

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



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

**January—February
2025**



VVA351 Panel at Rennes Health Center

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

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Next Meetings

VVA 351 will be meeting at:

**BOD January 7th 3rd at Veteran's Village
2919 W Glenpark Dr, Appleton**

**January 9th for
General Membership Meeting at
American Legion Club**

Both at 1100 hours

Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

January

JAHNKE RONALD EDWARD	USMC PFC	MENASHA	WINNEBAGO	1/8/1966
LIND JAMES JEROME	ARMY SGT	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	1/5/1968
LANGENFELD CHRISTIAN A.	USMC PFC	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	1/27/1968
HORN ALEC HENRY	ARMY PFC	NEW BERLIN	WAUKESHA	1/16/1969
BINDER PAUL LAROE	ARMY PFC	PORT WASHINGTON	OZAUKEE	1/16/1970
MEZERA TERRY FRANCIS	ARMY WO1	EAU CLAIRE	CHIPPEWA	1/16/1971
WILKE ROBERT FREDERICK	USAF COL	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	1/17/1968
GAHAGAN JAMES MILAN	ARMY SGT	CLEVELAND	MANITOWOC	1/17/1969
WOJTKIEWICZ JEREMY R.	ARMY 1LT	WEYERHAUSER	RUSK	1/17/1969

February

FARVOUR WILLIAM H.	USMC CPL	GREEN BAY	BROWN	2/16/1969
LIEBHABER KENNETH G.	USMC PFC	NEENAH	WINNEBAGO	2/17/1969
KIELPIKOWSKI RONALD L	.ARMY 1LT	GREEN BAY	BROWN	2/28/1969
BEATY JEFFREY LANDIS	ARMY SP4	BLAIR	TREMPEALEAU	2/16/1967
GIEJC ALEXANDER	NAVY HN	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	2/16/1968
HIERLMEIER DONALD A.	ARMY PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	2/16/1968
SCHNEIDER HARRY W.	USMC CPL	JANESVILLE	ROCK	2/16/1968
HALFMAN BLAKE HENRY	USMC LCPL	FOND DU LAC	FOND DU LAC	2/17/1968
MEYER JAMES F. JR	USMC PFC	OAK CREEK	MILWAUKEE	2/17/1968
RADONSKI KENNETH W.	USMC PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	2/17/1968

Chapter Tales

Happy New Year!

I hope everyone has had a relaxing time over Christmas and New Years. And we should all be thankful that the Lord has graciously given us another Holiday season to spend with our loved ones. We're now into 2025 with a lot to look forward to. Our EDU program will kick off again from March through May as we visit a number of schools in the area. Be sure to sign up with Jerry Clusen to participate in some way. No one is forced to present. You can just stand by our display and talk with the students about your experiences and/or the items in the display. They do enjoy hearing from us. **STEP UP AND JOIN IN.**

Before that kicks off, our AVVA group will be planning a Spring Party for us. More on that later. There will also be Nursing Home visits, parades, Pulling for Honor, donation drives and more. Stay tuned and come to our monthly meetings at the Appleton American Legion on the second Thursday of each month so you can make plans ahead of time to join in on all your Chapter's activities. We can always use your help. **STEP UP AND JOIN IN.**

If you haven't been out to Veterans Village across from Fox Valley Technical College just off Lyndale Drive, I suggest taking a drive over there to take a look at the new Veterans Memorial area that was constructed recently. The bench we donated was placed right in front of the main office building and the new memorial area is to the left of that building.

Also, remember that Jack Voight has constructed a memorial to Vietnam Veterans behind his office building on Richmond St. And, Jack continues to have free meals available for all Vets on Saturdays at Vets and Friends Coffee House on Richmond Street next to Mary's Place Restaurant. Stop in and support Jack and all the other Veterans that enjoy a meal and some fellowship there.

If you hear of any of our members in 'Sick Bay', please let someone on the Board know so we can get a card out to them. And we will pass that information along to the membership.

