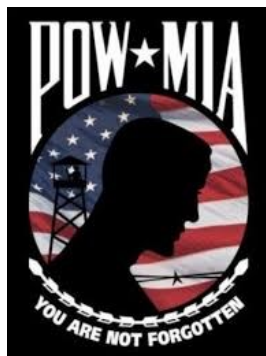


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Scholarship	Wade Van Ryzin
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President's Message

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Old man Winter is still attempting to push its way into our daily lives. Though with March right on its heels, we all can look forward to warmer weather. Spring means our work begins on sprucing up our display, this happens during the last week of March. Springtime also signals the start of our EDU program, with our first Mission commencing on March 30th.

Chapter Election: We need some new fresh voices on our BOD and don't ever think that your one voice can't make a difference on the BOD. At our March 12th Chapter meeting, nominations for Chapter officers will take place; I anticipate openings for Vice President, Secretary, and two BODs. The election will be held at our April Chapter 9th membership meeting. Before you nominate a person please be sure that they're in agreement.

A Reminder: Commissary privileges, Service-connected disabled veterans with a VHID (Veteran Health Identification Card) the card MUST display the veteran's disability status (i.e., Purple Heart, Former Prisoner of WAR, (POW) or "Service Connected" now have access to all Military facilities, Commissary and PX.

All Blue Water Navy are now urged to file a claim with the VA, contact the CVSO in your area. Good luck to all.

TAPS: We remember Clyde Stephenson, father of Chapter member Robert Stephenson, our Chapter Members (15-20) performed our 'White Shirt Walk Thru Salute' at his visitation service. Mike Weaver suggested that we have our walk-thru because Robert is a Chapter member and quite a few of our membership knew Clyde. Thanks to all that participated.

Thanks to the AVVA for arranging all the details for our Valentine's Day Dinner. This was our largest get together of all time, with 75 Members and guests in attendance, plus; Jerry Sanderfoot's father-in-law, Mr. Phillip Muth, WWII Veteran, and former POW.

My thoughts: The venue was great, the food was good, I thought the MC was ok. I didn't hear any complaints, so perhaps a good time was had by all.

Thanks to all for their time and effort in helping to keep our Chapter relevant all through the year. I invite all those members back, whether they left for one reason or another. We may have had differences of opinion, which happens. **Please re-join us**, your input is important!

President, Larry C.

An Editor's Musings

I am writing this letter as the Covid-19virus is hitting the world. The stock markets are going crazy because of the “unknown”. The news media competes with each other trying to get the biggest, most outrageous headline.

The Covid-19virus is indeed spreading throughout the world and that is a pending worldwide disaster. I have confidence in our country's healthcare authorities. Who has a better public health system and local medical systems than the United States? I trust my doctors both at the VA and my regular clinic to get the correct information if this horrid virus involves the Fox River Valley.

I do not see any reason to politicize this potential tragedy. It is time for our government to start working together again. It has been quite a while since we have had a statesman from either party. Nothing will get done with the way that Congress is working or not working.

May our LORD help the World Health authorities get their arms around this huge dilemma.

This is just a rant on my part and not that of our great organization, VVA351.

Dennis

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. (www.archives.gov/aad)

The casualties for January was 95 which places it in third out of 10 and February had 115 casualties which is third in the number of casualties for the State of Wisconsin. Wisconsin had 210 casualties overall for January and February during the duration of the war. Out of the group of 20 soldiers below, 35% Marines, 50% Army, 10% Navy and 5% for the Air Force paid the ultimate sacrifice. (Notice first three entries from each month from five County area.)

March

Allen Daryl Papenfus	Army	PFC	Appleton	3/15/1967
Robert Harvey Reinke	Army	CPL	Appleton	3/21/1967
James Allen Corey	Marine Corps	LCPL	Kimberly	3/2/1968
Robert Greskowiak	Air Force	CAPT	West Allis	3/14/1964
Lester Oscar Biehl Jr	Navy	CN	Sheboygan	3/24/1965
Larry Edward Thomas	Marine Corps	PFC	Pittsville	3/4/1966
Chester Arthur Myers Jr	Army	1LT	Eagle River	3/5/1966
Terry Wayne Lorenz	Army	PFC	La Crosse	3/9/1966
David Albert Siemanowski	Marine Corps	PFC	Milwaukee	3/20/1966
Charles Herman Hill	Marine Corps	CPL	Fond Du Lac	3/23/1966

April

Gene Jay Howard	Army	SP5	Neenah	4/2/1968
Thomas Francis Dazey	Army	SP4	Neenah	4/9/1968
John R Dagostino	Army	SGT	Green Bay	4/30/1968
Clyde Duane Dawson	Air Force	MAJ	Fond du Lac	4/1/1965
William C Pierson III	Army	CW3	Madison	4/4/1965
George Charles Steinberg	Army	CPT	Milwaukee	4/5/1966
Kenneth Lee Schaefer	Army	PFC	Beaver Dam	4/6/1966
Raymond Charles Jajtner	Air Force	MSGT	Menomonee Falls	4/6/1966
Albert Dean	Marine Corps	PFC	Milwaukee	4/11/1966

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 QUARTERMASTER CORNER

There are four products that are provided at every membership meeting. The Military White Dress shirts are valued at \$77.00 with the first one available to members for \$26.00!! Polo shirts with the VVA patch are available for \$40.00. The third items are the white jackets with all patches for \$52.00. Finally, you can get a name tag for \$12.00. The store with samples is open after every membership meeting. You can also call Dennis at 320-321-2915 and leave a message.

