

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



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

**May—June
2023**

“WISCONSIN’S 37”

We honor Wisconsin’s 37 Military Men Missing in Action of the Vietnam War

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**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 Coffeehouse
2508 N. Richmond St. Appleton
May 6th BOD and May 8th for
General Membership Membership

Chapter Tales

Fellow Chapter Members,

Let me start this month by expressing my humble thanks to all of you who elected me President of this wonderful organization. I can't begin to tell you how much I appreciate the confidence you have placed in me. I only pray that I will be able to continue to move our Chapter forward just as others have before me. I'm sure all the other Officers and Board members feel the same regarding their election to the offices they now hold. We will do the best we can to keep our brotherhood and sisterhood strong. And, I would ask that all of you work with your Board to help make us the best Chapter we can be. Thanks to each Officer and Board member who was willing to **STEP UP AND JOIN IN!**

By the time you read this newsletter, our Toxic Exposure Seminar at the Bordini Center in Appleton on April 29th will be in the books. Putting this project together took an awful lot of work on the part of Frank Witt, Shirley Van Den Heuvel, Chris Van Ryzin and many others who were involved and I thank them for all of their efforts. I hope many of you had a chance to attend the half-day seminar and were able to take home some useful information. A big "thanks" also to everyone who attended and to all the presenters. Thanks to those who were willing to **STEP UP AND JOIN IN!**

It's summertime again and that means it's parade season again. Our Chapter will be participating in both the Appleton Memorial Day parade (May 29th) and the Appleton Flag Day parade (June 10th). Please mark your calendars now and **JOIN IN**. We would love to have the "troop hauler" filled with Chapter members instead of trying to make it look full with grandkids. Scheduled meeting times and locations for each parade will be communicated to everyone prior to the date of the parade. This is a simple way to show your pride in your service to our Country, so **STEP UP AND JOIN IN!**

Our annual Orange Blossom Fund Drive has been scheduled for June 23rd and 24th. Since we are all getting older and are not able to do as much as we used to, we decided to only tackle 2 stores this year— Woodman's and Fleet Farm. If you are willing to help with a 3-hour shift on either Friday or Saturday, please contact Mike Weaver or Tom Bartel to **SIGN UP AND JOIN IN!** Remember, these fundraisers help support our Chapter projects, donations and events throughout the year. Please help out.

A reminder that our Chapter meetings are now being held at the Vets and Friends Coffee House at 2508 N. Richmond Street in Appleton 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 furnishing meals for us at each of our meetings. The tenderloin tips were great! Our next meeting is scheduled for May 11. Please **JOIN IN!** Who knows what's on tJack's menu for the next one?

One last item of interest, the "Moving Wall" or the "Wall that Heals" will be in Crivitz, Wisconsin from June 1st to June 4th. I know some of our Chapter members are planning to go up there. You may want to ride along or get your own group together. Ask around at the May meeting.

Thank you all for your support and feel free to send me any suggestions on things we can do to improve our Chapter.

Glen Zimmerman

President

Editor's Musings

Good morning on a “Spring” day that might hit 60°! First of all, I want to say “Thank You” to all who participated in the annual maintenance of the EDU trailer and Display. Those are not easy tasks. I also want to give credit to the Members who take the time to drive to the display locations, help set up, standby and tell the audience about the artifacts from the war and revive and communicate some both good and uncomfortable memories.

Many members of VVA 351 are attending the Toxic Exposure program this Saturday. Numerous people were involved in setting up this worthwhile effort to bring knowledge to the veterans of all the recent wars who have had exposure to noxious substances. I would like to thank the members of the AVVA including Frank, Chris, and Shirley among others that I may have forgotten.

Congratulations to our new organization electees: Glen Zimmerman – President, Jerry Clusen – Vice President and Mike Weaver – Board Member. We still have a few committees needing leaders.

See you all in May,
Dennis

Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

May

HEIDER ANDREW L	ARMY	PFC	NEENAH	WINNEBAGO	5/13/1968
LUPE EUGENE KENNETH	USMC	PFC	GREEN BAY	BROWN	5/18/1968
ZOBEL STEVEN LYNN	USMC	LCPL	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	5/21/1968
HEYNE RAYMOND THOMAS	USMC	LCPL	MASON	BAYFIELD	5 /10/1968
BLACKMAN THOMAS JOSEPH	USMC	PFC	RACINE	RACINE	5 /10/1968
LAHNER THOMAS ALLAN	ARMY	SP4	EAU CLAIRE	CHIPPEWA	5 /10/1972
CARLSON PETER JOHN	ARMY	2LT	LA CROSSE	LA CROSSE	5 /11/1967
TURNER MICHAEL BRUCE	ARMY	CPL	LA CROSSE	LA CROSSE	5 /11/1968
RANK DENNIS ROBERT	ARMY	SP4	ADAMS	ADAMS	5 /11/1969
MCCLURE PATRICK RYAN	USMC	PFC	RACINE	RACINE	5 /11/1969

