

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



**634 Bowers Lane
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**July — August
2023**



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

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Next Meetings

**VVA 351 will be meeting at:
Vets & Friends Coffeehouse
2508 N. Richmond St. Appleton
July 5th BOD and July 13th for
General Membership Meeting**

Chapter Tales

Fellow Chapter Members,

“It’s Summer time and the living is easy”, or so the song goes! Hope everyone is getting a chance to go outside and enjoy the warm weather and sunshine (although my lawn says it would appreciate some rain!).

Well, the parades have come and gone this year. Ten members rode in the Memorial Day parade on May 29th and twelve dedicated souls joined in the Flag Day parade on June 10th. Would like to see many more members **JOIN IN** on these activities. It’s not hard to sit and ride while smiling and waving at the crowds. We were blessed with great weather for both parades. Think about **JOINING IN** next year. Many of us don’t have a lot of years left so let’s show your pride in your service to our Country and **STEP UP AND JOIN IN!**

Our annual Orange Blossom Fund Drive is happening on June 23rd and 24th. We will be collecting at two 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!** And in September we will have our POW/MIA Fund Drive. Remember, these fundraisers help support our Chapter projects, donations and events throughout the year. Please help out.

Our next Chapter meeting is scheduled for July 13th again at 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. I have received some requests to consider changing our meeting place as the parking is not close enough for a lot of us older people. We can discuss this at the upcoming meeting. Meantime, show up at the meeting and voice your opinion. Please **JOIN IN!**

Several of our members were at the “Moving Wall” or the “Wall that Heals” in Crivitz, Wisconsin on June 3rd including myself. It’s always a touching memorial to our brothers and sisters who never made it home alive. May they RIP!

My thanks to all of you who work so hard to keep this Chapter running smoothly. Please feel free to send me any suggestions on what we can do to improve our Chapter.

Glen Zimmerman, President

Editor's Musings

Good Afternoon One and all,

First of all, I want to thank everyone with the photos from the Senior Citizen Visits, EDU Sorties and Flag Day Parade. They all look great!

I, like Glen, wish you a great Summer. As I sit here, you wonder if it will ever last more than 3 days in a row. Well, at least it is not snow, but I maybe should not have said that. We must think of our brothers and sisters down South who are suffering through another season of severe storms. May God be with each one of them.

During the last year and a half I have had the opportunity to use VA Community Care. This has been a great chance to go to a local medical facility rather than having to go to the Milwaukee VA twelve times. Hopefully, relief may be coming shortly.

I had a wonderful ride on the People Transport in the 72nd Flag Day Parade. The weather was absolutely fantastic considering that there may be rain during the parade. This year we were 87th which was much lower than in years past. It is unknown if people had left the parade route by the time we stepped off. No matter, it was very heartwarming to see the attendees throughout the route rising and applauding as we passed by. I enjoy riding in the parade year after year. It never gets old.

Our organization was very busy these past couple months as can be seen in the photos. Do not forget to attend the Annual Rawhide Fish Fry on Friday July 21st. See the announcement on page 7. Thank you for **Joining In**.

Dennis

Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

July

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| LAST DONALD ROY | ARMY | SP4 | OSHKOSH | WINNEBAGO | 7/10/1967 |
| JOOSTEN ROBERT WALTER | NAVY | HN | LITTLE CHUTE | OUTAGAMIE | 7/16/1967 |
| BLAESE RONALD PAUL | ARMY | PFC | COMBINED LOCKS | OUTAGAMIE | 7/23/1967 |
| GERALD RAYMOND BRINES | ARMY | PFC | SHULLSBURG | LAFAYETTE | 7 /17/1967 |
| DALE FRANCIS TEGELMAN | USMC | LCPL | MANITOWOC | MANITOWOC | 7 /17/1967 |
| LLOYD ARTHUR MCGREW | USAF | MAJ | LA CROSSE | LA CROSSE | 7 /17/1970 |
| MICHAEL JOSEPH BANOVEZ JR | USMC | CPL | MADISON | DANE | 7 /18/1966 |
| ROGER WILLIAM GREETAN | ARMY | PFC | OCONTO FALLS | OCONTO | 7 /18/1967 |
| JAMES GEORGE HILDEBRANDT | ARMY | SSG | MIDDLETON | DANE | 7 /18/1968 |
| DENNIS WRIGHT KEEFE | USMC | LCPL | WAUWATOSA | MILWAUKEE | 7 /19/1968 |

August

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| | MARINE | | | | |
| HAWLEY KENNETH BRUCE | CORPS | CPL | OSHKOSH | WINNEBAGO | 8/12/1966 |
| VANDER HEYDEN CHARLES G | ARMY | SGT | OSHKOSH | WINNEBAGO | 8/21/1968 |
| MORIARTY JAMES MICHAEL | USMC | PVT | APPLETON | OUTAGAMIE | 8/22/1968 |
| JOHN CHARLES IMRIE | ARMY | SP4 | JOHNSON CREEK | JEFFERSON | 8/18/1967 |
| RONALD MATHIAS HEINECKE | ARMY | SP4 | THERESA | DODGE | 8/18/1968 |
| JOHN FRANCIS SULLIVAN | ARMY | CPL | FRANKLIN | MILWAUKEE | 8/18/1968 |
| PAUL WARD VANDERBOOM JR | ARMY | SP4 | FOND DU LAC | FOND DU LAC | 8/18/1969 |
| ARTHUR GERALD DENTON | ARMY | SFC | WEST ALLIS | MILWAUKEE | 8/18/1971 |
| ROBERT HENRY HERING | ARMY | CPT | BURLINGTON | RACINE | 8/19/1968 |
| DENNIS LEE MCCORMICK | ARMY | PFC | WAUKESHA | WAUKESHA | 8 /19/1968 |

