

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



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### **Next Meetings**

**VVA 351 will be meeting at:**

**BOD July 2<sup>nd</sup> at Veteran's Village  
2919 W Glenpark Dr, Appleton**

**July 11<sup>th</sup> for  
General Membership Meeting at  
American Legion Club**

**At 1100 hours**

# Chapter Tales

## Hello, Everyone!

Let me start off by thanking those of you who showed up for the Memorial Day and Flag Day parades. We have 166 members and were barely able to muster 10 people for each parade. Nothing to be proud of, for sure! I know we can do better and should. We all did something we can be very proud of – we served our Country in Vietnam when we were asked. And we deserve some recognition for that service. Showing up in parades and other events gives us a chance to get a little recognition from the public. So, please, for all future events, make an effort to **STEP UP AND JOIN IN!**

Once again, we had a very successful EDU program at our local high schools this year. The students love hearing from us and viewing our display so we need to make sure we keep the history of our war in front of them because there isn't a lot taught about it in the history books they get in school anymore. So, as our program kicks off again this Fall, please sign up to be a part of it. You don't have to be a presenter on stage, just help man the display and talk to the students. They need you and our Chapter needs you.

In April, we had our Chapter elections. I, and the rest of the Board, would like to say "Thank You" for your vote of confidence in each of us by re-electing all of us to the same positions for another year. Remember, our Chapter can always use new ideas and fresh blood to help run our business. Almost anyone can handle most of these jobs, so, please, give this some serious consideration for next Spring's elections.

The "MISSION: POSSIBLE – A Veteran & Family Symposium" at the Fox Cities Exhibition Center in May was a good success. I was very pleased with the number of members that turned out to help us man the display for 2 days. David Holst, the Outagamie Veteran's Service Officer has stated that they plan to do this event again next year.

By the time you read this we will have had our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration at the American Legion. I hope many of you were able to join us, enjoy a free meal and help us celebrate the longevity of our Chapter. A big "Thank You" to our AVVA group for making it all happen.

We have 2 more events this summer to help out with. In August, we will once again be at the Outagamie Airport for the annual "Plane Pull" event with our display. And then on September 12th and 13th, we have been asked to have our display at the EAA grounds for the Military Vehicle Presentation Association Convention. Once again, we will need plenty of volunteers to man our display during those four days. So, **STEP UP AND JOIN IN.**

One last item, Ron Kraus has volunteered to start a member calling service to get more volunteers for the many activities that our Chapter is involved with. He has already lined up a number of "Calling Captains" to assist in making direct phone calls to each of you to request your services for upcoming activities. It's easy to ignore my emails and monthly messages in our newsletter but it won't be quite so easy to so NO to one of your Brothers on the phone! Your Chapter needs you – every one of you – and we are going to do whatever we have to get you to **STEP UP AND JOIN IN.** Thanks, Ron, for heading this project up.

Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Hall in Appleton. Mark your calendars now and join us.

Feel free to send me any suggestions on activities or changes you would like to see in the future from your Chapter at [glenz49@aol.com](mailto:glenz49@aol.com) or call me at 920-428-1229 and leave a message if I'm not available.

Glen Zimmerman, President

## Editor's Musings

**Greeting, Brothers and Sisters,**

What a glorious day! Sun is shining, a light breeze is present, birds are singing and God is good!

Happy Fourth of July to you all. The 248<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the signing of the Declaration of Independence!

This has been a busy few months for members of VVA 351. First of all, we have celebrated the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Chapter 351 on June 25<sup>th</sup> at the American Legion Club. I met a number of friends and their spouses, and a number of members I have never met. It was good to see them all. The food was great and enjoyed by all. Phil Moore made a wonderful keepsake plaque to remember the occasion. Compliments go to the committee for their great work to put on an outing for us all.

The Newsletter this month, reflects our presence in the community. The EDU Visit Teams who go to schools deserve a Thank You for their time and knowledge. We also have a great appreciation for the visits made by the Veteran's Visitation Team. Time for preparation and the visits senior residence facilities through out the Valley is greatly respected.