June

BELLILE WILLIAM MARVIN	ARMY	SGT	NEW LONDON	WAUPACA	6/9/1969
AHRENS JAMES JOHN	USMC	PFC	GREEN BAY	BROWN	6/19/1969
VALDEZ FRANCIS PEDRO	ARMY	SP5	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	6/7/1970
RIXMANN EDWARD HAROLD	ARMY	PFC	STAR PRAIRIE	ST CROIX	6 /1/1967
KOSTKA ROGER JOSEPH	ARMY	SP4	ALGOMA	KEWAUNEE	6 /1/1970
DAANE DOUGLAS JACK	NAVY	PO3	OOSTBURG	SHEBOYGAN	6 /1/1970
SCHAEFFER GEROLD	USMC	PFC	WEST BEND	WASHINGTON	6 /10/1966
HAMLET JAMES LEWIS	USMC	PFC	NEW RICHMOND	ST CROIX	6 /10/1967
NORTH JOHN ALEX	ARMY	PFC	GERMANTOWN	WASHINGTON	6 /10/1969
OVERBECK PHILIP MOREY	ARMY	1LT	STURGEON BAY	DOOR	6 /10/1970

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						
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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Ken Wydeven		920-734-9540



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

RSVP Frank Witt frankewitt@gmail.com 920-422-1266 cell or text



Appleton 351



Together Always

Since many of you will read the Newsletter after the Town Hall Meeting, and may have missed it due to unforeseen circumstances will be able to view the entire meeting online. A message will be sent out as

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.

VVA 351 EDU Display in Kaukauna



On March 15th the VVA351 Educational Unit set up at the Community Room in Kaukauna for a get together of the Kaukauna Senior Group and Students from St. Ignatius Catholic School.



The Students from St. Ignatius were very polite and inquisitive. They offered thoughtful questions to the VVA Members who presented their stories. The sixth grade teacher is Mrs. Brandy Bures, an OIF Army Sergeant . I am sure with her background she taught their Vietnam section with honor.



The attendance during the visit was wonderful. Some of the Senior group were Veterans, a number of them from Vietnam.



We thank the City of Kaukauna for the opportunity to display and tell the Stories of Vietnam.



VVA 351 EDU Visit to Fox Valley Lutheran High School



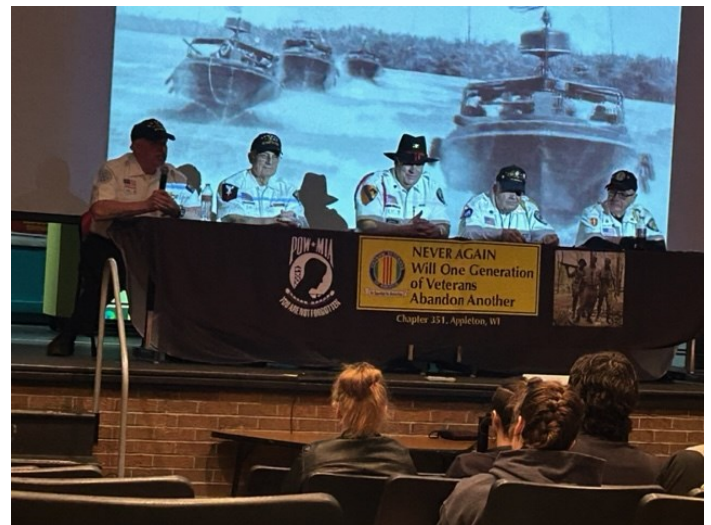
On March 22nd VVA 351 Members visited FVL with our EDU Display. The Junior and Senior students had just completed an American History chapter on the Vietnam War. The students were very interested in the display and asked probing questions of our members. There was a 1 hour discussion period when four participants gave their stories and fielded questions from the classes. This was a very enjoyable visit to one of our fine schools in the Fox Valley.



EDU Visit to Seymour High School



Members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 took the EDU Display to Seymour High School on April 25th. A discussion period was held for the Veterans to tell their stories and answer questions from the Students. Questions were clear and concise by the student body.



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.

Frank Witt

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2nd Annual Restricted Flight Golf Tournament

**2 Person Scramble \$30.00 Per Person
Walking - \$10.00 extra for Cart**

**Rainbow Straits Golf
Course part of
Camp 10
Campground**

*18227 US 10, Reedsville. Wisconsin on Sunday, July 16, 2023
Noon Shotgun Start. Every entry will be given 2 restricted flight
golf balls. Regular golf balls cannot be used!*

**18 Holes (9 Holes Putting on
Greens and 9 Chipping Holes)**

**Beverage Cart
Hole Prizes**

Contact: Dave Trost
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Please make checks payable to Old
Glory Honor Flight