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**VVA Chapter members present a plaque to Jerry Trzebiatowski—Wood Shop Instructor at the Rawhide Boys Ranch.**

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## **NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO**

Donation boxes for the upcoming Orange Blossom Drive and other fund raisers were built for VVA Chapter 351 by Rawhide Boy's Ranch. Constructed of solid oak with dovetail joints; a beauty to behold. Shown here, a plaque was presented expressing the chapter's appreciation.

## **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 at one point 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 people fail to grasp this or perhaps have forgotten.

## **SUNSHINE COMMITTEE (R.1)**

If you know of a Chapter member that is not feeling well or is having surgery, contact Bill Olcott at 920-733-8199. Bill sends get-well cards to those folks so they know that the Chapter has their well-being in mind.

## *President's Message*

### **Chapter Tales**

February—the slow month—is history; I 'm sure you enjoyed hearing Courtney—whose grandpa was a Vietnam Vet—sing at our Valentine's Dinner. She was awesome and all 80 people that came to the dinner enjoyed both the food and venue.

March had us gearing up for EDU Display: Reflections of Vietnam. Moderators, Presenters, and Drivers honed their skills for the missions cranking up in April. All members are urged to participate in this program; the presentations help us increase public awareness of who we are and what we do. Companies and others have asked to have our EDU Display at their venues. This goes a long way to accomplish one of our stated goals “to positively change public perception of the Vietnam Veteran. Keep up the good work people!

April, election month, a serious process, saw the election of an additional BOD member to aid our deliberations. Elections in our Chapter like elections everywhere are important. Consider running for office next time around. Fresh blood and fresh ideas are what keeps our group dynamic and moving forward. We have seen—please excuse my attempted Aussie persona—the membership grow “ugely and bigly” in recent months which means we have more talent on board. Throw your own hat in the election ring “iffin” you decide you would like to see some changes.

Enough history! May starts with our annual Orange Blossom Drive on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>; give Roger Daugherty a hand—“Volunteer your carcass”—with this very important fund-raiser. Let's Do This!

Larry C.

### ***Editor's Note***

Wisconsin had a total of 1161 fallen comrades from all of the US Armed Forces. Page 15 gives statistics about the war and lists 10 names corresponding to the months the newsletter is written for.

Send pictures with a story and date if possible; I'll fit them in upcoming newsletters. If you have other topics you'd like to see, please let me know. ***The deadline for pictures, articles, & stories is generally by the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec.*** This allows the BOD to approve, the printing company to print, and me to tab, address, stamp, & mail the paper copies.

If you'd rather get this newsletter by e-mail—only; let me know. Contact Dale: [rcpo633@gmail.com](mailto:rcpo633@gmail.com) or text me if you like.

Also a note for those with access to Chapter email addresses: please be judicious in the number of and the topic of mass emails. Some members do not want emails of everything that happens.

### **VVA 351 MEETINGS**

The Chapter meets one Thursday a month at 7:00 pm at VFW Post 2778, 501 N. Richmond Street, Appleton—according to the schedule below. Refreshments/Social time at 6:30 p.m.—Call to Order/Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Meeting time is approximately one hour. Special events of interest may periodically follow the regular meeting and there is also time to socialize.

#### **2017 Chapter Meeting Dates**

May 18	June, July, August— No meeting
September 21	October 19
November 30	December—No meeting

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **Saturday Morning Breakfast at Angel's**

If you have free time on Saturday mornings and would like to join other veterans for breakfast we would like you to attend. ALL Veterans of the US Armed Forces are welcome; bring a veteran buddy along—there is a lot of room. Veterans do not have to be affiliated with any veteran organization; we have vets from WWII, the Korean, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan wars at our table(s). Angel's is at 1401 E. John St. Appleton—between College Ave. and John St. roundabouts.

**Veterans Breakfasts are on Saturday mornings from 8:30-10:00 a.m. – May 13 & 27, June 10 & 24.**

*Contact: John Koehler 920-858-3310 / [kent1952@live.com](mailto:kent1952@live.com)  
John Koehler '69-72' Semper Fi*

### **Free Coffee and Doughnuts**

Festival Foods of Menasha & Neenah provide FREE coffee & doughnuts every Friday morning for veterans from 8 a.m. to noon. No RSVP required (Phone the store at 920-358-1554 for details).

**Veteran Haircut Every Monday - \$5**  
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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

<b>May</b>	National Military Appreciation Month Armed Forces Week-2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat -3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. Memorial Day-Last Monday
<b>May 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Silver Star Service Banner Day / Loyalty Day
<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Victory in Europe Day (VE)
<b>May 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	Maritime Day
<b>June 6<sup>th</sup></b>	D-Day
<b>June 14<sup>th</sup></b>	Army Birthday / Flag Day
<b>June 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
<b>June 27<sup>th</sup></b>	PTSD Awareness Day

### Local Events

<b>May/June</b>	Veterans Breakfast (see page 7) Reflections of Vietnam EDU events (see page 10) Highway Cleanup Day (see page 10)
<b>May 5 &amp; 6</b>	Orange Blossom Drive
<b>May 20</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Wounded/Retired Veterans Event Waterfront Park-Winneconne at 8:30-2 p.m. Call 920-958-8387 or 252-1764 to sign up.
<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Lake Winneconne Fishing Trip (see page 9)
<b>May 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Memorial Day Parade
<b>June 10<sup>th</sup></b>	Flag Day Parade



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS...

