

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



**634 Bowers Lane
Kaukauna, WI 54130-1004**

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

Larry Cavanaugh

B Co. 3-39th Infantry 9th Infantry Division



February 1966. B Co. 3-39th Infantry 9th Infantry Division. Me standing in front of a bunker, Camp Bear Cat. This is after about two months in Country, we were sent back to the rear to grab a shower if needed and for new fatigues. When we were sent back to a base camp they made us pull guard duty on their perimeter, bunch of sorry REMFs. They thought we were garbage, no one would even approach us, they thought that we were crazy. It was funny we wandered anywhere we wanted no one said a word to us. I got everything except new boots. Two days later our unit was TDY to the Seventh Australian Regiment at Long Tan. We were in combat operations with them for the next two months. My boots rotted off in a few weeks, the Aussie supply bloody bloke provided a pair.

God Bless America
on
Veterans Day

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Chapter Tales

Greetings to all.

The cooler temperatures have signaled that fall has arrived. I had a Veteran's Funeral in Three Lakes recently; I tell you it is always a good day when you head up north, I always have the windows down to smell the Piney woods, and just to see the splendor of the fall colors. It never ceases to amaze me. I hope you all had a chance to get out and about.

Our November 18th Chapter meeting will wrap our meetings for this year. Eventwise, we haven't been very busy, other than our fundraisers, three EDU Missions and a few meal outings planned by our AVVA. In the coming year, we look forward to seeing more activity. Our EDU leader is scanning our past venues for upcoming Missions in 2022.

The VVA National Convention delegates will vote again in an attempt to decide on our ETS date. We will wait until that vote happens and what is decided, before we appoint a Committee to assess what we want to do. Do we continue under a new name? Do we join an existing Veterans organization? Do we just get rid of all of our assets, just walk away and go quietly into history? Doesn't it seem sort of macabre to be even talking about our demise?

I read an article where Veteran suicides are down to approximately 12 per day, down from a high of 22. This is good news, though one a day is too many. It is a tough, tough situation, there are no easy answers. I know, because I was determined to take my own life way back when. It is like going down a funnel, and it is getting narrower and narrower, the guilty feelings are unbearable, you feel everything is coming down on you. All you see is a little light at the base.

Please get involved if you suspect any differences in this happening to a friend.

The following is a different perspective on being KIA.

THE GRIEVING YARD Little is known to the living who walk above us. Yes, they come to visit a loved one or that special someone just to make themselves happy, to remember us as we once were. Oh, to always be 18 or 20 or to have lived a much longer life and choose to be put here in this field of so-called honor. Our eyes see no honor and our souls feel no honor, for we were young and restless and full of our own hell. A country at war, we were told it was the right thing to do, our grandfathers served, our fathers did the same, but they came back to a country with open arms. I and my brothers around me did not, we came back in a box. I don't remember much about that day but that's good. I do recall how much I wanted to be home with all of you. My homecoming didn't go as planned, I made too many of you cry and I was just happy to be home again. I so much wanted to hold you and just be held by you and it couldn't be. As all these years have passed fewer came to visit, and those of you that do still come with tears and smile-less faces. Oh what did I do to make you so unhappy, I just came home.

John Colone, A Co 3BN 101st Airborne, '67-'68

May the good Lord bless all of you. Stay safe. *Larry C.*

Editor's Musings

G'day All! You may have noticed the picture of Larry on the first page of our newsletter. This is what we are all about!!! This picture could be a picture of any one of you who served sacrificially in Southeast Asia.

You guys that were sent into combat are my heroes. Yes, I served the same time as you, but our Lord, THE Commander-In-Chief, saw that I should serve elsewhere and I did with honor and gratitude for our country.

I did not go into the "hell" you went through and I thank **GOD** for that. I had a warm home and a wife at my side. I had good food every night and had a warm soft bed where I could sleep well with Kathleen. If I didn't say it before friends, let me say it now, **"YOU ARE MY HEROES!!"** As we come to Veterans Day, let me greet you All, **"WELCOME HOME!"**

Right now, our country does not seem to be in the best shape. Times look a little dimmer at this point, but remember: What then shall we say to these things? "If God is for us, who can be against us?" ([Rom 8:31B](#))

Have a Blessed Veterans Day!

