

*"Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another."*



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2018*



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

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*Note: Contact list is blanked out on Web version*

### **Late Breaking**

**One of our newest members, Dennis Bowman, has agreed to become the Newsletter Editor—replacing Dale Siebers.**

**Dennis knows his way around a computer and is a perfect fit for the job!**

## **NEWSLETTER COVER PHOTO**

Appleton Post Crescent Front-Page-Headline:  
VVA 351 Float Memorial Day Parade, 2018.

## **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 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 fail to grasp or perhaps have forgotten this fact.

## **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.

## *President's Message*

### **Chapter Tales**

I want to thank all the members for the great showing for both Memorial and Flag Day Parades. Thank you, Mike Weaver for calling the members and urging them to participate. Because of that our people hauler trailer was, filled up to the gills with 21 chairs and 6 members walking alongside.

For the Flag Day parade, Mr. Poukey brought his Korean War friend; we also had Pearl Harbor survivor, Marine Clyde Stephenson (who is the father of member Bob Stephenson). While waiting for the parade to begin, the US Marine Corps Band came over, played the Marine Corps Hymn and then they all shook Clyde's hand. When we approached the viewing stand, we stopped, the Army General came off the stand, shook hands with, and saluted Clyde. What an awesome, unplanned scenario.



### ***President's Message (continued)***

I also believe our reputation expanded those two days, we strive to keep our Chapter moving forward, we've grown stronger, we're getting our name out there and that's what it's really all about.

On a somber note, Dale Siebers health has taken such a turn, that he's relinquishing the Newsletter Editor position effective after the July - August edition. Dale will transfer all files and information to his successor. Depending on upcoming medical events and procedures, he may be able to advise the new editor. Please contact me or John Koehler if you have questions.

We're in touch with, The VVA Veteran magazine, they're really interested in our Reflections of Vietnam EDU program. Look for an article, perhaps later in the year.

My wish is that you all have a safe and happy summer; and, as me mother used to say (sic) "if you can't be good be careful".

Next Chapter meeting; 17 September 2018 @ VFW Clubhouse, Richmond St. Appleton, Wi.

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

This is my last issue as Newsletter Editor. My health has not improved since the operation in May; cancer is still present. I will undergo an operation in July and perhaps another in September. My focus is on regaining my health. I will continue to update my status on [www.caringbridge.org](http://www.caringbridge.org); look for Chief.D.Siebers.USNR.

***All documentation and software will be turned over to the new editor or the Chapter President.***

## Quartermaster Corner

VVA Chapter 351's white jackets with patches clearly identify you as a member. The jackets are available to you at a reasonable price. If you would like to order a jacket contact Dennis Van Hoof at a meeting, or e-mail [dennis2201115@gmail.com](mailto:dennis2201115@gmail.com).

Also, Ed Lau has shirts (long and short-sleeve) and other items for sale before and after the meetings.

## EVENTS AND OFFERS

### VVA 351 MEETINGS & DATES

The Chapter meets once a month at 7:00 pm at VFW Post 2778, 501 N. Richmond Street, Appleton—3<sup>rd</sup> Monday this year. 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 follow the meeting and there is time to socialize.

Summer—None	September 17	October 15
November 19	December—None	

## EVENTS AND OFFERS

### ADOPT-a-HIGHWAY CLEAN-UP DATES

**August 22(29)**

**October 24(31)**

Alternate dates are always the following Wednesday (in parentheses). We meet at the "Park & Ride" at Highway 10 & N at 5:00 p.m. With 8 volunteers, the job takes about 1 hour. Come and help out! After we are done we meet at Darboy Family Restaurant for a bite to eat. The Chapter donates **\$6** toward each volunteer's meal. ***Interested? Contact Jer: [jsanderfoot@new.rr.com](mailto:jsanderfoot@new.rr.com)***.

### **Military Calendar for July and August**

<b>July 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Independence Day
<b>July 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Army Chaplain Corps Anniversary
<b>August</b>	Antiterrorism Awareness Month
<b>August 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Air Force Day
<b>August 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Coast Guard Day
<b>August 7<sup>th</sup></b>	Purple Heart Day
<b>August 16<sup>th</sup></b>	National Airborne Day
<b>August 29<sup>th</sup></b>	Marine Corps Reserve Birthday



## EVENTS AND OFFERS

### Saturday Morning Breakfast at Angel's

Join us on Saturday mornings. ALL Veterans of the US Armed Forces are welcome; bring a vet buddy along—there's lots of room. We have vets from all wars at our table(s). Angel's is at 1401 E. John St., Appleton—between College & John St. roundabouts.

### 2018 Breakfast Meeting Dates (8:30-10 a.m.)

July 07 & 21 and August 04 & 18.

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

### FVTC Coffee for Veterans

FVTC has a Resource Center for Veterans— to stop, study, and enjoy free coffee. The coffee and supplies are donated by the staff.

### Half-Off Meal at Appleton Mr. Cinders

Mr. Cinder's has a **half-off** meal on the **1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month** for veterans. Open at 10:30; offer runs all day—stop in and check it out.

### Free Coffee and Doughnuts

Festival Foods of Menasha, Neenah, & Green Bay (University Avenue) provide FREE coffee and doughnuts every Friday morning for veterans from 8 a.m. to noon. No RSVP required.

## EVENTS AND OFFERS (continued)

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

Our Coffee House provides free soup and sandwich to Vets and Friends every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We have also partnered with St. Joe's food program to provide short-term and long-term needs.

