMOUTH	SHEBOYGAN	10 /10/1967
LELAND CRAIG JOHNSON	USAF	A1C	GREENFIELD	MILWAUKEE	10 /10/1969
JAMES CALVIN WARD	ARMY	PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	10 /11/1965
LEONALD GEORGE GUILLETTE	ARMY	SP5	CASCO	KEWAUNEE	10 /11/1970

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 Scmidt

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

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 of all wars at our tables). **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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Annual Fish Fry at Rawhide Ranch

August 18, 2022

Over thirty people attended our Annual Rawhide Fish fry on August 19th. Those in attendance had a wonderful time of fellowship. The food was fantastic as usual.



Old Glory Honor Flight Airplane Pull

Appleton International Airport

August 20, 2022



The annual Old Glory Honor Flight Plane Pull was held at the Appleton International Airport. Between 30 and 40 teams entered the pull to see who could tug the FedEx Cargo Plane a total of “12 feet.” The teams consisted of 20 members from various companies and organizations in the Fox Cities. VVA351 along with other people from the displaying units were part of the Honorary Pull Team. VVA 351’s Educational Unit was displayed for all to see.



Hope to see you all there!



VVA / AVVA CHAPTER 351
FRIENDS AND FAMILY FALL GET-TOGETHER
Sunday October 2, 2022
12 Noon

Stone Toad Bar and Grill
1109 Oneida St. Menasha, WI 54952 920 882-3900

*Special of day: Baked 4 pc Chicken Dinner \$8.99
Full Menu Offered*

RSVP Frank Witt, AVVA Representative by September 16th
frankewitt@gmail.com 920-422-1266 cell or text



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“America without her soldiers would be like God without his angels.” "Honoring the sacrifices many have made for our country in the name of freedom and democracy is the very foundation of Veterans Day." "Courage is resistance to fear, mastery of fear—not absence of fear." “Never was so much owed by so many to so few.”