Dennis

Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

November

JEROME EDWIN OLMSTED	ARMY	1LT	CLINTONVILLE	WAUPACA	11/30/1967
MARVIN NORBERT PROPSON	ARMY	SP4	HILBERT	CALUMET	11/1/1968
KENT ALAN CUNNINGHAM	NAVY	HN	APPLETON	OUTAGAMIE	11/1/1968
LARRY CLARENCE MOSHER	ARMY	SGT	GLEASON	LINCOLN	11/12/1969
PETER OSCAR HAJMAN	ARMY	SGT	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	11/12/1969
PATRICK JOHN CARROLL	ARMY	PFC	MAIDEN ROCK	PIERCE	11/13/1968
ROBERT RAYMOND RADES	ARMY	PFC	HAWKINS	RUSK	11/13/1968
JOHN GREGORY STRACHOTA	ARMY	SP4	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	11/13/1970
RALEIGH L HEWITT II	ARMY	WO1	KENOSHA	KENOSHA	11/14/1967
KARL EDWIN WEBER	USMC	PFC	TWO RIVERS	MANITOWOC	11/14/1968

December

ROBERT GERDES BLANK	ARMY	PFC	NEENAH	WINNEBAGO	12/21/1968
JERRY LEE HAUSCHULTZ	ARMY	SGT	MARION	WAUPACA	12/5/1969
ROBERT ROGER ALLMERS	ARMY	SP4	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	12/10/1969
RICHARD JOSEPH BRUNKE	USMC	PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	12/14/1965
ALLEN L VANKEUREN	ARMY	SSG	ELKHORN	WALWORTH	12/14/1967
JAMES E LYNN	ARMY	SFC	KENOSHA	KENOSHA	12/15/1967
WILLIAM EDWIN PIERSON	USMC	LCPL	BROOKFIELD	WAUKESHA	12/15/1967
TERRI MARTIN BOETTGER	USMC	SGT	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	12/16/1967
JOSEPH NORMAN EVELAND	ARMY	SP4	BLACK EARTH	DANE	12/16/1969
LARRY DUANE TRAASETH	USMC	LCPL	EAU CLAIRE	CHIPPEWA	12/18/1967

Veterans Day Nursing/ Retirement Home Schedule 2021

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Eagle Point Senior Living 955 E John Street, Appleton	10:00 to 11:00
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Brewster Village 3300 W Brewster Street, Appleton	2:30 to 3:30
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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Appleton Retirement Community 200 W Packard Street, Appleton	10:00 to 11:00
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Rennes Health and Rehab 325 E Florida Avenue, Appleton	2:00 to 3:00
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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Good Shepherd Services 607 E Bronson Street, Seymour	10:00 to 11:00
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Willow Lane Assisted Living 850 W Elsner Road, Appleton	2:00 to 3:00
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The mission of Shirley and Jack and others, to visit our brother and sister veterans, is extremely important! These people served as we did and are often very lonely. They may not have any relatives or friends in the area to visit them. Keep Shirley and Jack as well as those they visit in your prayers that they may have a comfortable life for their remaining days.

Also, go out with Jack and Shirley and visit these heroes. You may even make a new friend! The time you spend with our brothers and sisters is priceless!

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. AVV 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.

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

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

Reflections of Vietnam

Wednesday, November 10, 2021 - UW Green Bay

Moderator - John Koehler

Driver - Gary Brynjulfson

Set up - 0800 (approx)

Take down - 1500 (approx)Uniform of the day - White shirt, black pants and military hat

This will be a formal program with 2-3 personal reflections for the audience

We are looking for 6-10 regular or AVVA Chapter 351 members

Event Summary - We have been to the UWGB campus twice during the last 5 years and the attendance has been somewhat limited. This time around Elaina is going to be inviting a number of area high schools, professors from the history and political science departments, as well as the Chancellor of the University who will be speaking during our program. The student veteran club is playing an important role in planning this and is looking forward to "breaking bread" with us so we will be able to share military service stories over a catered meal. All Marines know what day this is and there will be a cake served to celebrate the 246th birthday of our beloved Corps.

The "Reflections of Vietnam Program" belongs all of us. Please consider joining us if you can for these events for an interesting and educational experience that will allow you to connect with fellow vets, students, and the public.

Reflections of Vietnam (cont.)

Thursday, November 11, 2021 - UW Oshkosh

Moderator - Jerry Clusen

Driver - Gary Brynjulfson

Set up - TBD (around 1200)

Take down - TBD (around 1830-1900)

Uniform of the day - White shirt, black pants and military hat

A later day event is being planned to possibly include local veteran and high school attendance in addition to the UWO campus. Formal programs/presentations with personal reflections are being planned. More details will be provided as they become available.

Chapter 351 regular or AVVA members are encouraged to participate even if it is for only for a portion of the day. As the schedule becomes firm, a sign up sheet with times will be provided to help plan support for set up, display and presentation support, and then take down.

