

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



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**November - December  
2024**



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Organization Serving Area Veterans Since 1987**

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### **Next Meetings**

**VVA 351 will be meeting at:**

**BOD December 3<sup>rd</sup> at Veteran's Village  
2919 W Glenpark Dr, Appleton**

**November 7<sup>th</sup> for  
General Membership Meeting at  
American Legion Club**

**Both at 1100 hours**

# Chapter Tales

Greetings, Fellow Chapter Members!

As Summer comes to an end our EDU program is kicking into high gear. We have several presentations planned for October already that should keep us busy. If you haven't signed up to join in on one of these educational events, contact one of our leaders and help out. You don't have to get on stage and speak, just talk with the students as they view the display and answer their many questions as honestly as you can. **STEP UP AND JOIN IN!**

Our Chapter has had quite a busy year already and I want to take some time to thank all the members that have stepped up to help out with all the activities and events we've successfully managed to complete. Our Chapter cannot continue to function at such a high level without so many of you participating and helping out. In other words, we cannot do what we do without your help. Each of us doing our part helps to make this Chapter so much stronger and better. Whether you help collect money at our donation drives, help with the EDU sessions at schools, help with Nursing Home visits, organize special events, ride in the parades, edit our newsletters, serve on our Board or help with any of the many other activities and committees our Chapter gets involved with, you are helping to make this a terrific Chapter for all of us. For all those things and many more, I just want to offer up a sincere **"Thank You"** to each and every one of you. Together we continue to make this one of the best Chapters in the State!

We have had three very successful events this Summer. In August, Mike Weaver led a group to UW-Green Bay for a presentation to a group of Vietnam Vets at the Mauthe Center along with our display. Also in August, we attended the annual Old Glory Honor Flight Plan Pull event at Outagamie Airport with our display. And, finally, in September we took our display to the EAA grounds for the Military Vehicle Presentation Association Convention. Thanks to all those who were willing to **STEP UP AND JOIN IN**. We should all be proud of our large display and glad that so many people want to have us come and display it at their events.

Be sure to attend our monthly Chapter meetings to keep abreast of all of our upcoming activities. They usually last less than an hour and we have 3 door prizes to give out at each meeting. Let us know if you have any ideas on how to improve our Chapter and Chapter meetings. **STEP UP AND JOIN IN!**

Feel free to send me any suggestions on activities or changes you would like to see in the future from your Chapter at [glenz49@aol.com](mailto:glenz49@aol.com) or call me at 920-428-1229 and leave a message if I'm not available.

Glen Zimmerman, President

## Editor Musings

### Greetings All,

Here I am sitting in my office on a 75° with the sun shining. U should be outside cutting up the leaves, but I had to get the newsletter out. The only thing one can say is, "as least it's a day closer to Spring!"

Kathleen and I are prepping for her knee replacement surgery. Right now she is feeling the pain in the knee. I am trying to do the best I can to help here by doing the household chores. I will be here at home for the next few weeks, depending how her recovery goes.

I definitely was a busy month for the months of September and October with the EDU unit. There were four missions, 1 the Military Vehicle Convention and three to Kaukauna, Rawhide and Valley Christian School in Neenah. All went well.

Of course the biggest thing happening soon are the elections. I cannot wait for the commercials to be over! I am sure everyone else feels the same.

May God go with each one of you and your families!

*Dennis*

## EDU Mission Schedule 2025

TBD	New London HS	New London	Jerry Clusen	Jerry Clusen	TBD	Dorla Johnson
2025 Spring						
14-Jan-2025	Hortonville HS	Hortonville	Jerry Clusen	Jerry Clusen	0700-1300	Zack Ashauer
16-May-2025	Hortonville HS	Hortonville	Jerry Clusen	Jerry Clusen	0700-1300	Zack Ashauer



# Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

## NOVEMBER

RICHARD JENSEN	NAVY	HN	BRILLION	CALUMET	11/23/1965
RICHARD ALLEN MEHNE	ARMY	PFC	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	11/8/1967
DENNIS ROBERT SCHMIDT	NAVY	AN	APPLETON	OUTAGAMIE	11/28/1967
DENNIS EUGENE STECKER	ARMY	SP4	MANITOWOC	MANITOWOC	11 /17/1970
WILLIAM TAMM ARNOLD	NAVY	LCDR	WEST ALLIS	MILWAUKEE	11 /18/1966
PAUL WINTON WAHLER JR	ARMY	1LT	RACINE	RACINE	11 /18/1967
ANDREW G. KIRCHMAYER	ARMY	CPT	FT ATKINSON	JEFFERSON	11 /18/1969
JOHN DOUGLAS FITZPATRICK	ARMY	PFC	FRANKLIN	MILWAUKEE	11 /19/1966
WILLIAM HENRY MURPHY III	NAVY	LTJG	MADISON	DANE	11 /19/1967
RICHARD KENNETH CARTER	ARMY	SGT	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	11 /19/1967