### Let's Go Fishing

An all-expense paid fishing outing for Veterans will be held on Saturday May 27<sup>th</sup> in Winneconne. This is the fourth year the event has been held; it is an incredible day ! Two veterans are assigned a professional guide for the day and everything is furnished including the bait , poles , food , drinks, etc. A picnic reception is held at the park on the river where veterans can enjoy a grilled lunch and drawings for prizes. In previous years giveaways included tackle boxes, gift certificates, lures and other fishing accessories. Contact John Koehler @ 920 858 3310 or Dennis Bloy @ 920-202-4668 for more information.

Can't get enough fishing?

Semper Fi Charters out of Manitowoc offers discount Charter Services to all veterans throughout the Lake Michigan Fishing season. I have been out with these fellows several times and they definitely know how to catch fish when other charters can't seem to find them. If you and some of your buddies would be interested in being part of a chapter group this season, please contact John Koehler or Semper Fi Charters at 920-901-0970.

## CHAPTER NEWS

### Educational Display Commitments for 2017

Reflections of Vietnam Ed Program will be held at on the dates and at the places listed below:

May 5	Menasha HS in Menasha
May 9	Appleton West HS in Appleton
May 10	Humana in DePere
May 12	Hortonville HS in Hortonville
May 14 or 21	<i>King Veterans's Home in King (Waupaca)</i>
May 17	Neenah HS in Neenah
May 19	Little Chute HS in Little Chute
May 24	Appleton East HS in Appleton
October 13	Kaukauna HS in Kaukauna
October TBD	UW Fox Valley in Menasha
November 3	Rawhide in New London

### Highway Cleanup

May 17	Highway Cleanup 5 p.m., Rain-May 24
June 21	Highway Cleanup 5 p.m., Rain-June 28
August 23	Highway Cleanup 5 p.m., Rain August 30
October 18	Highway Cleanup 4 p.m., Rain October 25

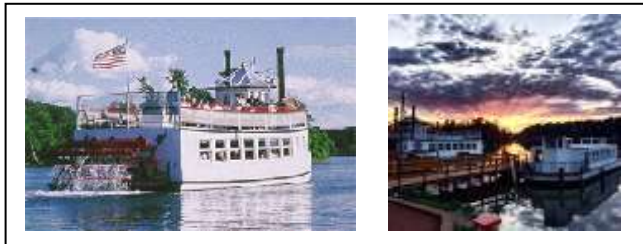
## CHAPTER NEWS

### Chain-O-Lakes Tour

Plans are being made for a sunset boat tour on the Waupaca Chain of Lakes again this year due to the popularity of last year's event.

The date will be July 18<sup>th</sup> and the time of departure will be 7:00 p.m. and will return to port about an hour and a half later. Check your calendars and see if this is a fit for you.

Sign up with Joe Eiting by email or phone and get on the list early: [capteiting@aol.com](mailto:capteiting@aol.com) / 920-205-1565. The cost is \$10 per person; please bring cash or check to the next Chapter meeting.



*Photos courtesy of Clearwater Harbor Resort*  
<http://www.clearwaterharbor.com/boat-cruises>

## LAST MINUTE NOTIFICATIONS

### Ceremonies and Parades

#### Memorial Day

The County Memorial Day ceremony is Sat. May 27<sup>th</sup> in front of the old courthouse on S. Walnut St. in Appleton. The event begins at 11:00. All Veterans groups and citizens are welcome. Chapter 351 usually joins with the Patriot Guard holding flags around the perimeter. Generally there is a speaker and bagpipes; a rifle team and bugler conclude the event. Assemble no later than 10:30.

