

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



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## **Next Meetings**

**VVA 351 will be meeting at:  
BOD Sep. 5 at Veteran's Village  
2919 W Glenpark Dr, Appleton**

**Sep. 14th for  
General Membership Meeting at**

# Chapter Tales

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters!

As Summer edges to a close, I hope everyone has had a chance to relax, unwind and spend time with your loved ones. Now, however, as Fall appears on the horizon we need to start thinking about future meetings, EDU programs, fun activities and other opportunities for each of us to STEP UP AND JOIN IN!

We have two opportunities for you to consider in the month of September. The first is our POW/MIA Donation Drive which will take place on Friday, September 15th and Saturday, September 16th. We are currently attempting to man two stores but with more help we could expand into a third or, maybe, a fourth store. In order to do that we need more members to STEP UP AND JOIN IN! Our store Captains are Tom Bartelt (920-739-6839) and Mike Weaver (920-470-4674) for this donation drive. Please call them now and help us collect the needed funds that will allow us to continue supporting all the veteran programs we commit to every year. None of us are so old that we can't sit behind a table, talk pleasantly with shoppers and watch them fill our coffers. If you have a spouse, they are welcome to sit beside you and show their support, too. Please, think about JOINING IN by contacting one of our Captains soon to cover a 3-hour shift.

Your second opportunity is the Annual Old Glory Honor Flight Plane Pull at the Outagamie County Airport. Unfortunately, it takes place on Saturday, September 16th, the same weekend as the final day of our POW/MIA Fund Drive. So, we will need help from our members manning both events on Saturday, September 16th. We have over 150 members in our Chapter and, if only half our members would STEP UP AND JOIN IN, we would have more than enough people to cover both events. If you are able to help with our display at the Plane Pull, please contact Marty Huss at 920-858-1332. Show your pride and your dedication to our Chapter by participating in these events.

Our Chapter meetings are moving back to the American Legion Hall in Appleton on the corner of Bluemound Drive and College Avenue. The next meeting date is September 14th at 11:00 a.m. We thank Jack Voight for allowing us to use his Vets and Friends Coffee House location for the past several months for our meetings. And, I also want to thank Frank Witt and his terrific AVVA team for arranging the Fish Fry at Rawhide on July 21st. Nice job, team!

Our Chapter can always use more ideas and more helpers so STEP UP AND JOIN IN! Feel free to send me any suggestions on what you would like to see in the future from your Chapter.

Glen Zimmerman, President

## Editor's Musings

Good Day One and All,

At the end of July, my wife, Kathleen and I spent 3.5 days at Camp American Legion. What a wonderful place to get away! I am sure a number of you have spent time at Camp, especially last year when the EDU unit was on display. The food and lodging was wonderful. We took the pontoon ride to Minocqua which was done on a beautiful day. It was wonderful to have a bunch of kids visiting while we were there. We live in a neighborhood where the grandchildren are now of high school or college age, so we don't have grade schoolers running around. It was definitely refreshing.

While at Camp, I became acquainted with Joe Moehle an Iraq and Afghanistan Veteran. I found out that he had been a PTSD Counselor with Wounded Warriors. I was the only camper from the Viet Nam era so we had some great information exchange. He told me that his Father-in Law was a member of the Rangers during Vietnam. Joe told me that his Father-in-Law's Unit, E Co 75th Ranger LRRP unit, was having their convention in Green Bay in October. I told him about our EDU display and that it might be a great addition to their convention. It looks like that may happen. Discussions are being held between 351 and the LRRP group. Hopefully, it could be great opportunity for both organizations if the EDU unit and personnel could be there.

Unfortunately, summer is quickly coming to an end. Fortunately, Fall brings a few more EDU visits and other get togethers.

May you all have a blessed time ahead.

*Dennis*



# Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

## September

STEVEN PAUL RANCE	ARMY PFC	GREEN BAY	BROWN	9/26/1968
JOHN GUSTAVE WILLEMS	ARMY SP4	HILBERT	CALUMET	9/3/1969
BERNARD AMBROSE PROPSON	ARMY SGT	HILBERT	CALUMET	9/5/1969
DONALD GLEN DINGELDEIN	USMC PFC	WAUKESHA	WAUKESHA	9 /14/1966
HARRY B HAMBLETON III	ARMY 1LT	ELM GROVE	WAUKESHA	9 /15/1968
BENJAMIN ALBIN CHITKO	USMC GYSGT	PEMBINE	MARINETTE	9 /16/1966
WILLIAM JAMES ROHAN	NAVY PO3	RACINE	RACINE	9 /16/1966
WILLIAM GEORGE ANDRUS	NAVY PO3	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	9 /16/1967
RONALD JAMES HAGEN	ARMY MSG	NEKOOSA	WOOD	9 /17/1969
JOHN PAUL VIS	USMC PFC	BROOKFIELD	WAUKESHA	9 /18/1967

## October

ARNOLD RAYMOND SCHUH	ARMY PFC	KAUKAUNA	OUTAGAMIE	10/20/1969
ROGER JOSEPH KOPKE	ARMY SSG	GREEN BAY	BROWN	10/30/1969
GARY LEE SCHROEDER	ARMY PFC	APPLETON	OUTAGAMIE	10/20/1970
ROBERT JAMES WISCH	USMC PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	10 /10/1967
LOREN LESLIE ERTEL	ARMY SP4	PLYMOUTH	SHEBOYGAN	10 /10/1967
LELAND CRAIG JOHNSON	USAF A1C	GREENFIELD	MILWAUKEE	10 /10/1969
JAMES CALVIN WARD	ARMY PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	10 /11/1965
LEONARD GEORGE GUILLETTE	ARMY SP5	CASCO	KEWAUNEE	10 /11/1970
STEVEN DELONG JERALD	ARMY CPL	DE SOTO	CRAWFORD	10 /12/1970
THOMAS WIMMER SCOTT	USMC PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	10 /14/1968

# Rawhide Fish Fry Outing

## July 21, 2023



Members of VVA 351 met at Rawhide Youth Services Near New London for the annual Fish Fry on July 21st. A good turnout was expected and realized on that beautiful Friday night. If you have not been to the Fish Fry try to make it next year!

# 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. Capitol 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.

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