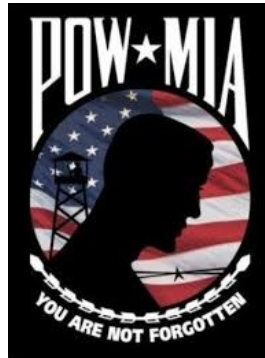


"Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another."



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Chapter Tales

Spring has arrived. If you are traveling about the area, you will notice that the Cowslips are in full bloom near any swamp—they are the first flowers of spring. To me, they are a signal of another winter has come and gone, and fresh colorful new year awaits.

With most having their COVID shots, folks are planning and starting some public events. Our first on-site Reflections of Vietnam Program is a two-day affair at Frame Park, Waukesha, Wi. on May 30-31. The MOVING WALL will be on display at the park from May 28 thru 31st. We will have six members traveling down on Sunday morning for set-up, and four on Monday. Make a day trip to come check it out. We are thrilled that our Reflection's Display is desired at these events, and this will be our fourth time we have been invited to display when the WALL was present.

We held our Chapter Election at our April 8th Chapter meeting. We welcome new Secretary (Steve Riley) and new BOD member (David Trost). We thank our past secretary Mike Bryan and BOD Dennis Van Hoof for their exceptional service. Those retaining their posts; President: Larry Cavanaugh, Vice President: Gary Brynjulfson, Treasurer: Phil Moore. Board of Directors: Wade Van-Ryzin, Dennis Bowman.

Our Orange Blossom fundraiser is scheduled for three weekends in May. We have added another store this year and the need for volunteers is paramount. We need your help to fill out some open three-hour slots, at several locations, bring a chair. If you can help, contact our Fundraising Leader Dennis Van Hoof. Please keep our ailing and deceased members and their families in your thoughts. All the kind thoughts and prayers offered up by our members are really appreciated and they help people through tough times.

Pres. Larry C.

An Editor's Musings

Greetings,

What a time in history this past 14 months have been! We are finally having BOD and Membership meetings in person. It's good to see everyone again, even if it's only from the eyes up. I am sure we will all be very happy when we can see smiles again.

Our Spring Orange Blossom Fundraiser is coming up. We need more volunteers. We have opened a new site at Stoneridge Piggly Wiggly in Little Chute. That will occur on the last weekend of the Drive on May 21 & 22. I am the Captain of that store. I need people as of today, April 20th.

It would be nice to see more people at our Monthly Membership meetings. We usually have about 25 to 30 members at the meeting.

The weather is starting to get better with the grass greening up and the leaves on trees popping more and more each day. In my other life as a Deacon, I have been able to visit my people again. I have not been able to see them for 14 months. The loneliness has been traumatic on these elders. We must give thanks to all the people in the senior facilities that have gone to work daily and cared for their people in both body and mind. They are true heroes in my opinion. The people that I have visited with all are of sound mind even though they had not seen family in many months.

God has provided each one of us time to sit and think about our own lives. We slowed down so we can think about what is truly important, our God, our families and our country.

May He who watches over all of us keep us safe!

Dennis

Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

May

THOMAS RAYMOND BURNS	USMC	LCPL	FREMONT	WAUPACA	5/26/1967
CHARLES WILLIAM KRUEGER	ARMY	PFC	MENASHA	WINNEBAGO	5/31/1967
THOMAS F PRZYBELSKI	ARMY	1LT	GREEN BAY	BROWN	5/13/1968
DUWAYNE SOULIER	USMC	PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	5 /1/1967
STEVEN JAMES LAYTON	NAVY	PO3	RACINE	RACINE	5 /1/1968
DAVID ROY SCHAEFER	ARMY	SGT	STURGEON BAY	DOOR	5 /1/1969
PAUL FRANK ROGALSKE	ARMY	SGT	KEWAUNEE	KEWAUNEE	5 /1/1970
ALLAN FREDERICK BERWEGER	USMC	PFC	ASHLAND	ASHLAND	5 /10/1967
JOHN THOMAS KLOC	ARMY	PVT	FRANKLIN	MILWAUKEE	5 /10/1967
JAMES NEIL TYCZ	USMC	SGT	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	5 /10/1967

