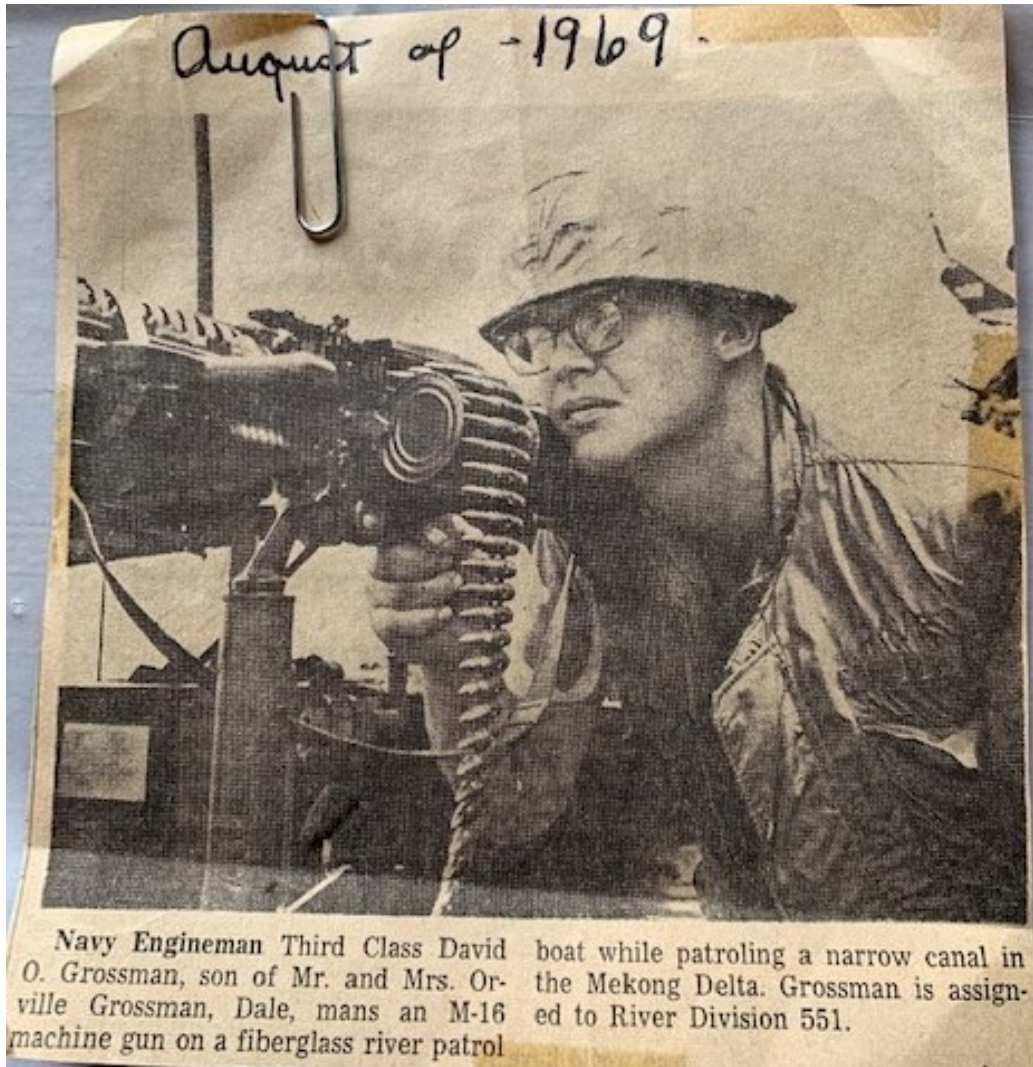


**“Never again will one generation of Veterans
abandon another.”**



**634 Bowers Lane
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**March—April
2023**



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

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Change of Meeting Venue
VVA 351 will be meeting at:
Vets & Friends
2508 N. Richmond St. Appleton
Beginning March 7th & 9th

Chapter Tales

Brothers and Sisters in Arms!

Let's make the theme for this year **"STEP UP AND JOIN IN"**!