### The Salon Professional Academy - \$5 Veteran Haircut - Mondays

—Military / VA ID or DD-214 required—

3355 W College Ave Call: 920-968-0433

### Reflections of Vietnam Schedule for 2018

Oct. 26	Rawhide Boys Ranch	New London
Nov. 6	NE WI Tech. College	Green Bay
Nov. 8	Lakeshore Tech. College	Manitowoc
Tentative	UW Eau Claire	

## EDU & OTHER EVENTS

### Reflections of Vietnam Display Locker Project

VVA Chapter 351 salutes Appleton North High students Oscar Zarnke, Kalyn Vander Grinten, Gabe Retzlaff, Nancy Chang, Logan McGrath, and Allyissa Lowe for the semester project that they recently completed for the "Reflections of Vietnam Program". They were charged with researching and designing a display locker that focused on the legacy of the Vietnam War. Each received a certificate of recognition and a gift card from KwikTrip for their work. Thanks for a job well done!

Pictured below, left to right are Oscar Zarnke, Allyissa and Gabe Retzlaff.



## **EDU & OTHER EVENTS (continued)**

This year Chapter 351 presented at two native American High Schools in Northeast Wisconsin in April and May. The top photo is from Oneida High School in Oneida and the bottom photo is from the Menominee Indian School in Keshena. The students enjoyed the program and learned a lot; they look forward to our return in the future.



**Oneida High School, Oneida, WI**



**Menominee Indian School, Keshena, WI**

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

Clyde Stephenson, USMC veteran and survivor of Pearl Harbor speaks with a U.S. Marine Corps Warrant Officer during the Memorial Day Parade in Appleton. Later the Marine Corps Band played the Marine Corps Hymn in honor of Mr. Stephenson.



## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### **Farewell to a Great Teacher**

North High School saw one of their best teachers leave this spring. Mark Ropella has been an inspiration to so many students over the years and one of the most respected as well. He worked tirelessly on special projects for VVA Chapter 351 and other veteran's organizations on his own time. He said that he will now have more free time to devote to working on military projects and plans to conduct interviews of combat veterans during the next couple of years. He was presented a farewell card and a gift certificate from Chapter 351 for all of the hard work that he has done for us, including the Reflections of Vietnam DVD. Thanks a million Mark, our schools need more teachers like you. Best of luck in your retirement!



## **ITEMS OF INTEREST**

### **Upcoming Events**

We will be having another July cruise on the Chain-O-Lakes in Waupaca—Tuesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in going can contact Joe Eiting at 920-205-1565.

### **New Members**

At least three new members have joined since the last meeting. The Chapter extends a hearty welcome to:

John Van Den Heuvel  
Joseph Kersten  
Dennis Bowman

With the addition of these three, our unofficial number of members stands at 153.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### FLAG DAY 2018





## ITEMS OF INTEREST

### Perspective

If I start to feel  
Sorry for myself  
When our granddaughter  
Wakes up at two o'clock  
In the morning  
And needs rocking.

I think of the mosquitoes  
And the fire ants  
And the naughty lizard's language  
And the right angle rain  
In the black nights  
Of the triple canopy

And the rockets and racket  
Of the bloody fire support base  
At the same hour..

Rebirth p.5  
R.K. Mitby & Cheryl Mitby

## 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 months of July and August rank 9<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> in the number of casualties for the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsin had 84 casualties overall in July, and 87 overall in August during the duration of the war. Out of the group of 20 soldiers below, 5% Air Force, 40% Marines and 55% Army paid the ultimate sacrifice.

#### July

Stephen K. Dibb	Marines	Milwaukee	7/21/66
Thomas V. Madison	Marines	Delevan	7/23/66
Clayton J. Luther	Army	Baraboo	7/29/66
Daniel R. Smeester	Army	Green Bay	7/1/67
Jack R. Rush	Marines	Algoma	7/2/67
John M. Kessinger	Army	Janesville	7/2/67
Ronald D. Shepherd	Army	Watertown	7/5/67
Donald E. Heinz	Army	Manitowoc	7/5/67
Wayne M. Hayes	Marines	Menomonee	7/6/67
Peter G. Lechnir	Army	Milwaukee	7/10/67

#### August

Kenneth B. Hawley	Marines	Oshkosh	8/12/66
Marvin D. Kostroski	Army	Schofield	8/26/66
Gustave F. Gudleske	Army	Rhineland	8/1/67
Glen A. Bjerke	Marines	Edgerton	8/2/67
John A. Debock	Air Force	Beloit	8/3/67
Thomas L. Meidam	Army	West Allis	8/4/67
Richard C. Ferdig	Army	Frederic	8/4/67
Kenneth D. Haas	Marines	Stanley	8/5/67
Arleigh F. Felch	Marines	Sheboygan	8/5/67
Vernon G. Stich	Army	Madison	8/7/67

## Special Life Membership Offer

**Life Membership Dues are normally \$100.00; you can join for \$50.00.**

**Eligibility Requirements for regular membership:** Service in Vietnam between 2/28/1961 and 5/7/1975 **OR** active service at any duty location in the world between 8/5/1964 and 5/7/1975.

**Copy of DD-214 is required for verification.**

*DD-214's are not kept on file after verification and enrollment.*

V.V.A. Chapter 351 will pay \$50 of the \$100 Life Membership when you Join Chapter 351; here is all you have to do:

1. Fill out the form completely-PLEASE PRINT;
2. Attach a copy of your DD-214 and a \$50 check payable to VVA Chapter 351;
3. Send the filled-out form, check, and DD-214 to:

VVA Chapter 351 c/o Joe Eiting  
537 Jackson St.  
Little Chute, WI 54140

Name: _____
Address: _____
E-mail: _____
City/State/ZIP: _____
Telephone: _____ Cell: _____
Birthday: _____ Gender: M F (circle one)
Service Branch: <b>USA USN USAF USMC USCG</b> (circle one)
Former member / wish to transfer? VVA #: _____

For more information, contact Joe Eiting at 920-205-1565 / capteiting@aol.com.

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