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 or call me at 920-428-1229 and leave a message if I'm not available.

Glen Zimmerman, President

Editor Musings

Greetings All,

Happy New Year! I do not know where 2024 has gone! Kathleen and I have been living a strange last few months. Our Christmas has been unusual to say the least. We were able to visit with both of our Sons at home. Usually we make a trip over to Minnesota to visit our Son and his wife. Unfortunately, Kathleen cannot travel yet. She will soon.

As we begin a New Year with a new President, I just hope things calm down. We live in a wonderful country with wonderful people. I hope people can listen to each other and not cancel each other out. We all can learn from other people.

I want to thank the members of our Visiting Team. I saw a bit of them in action at Rennes when Kathleen was in attendance. They were fantastic! The people, many of them Veterans, were very attentive to the presentation.

As we begin a new year, may we see more of you at our Membership Meeting on January 9th, we miss you!

May you all have a wonderful 2025!

Dennis

EDU Mission Schedule 2025

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

Dedication of Wisconsin Veterans Village Courtyard of Honor



On Veterans Day, the new Courtyard of Remembrance was dedicated at the new beautiful Courtyard of Honor.



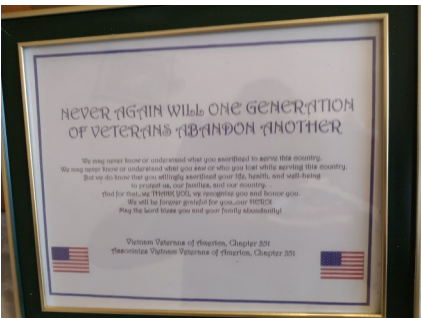
The Courtyard features flickering flames, water fountains and gray granite pillars engraved with the words 'Honor,' 'Duty,' 'Freedom,' 'Valor,' and 'Serve,' representing the values of the six branches of the military.



Brewster Village



The VVA Visit Team went to Brewster Village on November 9th. The Team enjoyed their visit with the many Veterans at this wonderful location and enjoy visiting every year.



Appleton Retirement Community



The VVA Visiting Team made their semiannual visit with the residence of ARC. The Panel shared their experiences overseas.



Rennes Health & Rehab Center



VVA351's Visiting Team spent an afternoon at Appleton's Rennes Health & Rehab Center. The Panel told their stories from their time in-country.

My wife was one of the residents was able to meet the team.



Good Shepherd Home Senior Center



VVA351's Visiting Team spent an afternoon at Willow Lane Senior Living Center. The Panel told their stories from their time in-country.



Willow Lane Assisted Living Center



VVA351's Visiting Team spent an afternoon at Willow Lane Assisted Living Center. The Panel told their stories from their time in-country.



Eagle Point Senior Living Center



VVA351's Visiting Team spent an afternoon at Eagle Point Senior Living Center. The Panel told their stories from their time in-country.



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, pin-ball 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

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.

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!



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December 26, 2024

Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 351
Attn: Mr. Glen Zimmerman, President
410 W Franklin Street
Appleton WI 54912

Dear Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter 351:

Please accept our gratitude for the supportive role you are playing through your donation to Outagamie Veterans Treatment Court. We are blessed to have local Veteran organizations, local businesses, and private citizens contribute donations and/or support in order to recognize the efforts our Veterans put forth in their recovery of mental health and/or substance use issues.

Your donation demonstrates support, recognition, and encouragement to the Veterans in our justice system. Your willingness to participate in their recovery and provide support makes this program successful at each milestone. The items you donated will be put to use to encourage and reward positive and healthy behaviors of our Veteran participants.

The following gift cards were received on December 11, 2024:

- 48 – Festival Foods gift cards (\$10 each)

Thank you for your willingness to work with Outagamie County Veterans Court and for your never ending mission to help Veterans in need. It helps us assure that no soldier is left behind.

Sincerely,

**Chelsea
Niemuth**

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Chelsea Niemuth – VTC Coordinator