And we'll start off by discussing our EDU Program. We have another chance this year to educate the high school students and others of our area with our EDU Program. Our Director of EDU, Jerry Clusen, has done an excellent job of lining up a number of schools to visit in the first half of 2023. And you can expect another line-up of schools during the Fall of this year as well. But all those visits require a lot of help. We need drivers and presenters to pull all these visits off. So, I'm asking every member to **STEP UP** and help out. If you have a vehicle large enough to tow our trailer, let Jerry Clusen know and help us out. And, we all have stories to tell about our time in Vietnam and the students are eager to hear them. So, sign up and help us out. It's your program – be part of it! **JOIN IN!**

On that same order, your Chapter will be conducting their annual Orange Blossom Fund Drive again this year. This year's fund drive will be held a little later than usual, probably in June. We'll get the dates firmed up soon and get that information out to everyone. Once again, we need your participation to make the Fund Drive a success. We need more of our members to sign up to man the tables at the various grocery stores and not just the same 20 or 30 people every year. We are all part of this organization and the only way to remain successful is for all of us to participate. Whether it's a Fund Drive, a parade, an EDU Mission, a special event that AVVA sets up or just our monthly meeting, it's time for you to **STEP UP AND JOIN IN!** It's your Chapter so help out.

And speaking of AVVA, a big shout out to Frank Witt and all the people supporting him for their efforts to continually look for new ways for our Chapter to have fun. They planned a fun Valentine's Day Party on Feb. 23rd but because of the inclement weather we experienced it has been rescheduled to March 2nd. Please do your best to **JOIN IN** and show the AVVA team that we appreciate the adventures that they set up for us. And, they have other fun things in store for us this year. So, stay tuned, watch the newsletters and, above all, **JOIN IN!**

One last item of importance, our Chapter meetings have moved to a new location. Starting with our March 9th Chapter meeting, we will be gathering at the Vets and Friends Building on N. Richmond Street next to Mary's Place Restaurant. Please park on the North side of Mary's parking lot so the front stalls at Vets and Friends can be used by those who are handicapped. A big thanks to Jack Voight for allowing us the chance to use his building. As a side note, Jack will be furnishing our Chapter with a free meal at each of our meetings. For a good time – **JOIN IN!**

As always, if you have any suggestions on how we can improve our Chapter for the majority of our membership, please, **STEP UP**, let me know and we'll discuss it.

Thank you for your support.

Glen Zimmerman

Vice-President

Editor's Musings

Dear Members and Associate Members,

Hope you all are doing fine in the entrance of Winter in Northeast Wisconsin. I think many people today are speaking of the snow we had. We have not had 11" of snow in a number of years. I personally have enjoyed the mild season we have been having. I know you outdoor enthusiasts are saying "It's about time!" I just finished shoveling the residue from last night's snowfall. Oh well, spring will be here in 27 days.

Not having a regular meeting in February seems to feel like we are missing something. I look forward to our meetings. I like seeing friends and having good conversation. The March meetings will be here in a short time so the conversations start.

VP Glen is doing a good job in taking Larry's place. His latest Chapter Tales has some outstanding points namely the EDU Program and the Orange Blossom Fund Drive. Not only that but we need every one of you at the next meeting on **March 9th at Vets and Friends**. Let us get a large group to the meeting from this time onward.

In March we begin our Spring EDU Presentation Season. I second Jerry's and Glen's view that more members **STEP UP** and represent VVA 351 at these events.

Do not forget our Orange Blossom Fund Raiser. We have cut back on the number of stores this year, but we still need YOUR help. This also a great opportunity to get out in the community and represent our great organization.

Since Dennis Van Hoof has stepped down as the Quartermaster, all future orders for shirts both Polo and White Uniform Shirts must now be ordered directly from The Uniform Shoppe of Green Bay. Information to contact them is listed at the bottom of this page.

As we approach this important, if not most important season in the Christian Church, I want to wish each one of you a Blessed Easter.

Dennis

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1816C Allouez Ave.