**Do not forget the upcoming annual trek to Rawhide for the fish fry. The date is July 19<sup>th</sup>. We will gather at Rawhide at 3:30 with service beginning at 4:00. See you there.**

Well, hoping you all are well!

*Dennis*

# Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

## JULY

MARK SYLVESTER BEHRENT	ARMY	PFC	APPLETON	OUTAGAMIE	6/16/1970
DONALD ROY LAST	ARMY	SP4	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	7/10/1967
ROBERT WALTER JOOSTEN	NAVY	HN	LITTLE CHUTE	OUTAGAMIE	7/16/1967
GERALD RAYMOND BRINES	ARMY	PFC	SHULLSBURG	LAFAYETTE	7/17/1967
DALE FRANCIS TEGELMAN	USMC	LCPL	MANITOWOC	MANITOWOC	7/17/1967
LLOYD ARTHUR MCGREW	USAF	MAJ	LA CROSSE	LA CROSSE	7/17/1970
MICHAEL JOSEPH BANOVEZ	USMC	CPL	MADISON	DANE	7/18/1966
ROGER WILLIAM GREETAN	ARMY	PFC	OCONTO FALLS	OCONTO	7/18/1967
JAMES G. HILDEBRANDT	ARMY	SSG	MIDDLETON	DANE	7/18/1968
DENNIS WRIGHT KEEFE	USMC	LCPL	WAUWATOSA	MILWAUKEE	7/19/1968

## AUGUST

KENNETH B. HAWLEY	USMC	CPL	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	8/12/1966
CHARLES G VANDER HEYDEN	ARMY	SGT	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	8/21/1968
JAMES MICHAEL MORIARTY	USMC	PVT	APPLETON	OUTAGAMIE	8/22/1968
MICHAEL T LEDEBUR	ARMY	PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	8/2/1966
GLEN ALLEN BJERKE	USMC	CPL	EDGERTON	ROCK	8/2/1967
RONALD LOUIS GRENIER	USMC	PFC	BRILL	BARRON	8/2/1968
RONALD DUANE GOLDEN	ARMY	SP4	SUPERIOR	DOUGLAS	8/20/1968
JAMES LEONARD BOEHLER	USMC	PFC	RACINE	RACINE	8/21/1967
CHARLES R LEBOSQUET	USMC	CPL	MADISON	DANE	8/21/1969
CHARLES E. MCLEISH	USAF	CAPT	MONONA	DANE	8 /21/1970



# VVA / AVVA Chapter 351 Fish Fry Social RAWHIDE



**July 19, 2024 @ 4:00 pm**  
**Gather at 3:30 pm**

So we will be seated together look for the floating Star shaped balloons to find our group



Located just south of New London on over 700 acres of picturesque property along the famous Wolf River. Join us for a guided tour, seasonal fish fries, or other events.

## Flag Day Parade June 9<sup>th</sup> 2024



# VVA 351 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## June 25<sup>th</sup> 2024

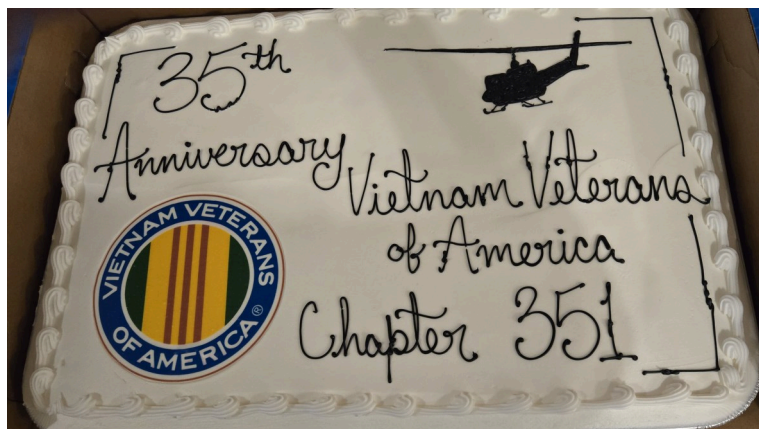


The 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration was held on June 25 at the American Legion Club.