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.

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 are welcome; bring a vet buddy along—there is a lot 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.

Contact: Phil Moore prespanther@att.net 920.750.4110

Free Coffee and Doughnuts

Festival Foods of Menasha (1355 Oneida Street), Neenah (647 S. Green Bay Road), & Green Bay (2430 University Avenue) provide FREE coffee and doughnuts every Friday morning for veterans from **8 a.m. to noon**. No RSVP required.

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

OPEN

Friday 8:00am-10:00am for free breakfast

Saturday 11:00-13:00 for free lunch (typically the first Saturday of the month is potluck).

EVENTS AND OFFERS

VVA 351 MEETINGS DATES

The chapter now meets at Appleton American Legion Post 58 on West College Ave. The meetings begin at 11:00 and end at 13:00 hours. The first hour is the meeting and the second hour is a meal and social time. The meetings generally fall on the Second Thursday of the meeting months. **We will not meet during the Summer months of June and August.**

Senior Residence Facilities Visits

Appleton Retirement Community	Friday, May 22	9:30 to 10:30
Brewster Village	Friday, May 22	2:30 to 3:30
Good Shepherd	Tuesday, May 26	10:00 to 11:00
Rennes Health and Rehab	Tuesday, May 26	2:00 to 3:00
Willow Lane Assisted Living	Thursday, June 11	10:30 to 11:30
Eagle Point Senior Living	Thursday, June 11	1:30 to 2:30

All VVA 351 personnel are invited to visit fellow veterans at the Senior Residence Facilities listed above. More information can be received from Jack or Shirley Vanden Heuvel.

Chapter and Associate Information

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. (We generally meet early evening at the Vet Center on North Richmond St Appleton)

What Is AVVA?

As Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America (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. (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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Reflections Of Vietnam

We are close to finalizing our schedule for this year. Just a reminder that as a member you are invited to attend any one of these events even though you may not be a presenter.

This year our protocol calls for 4 presenters and a moderator for each presentation. Many schools have multiple presentations so there may be opportunities for additional people to participate in a formal presentation. A reminder that for those who do not want to get up on stage, you don't have to if you do not feel comfortable doing this.

We can always use members to man the display and talk to students as they pass down the line and share a story or two, or if you prefer, just come for the coffee, donuts and camaraderie. These school visits are always a great experience for the kids and for us.

Here is the line up so far :

	MISSION	MODERATOR	DRIVER
3/30	Moraine Park Tech College	Daseke	Blink/ Cavanaugh
4/2	Xavier HS --	Cavanaugh	Cavanaugh
4/17	FVL --	Moore	Bartel
4/22	Seymour HS--	W Van Ryzen	Grossman
4/30	Valders HS--	Weaver	Brynjulfson
5/5	Oneida HS	Huss	Huss
5/27	Freedom HS	Brynjulfson	Brynjulfson
8/15	Plane Pull (? correct date?)	Cavanaugh	Cavanaugh
8/29	King Home	Bartel	Bartel
10/28	Wrightstown HS --	Huss	Huss
11/9	Chippewa Valley Tech Eau Claire	Koehler /Brynjulfson	Cavanaugh
11/11	UW Oshkosh --	Clusen	Grossman
11/13	St Norbert	Koehler	Brynjulfson

Drivers and moderators, please note these assignments and confirm with me that these are the correct dates. Please be sure to copy me in when you check in with the schools so we can ensure that everything is aligned and buttoned up. WE are still looking for drivers for FVL, Chippewa Valley Tech in Eau Claire and St Norbert.

AVVA or regular members if you have an interest in attending any of these events , please contact the moderator directly or send me a note and I will forward to them .

I am working on one more mission at Lambeau Field for the third or fourth week in October . If this works out I will let you know.

Looking forward to another great year, if you have not joined us before please do this year. We would really like to have you part of this team.

JK

ANNUAL VALENTINE DINNER

February 13th, 2020

Fox Club

A wonderful night of socializing and sharing a scrumptious buffet at the Fox Club in the Timber Rattlers Stadium (Neuroscience Field). Seventy members and guests enjoyed the evening.





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January 3, 2020

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 351

Attn: John Koehler

410 W. Franklin Street

Appleton, WI 54912

Dear Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter 351:

Please accept our gratitude for the supportive role you are playing by providing incentives for the Outagamie Veterans Treatment Court. We are blessed to have local veteran organizations, local businesses, and private citizens contribute donations and/or support in order to recognize the efforts our veterans put forth in their recovery of mental health and/or substance abuse diagnoses.