Green Bay, WI 54311

Phone: (920) 406-3046

Website: www.theuniformshoppeinc.com/?page=page-index.cfm&template_code=contact.us

Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

MARCH

DAVID F VANDEN HEUVEL	ARMY	PFC	WEST DE PERE	BROWN	3/2/1969
WILLIAM JOHN STEDL	ARMY	SP4	GREENLEAF	BROWN	3/10/1969
RICHARD EDWARD MATYAS	USMC	PFC	NEW LONDON	WAUPACA	3/10/1969
PHILIP JOHN KIMPEL	USMC	PFC	FOND DU LAC	FOND DU LAC	3 /11/1967
DAVID WILLIAM KMETZ	ARMY	SP4	WASHBURN	BAYFIELD	3 /11/1968
DANIEL LLOYD MEYSEMBOURG	USMC	PFC	MADISON	DANE	3 /11/1968
WAYNE ALLEN BRATZ	ARMY	SGT	VALDERS	MANITOWOC	3 /11/1969
TERRY MICHAEL STEINER	ARMY	SGT	NORTH FOND DU LAC	FOND DU LAC	3 /11/1970
DENNIS ARNOLD CALTON	ARMY	1LT	BARABOO	SAUK	3 /11/1971
RODNEY JOHN LAWSON	ARMY	1SG	AUGUSTA	EAU CLAIRE	3 /12/1968

APRIL

EIDEN EDWARD VALENTINE JR	ARMY	SGT	WINNECONNE	WINNEBAGO	4/11/1969
BLAVAT JAMES NORBERT	ARMY	SGT	GREEN BAY	BROWN	4/14/1969
HICKEY JOHN JOSEPH	USMC	LCPL	GREEN BAY	BROWN	4/25/1969
GEORGE CHARLES STEINBERG	ARMY	CPT	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	4 /11/1966
EUGENE RICHARD KRITZ	USMC	SGT	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	4 /11/1967
DOUGLAS RICHARD WEIHER	ARMY	SP4	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	4 /12/1968
DANNY WILLIAM HOULE	ARMY	PFC	HILES	FOREST	4 /12/1969
CURTIS STEVEN WOODS	USMC	PFC	LA CROSSE	LA CROSSE	4 /12/1969
STEPHEN JOHN WESTPHAL	USMC	PFC	IXONIA	JEFFERSON	4 /13/1968
WILLIAM C PIERSON III	ARMY	CW3	MADISON	DANE	4 /13/1969

Reflections of Vietnam Sorties

Over the past few months, the Reflections of Vietnam exhibit has made a few stops in the area. Since the beginning of November 2022, the display has been seen by students at Kaukauna, Hortonville, Rawhide and Valley Christian School in Oshkosh.

The responses, both by the schools and their students, were very positive.

Date	Location	City	Lead	Driver	Time	School Contact
2023						
2-Mar	L. Cavanaugh's	Brillion	Display Maint.	J. Clusen	0830-??	
15-Mar	Kaukauna City	Kaukauna	Mike Weaver	J. Clusen	1100-1400	Jeff Malloy
22-Mar	Fox Valley Luth.	Appleton	G. Zimmerman	J. Clusen	0830-1330	Shawn Hill/Jeff Uhlenbrauck
25-Apr	Seymour H.S.	Seymour	J. Clusen	D. Grossman		Zack Rowe
5-May	Menasha H.S.	Menasha	Ken Wydeven	D. Grossman	0800-1500	John Nagel 4-70 min sessions
9-May	Hortonville H.S.	Hortonville	J. Clusen	J. Clusen	0700-1200	Mike Sommer
12-May	Appleton West	Appleton	Marty Huss	D. Grossman	0700-1600	Kreston Peckham
17-May	Neenah H.S.	Neenah	Mike Weaver	D. Grossman		Deb Gauthier

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Let's Celebrate a Belated Valentine's Day

VVA / AVVA Chapter 351

Mar. 2, 2023 Thursday Lunch 12:30

We have a room at

Pizza Ranch

139 Eisenhower Drive Appleton

920-734-8800 (one block north of Calumet)

Buffet restaurant offering pizza, chicken,
salad bar and desserts.