## DECEMBER

JOHN PAUL PAULSON JR	ARMY	SP4	NEENAH	WINNEBAGO	12/11/1967
WINFIELD A. SPOEHR JR	ARMY	CPL	NEW LONDON	WAUPACA	12/19/1967
RONALD JOHN STRECKERT	ARMY	PFC	CHILTON	CALUMET	12/28/1967
DONALD LAVERN SMITH	ARMY	SSG	FENNIMORE	GRANT	12 /21/1967
THOMAS LESLIE ANDERSON	ARMY	SP4	LA CROSSE	LA CROSSE	12 /21/1969
EDWARD ARNOLD MORRISON	ARMY	PFC	KENOSHA	KENOSHA	12 /22/1968
DUANE ARLEN VOGEL	USMC	CPL	SHEBOYGAN	SHEBOYGAN	12 /23/1966
NICHOLAS GEORGE WALZ	NAVY	PO3	STEUBEN	CRAWFORD	12 /23/1967
KENNETH EUGENE THRESHER	USMC	LCPL	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	12 /23/1967
JAMES ROBERT HAGEN	ARMY	LTC	STANLEY	CHIPPEWA	12 /24/1964

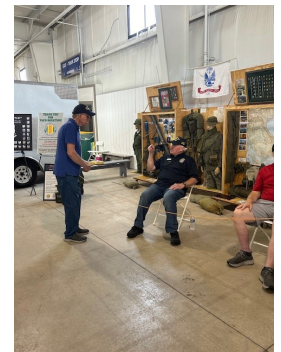
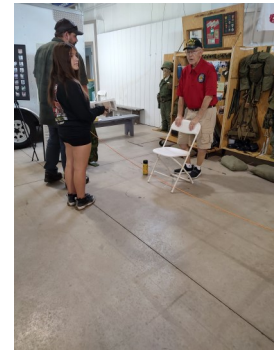
# EDU Mission MVPA Convention

**49th MVPA-HA Convention  
Schedule of Events**

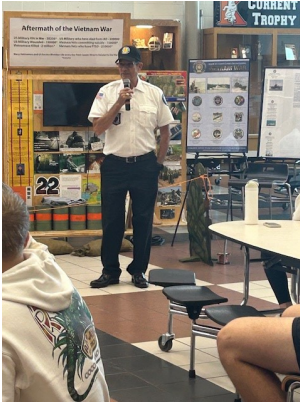
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Mission MVPA was held during the 49th Annual Convention of the Military Vehicle Preservation Association at the EAA facilities in Oshkosh.

The attendees were excited to see the EDU Exhibition and were happy to ask many questions. The VVA members that staffed the display enjoyed their time at the convention.



# EDU Mission Kaukauna High School



Mission Kaukauna High School was a success. Over 200 students toured the display and asked questions.



The Veterans that participated in the Question and Answer session appreciated the information exchange tremendously.

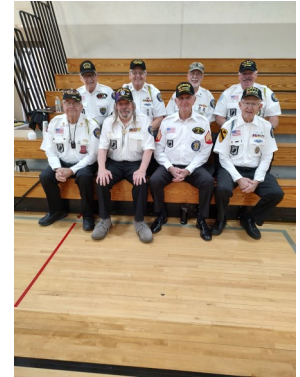




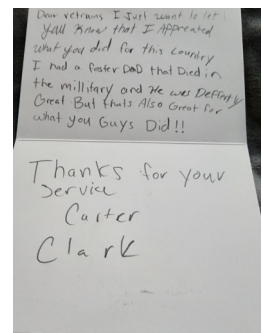
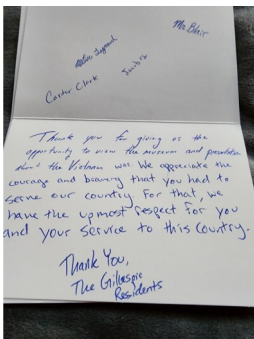
# EDU Mission Rawhide



Mission Rawhide was held on October 23 with eight members attending. The students enjoyed seeing the exhibit and asking questions. The Team went into classrooms and relayed their experiences and answered questions.



As you can notice, thank you cards were given to each member from the young people who attended. A rewarding day was appreciated by all.



# EDU Mission Valley Christian School

Mission Valley Christian School was held on October 29<sup>th</sup>. The members were greeted with good wishes by all in attendance. All that saw the exhibit were motivated to ask questions. This annual visit by Mission Valley Christian School always has a warm welcome.



# 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 table. **Angel's** is at 1401 E. John St. Appleton —between College & John St. roundabouts.

## **Vets and Friends Coffeehouse Inc. 2508 N. Richmond St. Appleton WI 54911**

Free hot meals are provided to veterans and their spouse/friend on the first Saturday of each month. We have a FUN TIME activity from 4-5pm to socialize, play cards, pinball and records on the jukebox. MEAL TIME is at 5pm.

A special announcement: We are building a memorial wall to honor the 1,163 Wisconsin Vietnam veterans that died in Vietnam. A soft dedication is planned for this summer.

## **Sunshine COMMITTEE**

## **VETS & FRIENDS OF WISCONSIN Inc.**

Meets 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!