Your donation demonstrates support, recognition, and encouragement to the veterans in our justice system. Your willingness to participate in their recovery and provide support makes this program successful at each milestone. The items you donated will be put to use to encourage and reward positive and healthy behaviors of our veteran participants. Incentives are a critical part of our program, as we aim to focus more on incentives than on sanctions.

The following certificates/gift cards were received on January 3, 2020:

6 – Kwik Trip gas cards (\$10 each)

25 – Marcus Theatres gift cards (\$10 each)

Thank you for your willingness to continue to work with Outagamie County Veterans Court and for your never ending mission to help veterans in need. It helps us assure that no soldier is left behind.

Sincerely,

Bernie Vetrone
Director

**American Legion Post 38
Appleton, WI. 54914**

1) Meeting commenced at 1100 – called to order by President Larry Cavanaugh. Prayers were led by Dennis Bowman Mike Weaver requested prayers for one SFC Michael Goble who was killed in Afghanistan. This was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

President	Larry Cavanaugh
Vice President	Currently Vacant as of December 10, 2019
Treasurer	Phil Moore
Secretary	Michael J. Bryan
Board of Directors	
	Wade VanRyzin - Scholarships
	Dennis Van Hoof – Fundraising
	Joe Eiting – Membership - excused

Larry requested if there were any new members present at today's meeting and six (6) new members rose up and introduced themselves

Larry also announced the upcoming Valentine's Day Dinner to be held on Thursday February 13th at the Timber Rattlers Stadium. Announcements about the dinner will be going out via email.

Treasurers Report – Phil Moore passed out copies of his up-to-date financial report which consists of a Balance Sheet as of January 8, 2020, P&L Budget vs Actual Report from March 1, 2019 to January 8, 2020, and P&L Budget Overview from March 2020 to February 2021. He started his presentation by talking about the good news on his Balance sheet that we currently have \$50,865.95 in the bank. . He went through the respective reports and explained some of the incomes and expenses to the attending membership.

Larry called for a motion to approve the budget as is;

M/S/P. Bowman/Bartel

With a voice vote – all personnel present passed the budget with a unanimous YAY

Jack Voight talked about Vets & Friends and about the number of veterans this organization is feeding has increased significantly. He also announced a new coupon program he is designing and promoting to help veterans who currently do not belong to any military organization at all to consider joining such as VFW, VVA Chapter 351, AMVETS, American Legion, etc.

Mike Weaver – Election Committee Chair. Nominations will be held at the March membership meeting, and elections held at the April membership meeting.

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John Koehler talked briefly why he resigned from the board and also talked about the upcoming information meeting to be held at 5th Quarter next Wednesday regarding the future EDU Missions for this coming year. He is inviting all interested personnel to come to the meeting next Wednesday. The lunch meeting will start at approx. 1045 hours. Larry indicated that he would like to have all drivers of the display trailer to be at this meeting also.

Larry also talked about Display Maintenance to held at his house. This program will consist of volunteers working on all of the 10 display crates and their contents. The dates would be March 23rd to March 27th.

Dennis VanHoof talked about the importance of fundraising for the upcoming Spring Orange Blossom Drive being held in May (8th, 9th, 22nd, and 23rd) and the POW-MIA Drive to be held on September 12th and 19th. Both drives will be held at 9 different retail stores in the Fox Valley area. He emphasized the need for volunteers to be able to sign up and commit to helping.

Dave Evans gave a brief update on the Fox Valley Veterans Council. He talked about the annual Christmas Party that was held at the Elks Club – for the first time. Kim Craddock became the first female to receive a *Veteran of The Year Plaque*. He also announced that planning is underway to celebrate the Council's 10th anniversary in March or April along with their Donor Appreciation Party, and finally President James Strong was happy to announce that the Veteran's Emergency Fund has provided one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) over a number of years in funding to help community veterans in need.

Scholarships – Wade announced that he is currently waiting for the scholarship candidates to submit their essays and that when he has received them he will need volunteers to help read and grade the entries.

Larry announced that if anyone is interested in running for an open position on the Board of Directors – please see Mike Weaver – Election Committee Chair. Nominations will be held at the March membership meeting, and elections held at the April membership meeting.

Old Business – Larry announced that the chapter needs more drivers for the display trailer. Interested members should attend the upcoming EDU and information meeting next Wednesday at 5th Quarter in Little Chute at 10:45AM. He also asked for volunteers to sign up to help with the renovation and maintenance of the display equipment.

Jerry Sanderfoot gave a quick summary on the Adopt-a-Highway cleanup operations that took place last year. He indicated that the county has limited the grass cutting along the highways to only once a year.

Chris VanRyzin (AVVA) talked about the upcoming Valentine's Day, the entrees, and the location – Timber Rattlers Stadium.

John VandenHeuvel – gave an update on the Nursing Home Visitations – announcing that we will achieve 6 total nursing homes to visit. He also emphasized the need for volunteers to sign up and assist in thee visitations.

A motion to adjourned at 12:16PM **M/S/P** Zimmerman/Moore

Submitted

Michael J. Bryan, Secretary
VVA Chapter 351

Vietnam Veterans of America
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