An excellent turnout had a good time visiting old friends and making new ones.

Representatives of the State and National VVA were present and provided greetings.

Four members of our chapter were honored by the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Pictures of the presentation are on the next page.

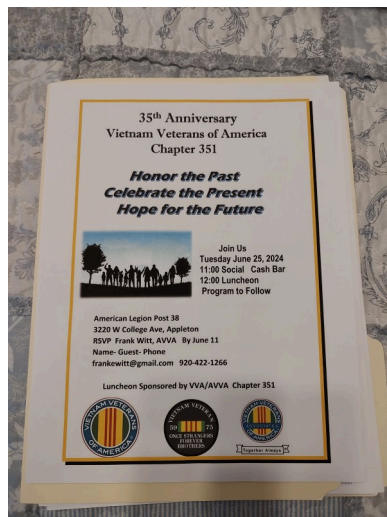




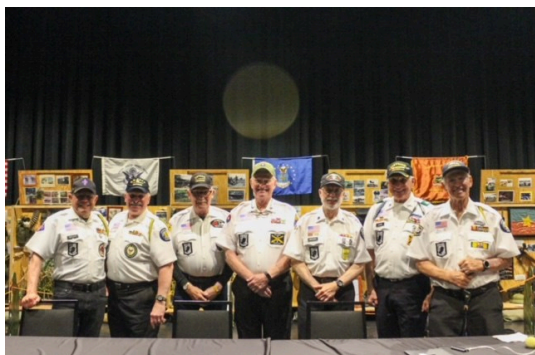
# Quilts of Valor Presentation



Four members of VVA 351 received their Quilts of Valor from the members of the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Cindy Grunert presented the quilts to Wade Van Ryzin, Angie Coenen, Tom Bartel, and Dave Grossman.



# EDU Presentation at Neenah High School May 15<sup>th</sup> 2024



Neenah High School was visited by the EDU Panel. A large number of students visited the display and listened to the members as they conveyed their experiences.





# EDU Presentation at Hortonville High School May 17<sup>th</sup> 2024



The EDU display was brought to Hortonville School for their semi-annual visit. The students were interested in the display and the panel discussion



# EDU Presentation at Appleton East High School May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024



The EDU Presentation Team visited Appleton East High School just before the end of the school year. A large number of students visited the display.





# VVA Veteran Visit at Appleton Retirement Community May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024



The VVA 351 Visiting Team went to the Veteran residents of **Appleton Retirement Community** on their annual commemoration of Memorial Day.



# VVA Veteran Visit at Willow Lane Assisted Living Community May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2024



The VVA 351 Visiting Team went to the Veteran residents of **Willow Lane Assisted Living Community** on their annual commemoration of Memorial Day.



# WA Veteran Visit at Rennes Health & Rehab Center May 30<sup>th</sup> 2024



The WA 351 Visiting Team went to the Veteran residents of **Rennes Health & Rehab Center** on their annual commemoration of Memorial Day.





# 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 table. **Angel's** is at 1401 E. John St. Appleton —between College & John St. roundabouts.

## **Vets and Friends Coffeehouse Inc. 2508 N. Richmond St. Appleton WI 54911**

Free hot meals are provided to veterans and their spouse/friend on the first Saturday of each month. We have a FUN TIME activity from 4-5pm to socialize, play cards, pinball and records on the jukebox. MEAL TIME is at 5pm.

A special announcement: We are building a memorial wall to honor the 1,163 Wisconsin Vietnam veterans that died in Vietnam. A soft dedication is planned for this summer.

## **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.

## **VETS & FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN Inc.**

Meets at St. James United Methodist Church, 100 W. Capitol Drive in Appleton WI 54911. We serve Wednesday lunches from 11am-1pm and Friday breakfasts from 8am-10am. Please join us for camaraderie, great food and a relaxing atmosphere!