VVA / AVVA Chapter 351 Fish Fry Social

RAWHIDE

July 21, 2023 @ 5:00 pm Gather at 4:45 pm

So we will be seated together

Look for the floating Star shaped balloons to find our group

WHAT DO RAWHIDE AND FISH FRIES HAVE IN COMMON?
They are both tools that transform the lives of Wisconsin's at-risk youth!
Supporting our youth



MENU FEATURES

- Hand-breaded Lake Perch
- Breaded Haddock
- Shrimp
- Baked Haddock
- Broasted Chicken
- Combination Platter

RSVP Frank Witt, AVVA Representative by July 14th

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

Directions to Rawhide E7475 Rawhide Rd, New London 54961

Located just south of New London on over 700 acres of picturesque property along the famous Wolf River. Join us for a guided tour, seasonal fish fries, or other events.

From the East (Appleton Area)

- Exit US 41 at Hwy 96 exit (by the Fox River Mall)
- Continue west on Hwy 96 15 miles to the town of Readfield
- Right (north) on Cty Rd W 2.75 miles to Cty Rd HH
- Left (west) on Cty Rd HH 1 mile to Ernst Rd
- Right (north) on Ernst Rd 1/2 mile
- Road will curve to left and become Weiland Rd
- Continue 3 miles to end of road and Rawhide
- (Weiland Rd becomes Rawhide Rd just before Rawhide)



Together Always

Rennes Health and Rehab Center



On Friday, May 24, 2023 the VVA/AVVA committee visited Rennes Health and Rehab. Everyone enjoyed the singing with our very own Roy Rogers!



Appleton Retirement Community



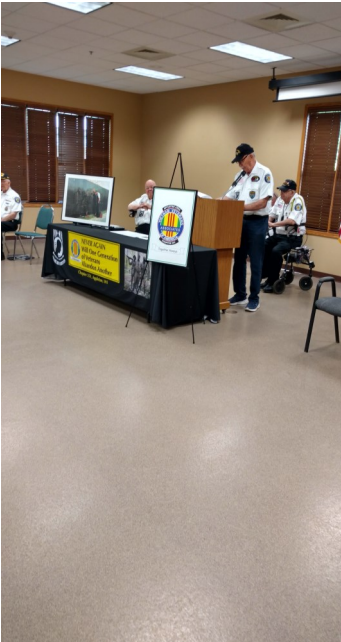
On May 24th the Senior Visitation Committee visited with the veteran members in residence at the Appleton Retirement Community. A great number of people were in attendance.



Good Shepherd Home—Seymour



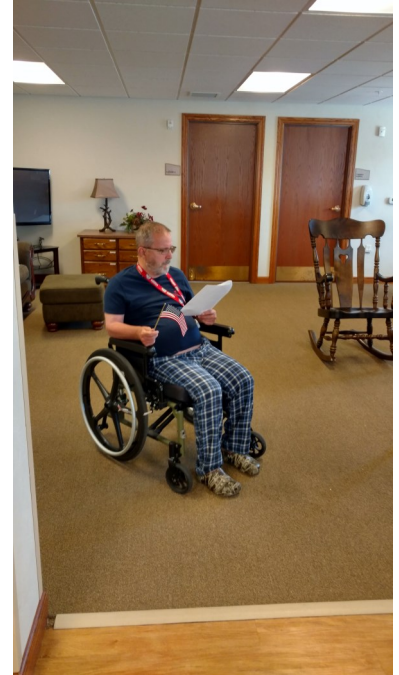
On Friday, June 2 the Nursing/ Retirement Home committee visited Good Shepherd Services nursing home in Seymour. That day the committee included **Frank Witt, Jack and Shirley Van Den Heuvel, Wade and Chris Van Ryzin, Tom Bartel, Roy and Darlene Rogers, Dave Trost and Dave Grossman.** It was enjoyed by all.



Willow Lane Assisted Living Center



On Friday, June 2 the nursing/retirement committee also visited Willow Lane. Songs were sung and Memorial Day speeches read.



EDU Visit to Menasha High School



On May 5th Members of VVA 351 visited with the students at Menasha High School. As can be seen in the pictures numerous attendees were present.



EDU Unit at Hortonville High School



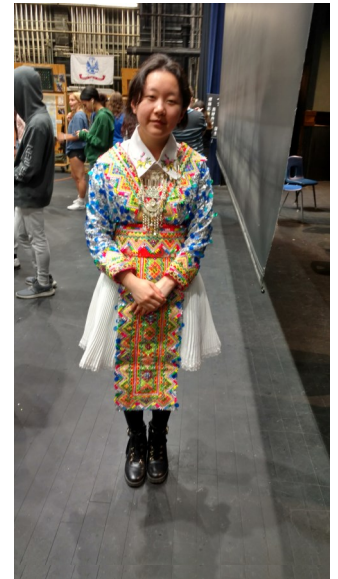
EDU Unit
at Horton-
ville High
School



VVA 351 visit to Appleton West High School



A group of VVA 351 Veterans along with a couple Hmong women talk about the EDU display and their time in Vietnam.



VVA 351 Members at Neenah High School



Neenah High School's last exhibit in the "old" building.



The 72nd Annual Flag Day Parade



On June tenth VVA 351 showed their presence in Appleton's Flag Day Parade, the longest and largest Flag Day Parade in the nation. It is always a privilege to be in the parade with both the EDU trailer and the People Hauler with members on-board. RADM Steve Day one of our members was one of the Parade Marshals of the Day.

It is an awesome feeling to see people standing and cheering the unit as we pass by.



The 72nd Annual Flag Day Parade (Cont.)



God Bless America!

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.

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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