RSVP appreciated: name, guest, phone

Frank Witt 920-422-1266 frankewitt@gmail.com

Wade or Chris Van Ryzin 920-734-9638





TOXIC EXPOSURE TOWN HALL MEETING

Saturday April 29, 2023 Noon
Inviting all Veterans, Military and Families - WWII to Present

D.J. Bordini Center 5 Systems Drive Appleton
Across the street from Fox Valley Technical College

Agent Orange/Dioxin Burn Pits Fuels Lead Biological Warfare
Multiple Vaccinations PCB's Asbestos Fumigants Fungicides
Insecticides Depleted Uranium Oil Fires Paint & Solvents etc.

- Learn and share how toxic exposure is affecting you,
your children & future generations
- Discover available resources and actions

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Appleton 351



Together Always

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 and spouses are welcome; bring a vet buddy along—there is a lot of room. We have Vets of all wars at our tables. **Angel's** is at 1401 E. John St., Appleton — between College & John St. roundabouts.

Vets and Friends of Wisconsin Inc. St. James United Methodist Church 100 W. Capital Dr. Appleton

Vets and Friends we will be located at St. James United Methodist Church, 100 W. Capitol Drive in Appleton WI 54911. We serve **Wednesday lunches from 11am-1pm** and **Friday breakfasts from 8am-10am**. Please join us for camaraderie, great food and a relaxing atmosphere!

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.



If you were active duty in any branch of the service sometime between Dec. 7, 1941 and May 7, 1975 you qualify for the Old Glory Honor Flight. Remember, our veterans fly free as a way to say 'Thank You' for their service and sacrifice. In addition, terminally ill

veterans jump to the top of our waitlist; please contact us for details.

When we host a 'Special Mission' (like Return to Nam), we will post a separate application link dedicated to that unique program. Note, we will not accept applications that are a surprise to the veteran. If you are assisting with an application, the veteran needs to be fully aware you are applying on his or her behalf.

Currently, we have a very long waitlist for guardians. If a family member or friend plans to be your guardian, make sure he or she applies close to the same time you do. We will make every effort to pair you up with them, but we cannot guarantee they will be chosen due to our long waitlist. We do not allow spouses or significant others to be guardians, please see our FAQs for more information <https://www.oldgloryhonorflight.org/about/faq/>.

Senior Facility Visits

Good Shepherd Services

607 E Bronson Street
Seymour, Wi 54165

Linda Beschta

Friday, June 2 10:00 to 11:00

Tuesday, November 14 10:00 to 11:00

Rennes Health and Rehab

325 E Florida Avenue
Appleton, Wi 54911

Melanie Fintelmann/ Claire

Wed, May 24 2:00 to 3:00

Friday, November 10 2:00 to 3:00

Appleton Retirement Community

200 W Packard Street
Appleton, Wi 54911

Colleen Brickner/Stacy Rueb

Wed, May 24 10:00 to 11:00

Friday, November 10 10:00 to 11:00

Brewster Village

300 W Brewster Street
Appleton, Wi 54914

Pam Schmidt

Friday, May 19 2:00 to 3:00

Wednesday, November 8 2:00 to 3:00

Eagle Point Senior Living

855 E John Street
Appleton, Wi 54911

Katie Neuman/Brenda McKenzie-Memory Care

Friday, May 19 10:00 to 11:00

Wednesday, November 8 10:00 to 11:00

Willow Lane Assisted Living

850 W Eisner Road
Appleton, Wi 54913

Alexa Biese/Jenny

Friday, June 2 2:00 to 3:00

Tuesday, November 14 2:00 to 3:00

Veterans Supporting Veterans Fellowship and Support Group

This group meets:

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Parish.

2771 Oakwood Dr, Green Bay.

First Wednesday every month

Time: 0900-1000 hrs.

Moderator: Sister Mary. 920-499-1546.

Coffee/donuts served. Open to all Vets.

(Take Hwy 172 exit of Hwy 41. Head toward Airport. Turn right onto Packerland Dr. Go North a few blocks, then turn left onto Oakwood)

See Mike Weaver w/questions

AVVA

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.

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