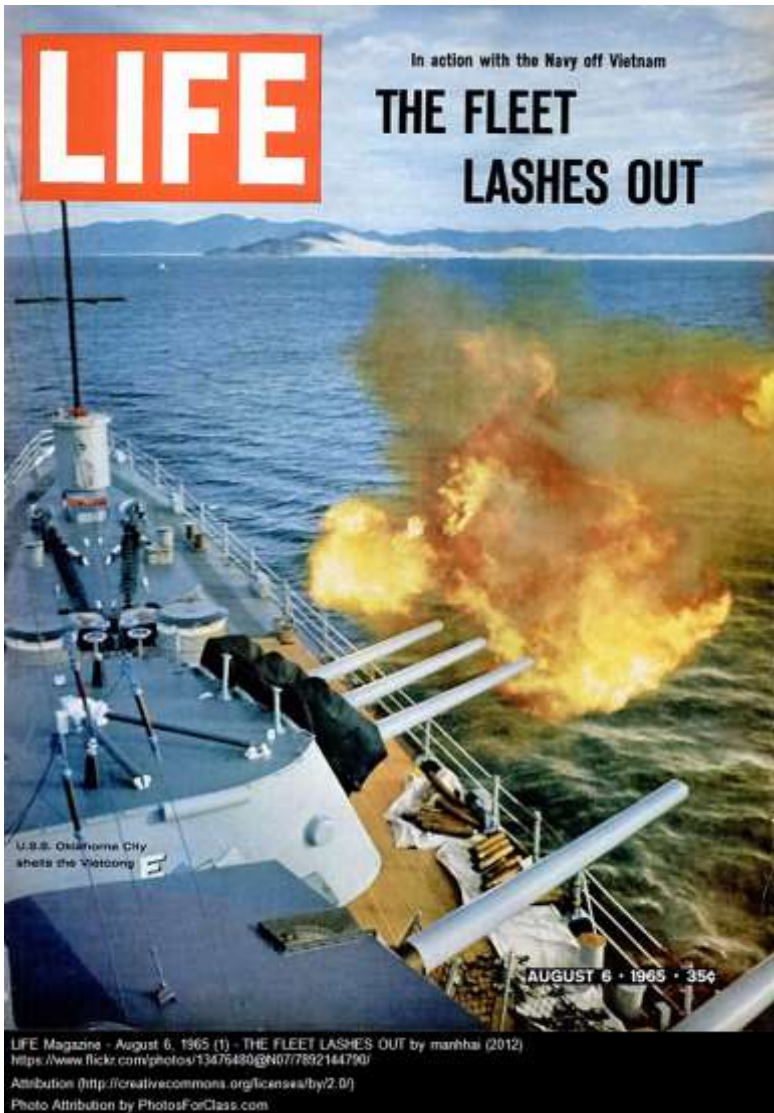
The Appleton Memorial Day Parade is Mon. May 29. Assemble at the VFW Richmond St. parking lot by 08:00. Attendees can walk to Riverside Cemetery or ride on the Chapter trailer. The parade starts at Houdini Square at 09:00 and ends at Riverside cemetery with a meaningful ceremony. Please join us.

#### Flag Day

The Flag Day Parade is Saturday June 10 at 14:00. The parade route starts on E. Wisconsin to State St., turns south to College, then east to Lawrence University. Again, please join us. You can walk the route or ride on the Chapter trailer. The assembly area will be announced at an upcoming meeting. Please arrive no later than 13:00.

For all events: *Please wear a Veterans cap, Chapter jacket or a military shirt or T-shirt.*

## ITEMS OF INTEREST



*USS Oklahoma City, Flagship of the Seventh Fleet firing her 6" guns off Vietnam*

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Back to the World

Some took:

212's,

Or reupped to get out of the field,

And some were:

Very good,

Or very lucky,

Or a combination,

And came back to the World:

Virtually unaffected,

But most

Infantry units in heavy combat

Sent their grunts back to the World:

In the proverbial :Wooden Box,

Wounded physically in many forms,

Wounded mentally to various degrees,

Or both physically and mentally wounded.

*RK Mitby – 50/45 p.13*

## 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.

(<http://www.archives.gov/aad>)

The month of May was the deadliest month for Wisconsin's armed forces with 137 fatalities. The worst months to be serving in Vietnam with most to least casualties are: May (137), March (136), February (115), June (105), January (95), April (94), November (88), August (87), July (84), September/October (74), and December (72). No month was any good with an average of 97 casualties per month overall.

#### May

Carl W. Grimes	Army	Fond du Lac	5/5/65
James D. LaHaye	Navy	Green Bay	5/8/65
Robert Greskowiak	Air Force	West Allis	5/15/65
Hayden E. Weaver	Air Force	Wyoming	5/16/65
George F. Dailey	Army	Ft. Atkinson	5/12/66
Albert Dean	Marine Corps	Milwaukee	5/14/66
Pekka Trunkhahn	Army	Kenosha	5/16/66
Albin A. Baranczyk	Marine Corps	Menasha	5/17/66
Raymond C. Jajtner	Air Force	Menominee Falls	5/18/66
Lloyd G. Wiegel	Army	Shullsburg	5/19/66

#### June

Jerome W. Littke	Marine Corps	Milwaukee	6/4/66
Robert I. Bush	Air Force	Racine	6/9/66
Gerold Schaeffer	Marine Corps	West Bend	6/10/66
Richard L. Hogle	Air Force	Manitowoc	6/13/66
Terry W. Lorenz	Army	La Crosse	6/16/66
Reiner W. Bierowski	Army	Milwaukee	6/20/66
Charles H. Hill	Marine Corps	Fond du Lac	6/22/66
Gary A. Isaacson	Army	Amery	6/22/66
Gene B. Spencer	Army	Walworth	6/23/66
Edward H. Rixmann	Army	Star Prairie	6/1/67

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