June

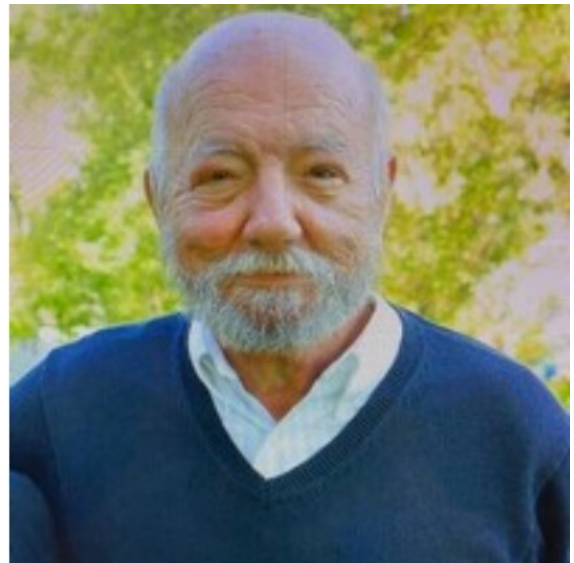
MIKAL JAMES SULLIVAN	USMC	LCPL	WEST DE PERE	BROWN	6/6/1968
PATRICK ALLEN CONNELLY	USMC	PFC	GREEN BAY	BROWN	6/19/1968
MANUEL TORRES LOPEZ	ARMY	SFC	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	6/27/1968
EDWARD HAROLD RIXMANN	ARMY	PFC	STAR PRAIRIE	ST CROIX	6 /1/1967
ROGER JOSEPH KOSTKA	ARMY	SP4	ALGOMA	KEWAUNEE	6 /1/1970
DOUGLAS JACK DAANE	NAVY	PO3	OOSTBURG	SHEBOYGAN	6 /1/1970
GEROLD SCHAEFFER	USMC	PFC	WEST BEND	WASHINGTON	6 /10/1966
JAMES LEWIS HAMLET	USMC	PFC	NEW RICHMOND	ST CROIX	6 /10/1967
JOHN ALEX NORTH	ARMY	PFC	GERMANTOWN	WASHINGTON	6 /10/1969
PHILIP MOREY OVERBECK	ARMY	1LT	STURGEON BAY	DOOR	6 /10/1970

“SEMPER SURSUM”

We lost another brother from VVA #351 on December 20, 2020. His name was Charles E. Lewis of Fremont. He was a longtime member of our Chapter and served as Secretary for 4 years. Even with his health challenges, both physically and mentally (PTSD), Chuck always greeted you with a smile and a twinkle in his eye.

He served as a Medic in the United States Air Force with one tour in Vietnam. He was involved in the bloody enemy surprise attacks during the Tet Offensive in 1968, at Ton Son Nhut Air Base outside Saigon. He treated many G.I.'s who were KIA and WIA. He would relive that battle, emotionally, for the rest of his life. He struggled with PTSD and a number of physical ailments due to Agent Orange exposure.

I knew Chuck as a humble and unassuming human being. He was a “dyed-in-the-wool” conservative and loved his Country. A true Patriot, he was extremely proud of his military service. He spoke with a low, gravelly voice, always willing to give you his opinion on political matters. He was always a lively conversationalist!



He and his wife, Pat, had just celebrated their 43rd wedding anniversary. I shall miss him. “Rest easy brother, the struggle is over. We will not forget you”.

AIRBORNE!!

Robert C. Stephenson bid farewell to this world and passed into eternal peace on March 3, 2021. Bob was a member of VVA Chapter #351. He had suffered from the effects of Agent Orange with leukemia. This past year was one of severe physical strife and pain. Numerous transfusions were required to keep him alive.

In spite of his illness, Bob was usually upbeat and always ready to listen to what you had to say. He was easygoing. Slow to anger. Able to assess any situation and lend a solution to its completion. He possessed a quick wit and a fine sense of humor. He was a kind human being. It was a pleasure to be in his company.

Bob served in the US Army with great pride. He was trained as a paratrooper.

His first assignment was with the 82nd Airborne in the Detroit riots. He then shipped out to Nam with the 101st Airborne. He is the only Vet I know that received 3 Bronze Stars! Amazing! That was Bob.

After his military service, he went to work as an electrician with the family business, Stephenson Electric, which later became Faith Technologies. His Dad, Clyde, served in the USMC as a Gunnery Sgt. He was a Pearl Harbor survivor from WW II.

Bob was always willing to teach and assist others. He ushered many apprentices thru the electrical journeyman process. He belonged to the VVA, American Legion, and VFW. He was a mentor in Vets' Court, helping other Vets in trouble.

Bob deeply loved his family. He and his wife, Martha, were married for 50 years. His children and grandchildren were the joy of his life. We have lost a proud American and Patriot. I shall miss him with so many others. "Rest easy soldier. Got your six brother".



Orange Blossom Fundraiser 2021

Store Line-up

Fleet Farm	April 30 - May 1	Gary B.
Festival – Darboy	April 30 - May 1	Mike W.
Festival – “OO’	May 7 - 8	Tom B.
Festival – Neenah	May 7 - 8	Larry C
The Pig – South Side	May 7 - 8	Mel R
Festival – Menasha	May 21 - 22	Bill O,
Fleet Farm	May 21 - 22	Tom B.
The Pig – North Side	May 21 - 22	Dennis B.

VVA 351 MEETINGS DATES

Next BOD Meeting - May 4 & July 6

Next Membership Meetings - May 13 & July 8

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.

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 351name tag. The store with samples is open after every membership meeting.

AVVA 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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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

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

Closed due to Covid, will open when possible.

Orange Blossom Fundraising Help Needed!!

We are still looking for help with the Fundraiser. We have added a new location at Stoneridge Piggly Wiggly in Little Chute. If you have time to help VVA 351 in the endeavor please call Dennis Van Hoof.

Reflections of Vietnam

Third is that we are planning on doing another Vietnam Moving Wall Program in collaboration with the Waukesha Chamber of Commerce on May 30 and May 31 . If interested in participating, please contact Larry Cavanaugh who is heading up this mission.

Call John Koehler for more information.

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