Event Summary - This Veterans Day event is the first time Chapter 351 will be presenting our EDU program on the UWO campus. This is after last year's scheduled Veterans Day program was cancelled/postponed due to the pandemic.

John Koehler, Tim Mulloy and I toured the UWO campus with Timber Smith, UWO Veterans Resource Coordinator and Steve Freund, President of UWO Student Veterans Association. The facilities being considered are excellent for both the display and presentation(s).

Since this follows the day after the UWGB program, many are considering supporting both. We hope these "pandemic coming out" Reflections of Vietnam EDU programs at both UWGB on November 10th and UWO on November 11th get everyone motivated to come out and join the fun of celebrating both the Marine Corps Birthday and Veterans Day 2021!

Additional details will be provided as they become available. If you have any questions, contact Jerry Clusen at jerry.clusen@gmail.com or 920-205-4494.



Vietnam Veterans of America

Appleton Area Chapter 351

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VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, APPLETON AREA CHAPTER 351 **RICHARD POUKEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

ELIGIBILITY – A graduating senior attending an area high school or a child/grandchild of a Chapter 351 Vietnam Veteran member.

SUBMISSION – Write an original narrative essay based on your interview with any US military veteran of any branch of service who served on active duty anywhere in the world during the 16 year period January 1, 1959 to May 7, 1975. We hope that by opening a cross generational dialogue with a Vietnam Veteran you have an opportunity to learn history directly from a veteran who lived it and may gain a deeper understanding of their youth goals, life experiences, and value challenges.

You, the student, may be a dependent, relative, or acquaintance of your interview subject. If you are not able to connect with a qualifying veteran of your own choosing contact VVA 351, Wade Van Ryzin at 920-540-0924, prior to March 1st for the name of a member to interview. You must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the USA.

SCHOLARSHIP - The scholarship is intended to assist in alleviating some of the expenses incurred in furthering your post-secondary education. There are four scholarships available, in the amount of \$1,500.00 each. The winners will receive their check following the completion of one semester at a post-secondary facility including technical college.

APPLICATION – Please submit of the following:

Application form

Transcripts – official copy of high school grade transcripts

Proof of Service Statement by Veteran – DD214 accepted

Essay – A double-spaced, three to five page interview narrative essay, in 10 or 12 point font.

The most critical aspects of the narrative essay are what you have learned from the interview and how you express those ideas. Your entry will be scored based on originality, appearance and grammar (verbatim or basic question/answer formats will not be accepted).

All data must be postmarked by **March 31st**. The four successful candidates will be notified by May 1st.

All materials are to be returned to:

VVA Appleton Area Chapter 351 Scholarship Committee
Wade Van Ryzin
821 W Browning St, Appleton, WI 54914

Congratulations graduate!

Wade Van Ryzin

For further Information: ON WEB PAGE www.vvawi351.org
Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 Scholarships

Also check for additional scholarships:

Vietnam Veterans of America State Scholarships

Vietnam Veterans of America National Scholarships

If you have questions or desire additional information, please contact Wade Van Ryzin at 920-540-0924.

VVA Chapter 351 Educational Scholarship

Do you have a child or grandchild who is a graduating High School Senior continuing on to further education? The Scholarship information and application is now available with return submission by March 31st.

The essay is based on an interview with a Vietnam Veteran.

Information is on our web page: www.vvawi351.org

Or contact Wade Van Ryzin

PROOF OF SERVICE STATEMENT

(From DD214 Veteran Form)

I, _____, served in the
(print name)

(branch of service) _____

From: _____ To: _____

My service number (SSN) is: # _____

My date of birth is: _____

I hereby authorize the release of the above information for identification purposes only.

(Veteran's Signature)

Note: Veteran may be requested to provide a copy of his DD214. Please enclose if available. upon interview.



Vietnam Veterans of America
Appleton Area Chapter 351



RICHARD POUKEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Student Personal Data:

Date _____

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle I.) _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Date of Birth _____

Qualifying Veteran Interviewed:

Name (Last) _____ (First) _____ (Middle I.) _____

Address _____

Veteran is student's _____ Parent/Grandparent _____ Relative _____ Acquaintance

Address _____

Branch of Service _____ Dates of Service _____

(Please complete the attached Qualifying Veteran Release/Proof of Service Statement)

Educational Data:

High School(s) Attended with Dates _____

Current grade point average _____ Anticipated graduation date: _____

Academic honors, awards, recognitions, etc. _____

Community, church, and volunteer activities _____

What is your intended major or educational goal? _____

What post-secondary school/campus do you plan to attend? _____

VVA 351 EDU Team in Manitowoc



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Clusen



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