"Never again will one generation of Veterans abandon another."







634 Bowers Lane Kaukauna, WI 54130-1004

March—April 2025



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

CURRENT OFFICERSOfficers / Board of Directors

President Glen Zimmerman

Vice President Jerry Clusen

Secretary Dave Verhagen

Treasurer Phil Moore

Board of Directors-BOD Dennis Bowman

Board of Directors-BOD Wade Van Ryzin

Board of Directors-BOD Mike Weaver

Committees / Administration

Adopt-A-Family Phil Moore

Chaplain Mike Weaver

Chapter Social Events AVVA

Scholarship Wade Van Ryzin

Reflections of Vietnam Coordinator Jerry Clusen

FV Veterans Council & Recognition Glen Zimmerman

Fundraising/Charity Drives AVVA Chairperson

Membership Joe Eiting

Nomination/Constitution Board of Directors

POW/MIA Mike Weaver

Toxic Chemical Issues Joe Eiting

Sunshine Bill Olcott

Taps Phil Moore

Retirement Home Visits John VandenHeuvel

Webmaster Angie Coenen

Other

Chapter	920-205-1565	info@vvawi351.org
Dennis Bowman	920-858-2551	dbowmanvva@gmail.com
Jerry Clusen	920-205-4494	jerry.clusen@gmail.com
Joe Eiting	920-205-1565	capteiting@aol.com
Phil Moore	920-750-4110	prespanther@att.net
Bill Olcott	920-250-0112	papaolcott@outlook.com
Dave Verhagen	920-725-6896	mopar1974@aol.com
Wade Van Ryzin	920-734-9638	wvanryzin@aol.com
Mike Weaver	920-470-4674	skipatroldoc@gmail.com
Glen Zimmerman	920-428-1229	glenz49@aol.com

Next Meetings

VVA 351 will be meeting at:

BOD March 4th at Veteran's Village 2919 W Glenpark Dr, Appleton

March 13th 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 March-April. The names listed are three from the three county area and seven from the rest of the state.

March

JOSEPH ROBERT VANDEHEI	USMC	CPL	GREEN BAY	BROWN	3/19/1969
MICHAEL EDWARD HERMSEN	ARMY	SP4	DE PERE	BROWN	3/22/1969
KENNETH HARVEY KANAMAN	NAVY	PO3	NEW LONDON	WAUPACA	3/3/1970
JEFFERY EVANS MEAD	USMC	LCPL	JANESVILLE	ROCK	3 /12/1968
FRANKLIN JAMES RUNGE	ARMY	SP4	GILLETT	OCONTO	3 /12/1969
DONALD PETER JOHNSON	USMC	LCPL	GILMAN	AYLOR	3 /13/1967
WILLIAM JAMES HONDEL	ARMY	2LT	WEST ALLIS	MILWAUKEE	3 /13/1968
KENNETH W. HAAKENSON	USMC	PFC	RACINE	RACINE	3 /13/1968
MICHAEL LAWRENCE WHITE	ARMY	PFC	NEW BERLIN	WAUKESHA	3 /13/1968
DARWIN STUART PETERSON	USMC	PFC	PLEASANT PRAIRIE	KENOSHA	3 /13/1970

April

RICHARD LEE ANDERSON	USMC	PFC	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	4/25/1969
DAVID RUSSELL BORZYCH	ARMY	SGT	PULASKI	BROWN	4/5/1970
GREGORY W. STODDART	ARMY	SP5	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	4/6/1970
GEORGE C. STEINBERG	ARMY	CPT	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	4 /11/1966
EUGENE RICHARD KRITZ	USMC	SGT	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	4 /11/1967
DOUGLAS RICHARD WEIHER	ARMY	SP4	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	4 /12/1968
DANNY WILLIAM HOULE	ARMY	PFC	HILES	FOREST	4 /12/1969
CURTIS STEVEN WOODS	USMC	PFC	LA CROSSE	LA CROSSE	4 /12/1969
STEPHEN JOHN WESTPHAL	USMC	PFC	IXONIA	JEFFERSON	4 /13/1968
WILLIAM C PIERSON III	ARMY	CW3	MADISON	DANE	4 /13/1969

Chapter Tales

Fellow Veterans,

I wish I didn't have to write this letter to all of you but we have come to a crossroads with our Chapter. Our treasury is down to just over \$3,000. At one point we had over \$50,000 to work with. However, because no one has volunteered to **STEP UP** and help Captain the fundraising efforts that we set up twice a year at various grocery stores in the area, our funds have slowly depleted to a very serious level. We had only one store Captain last year and, so far, that is all we will have again this year. If that remains the case, we can only expect to bring in about \$7,000 total from the two annual fundraisers (one in June and one in September). That will barely cover our normal bills leaving us nothing for donations to the Veterans groups that we try to support every year such as, Old Glory Honor Flight, Veterans Court, Veterans Village, a family in need at Christmas, gifts for Veterans in Nursing Homes, Veteran Golf Outings, Scholarship awards for students of Veterans, Veteran benches in Cemeteries, etc. At the March meeting we will be voting on a new budget for the coming year. The budget will be slashed to the bare minimum so we can continue fund those items that are necessary for us to survive as a Chapter going forward. The Board has looked at all of our expenses and we are not able to find any more items that we can cut out to help save money. There is **NO** fat in our budget for the coming year. So, we are looking to the membership to **STEP UP AND** JOIN IN! Please come forward and volunteer to be a Store Captain for our two fundraisers this year. This is not a hard job! It only requires a small amount of your time. Mike Weaver or Tom Bartel will be glad to walk you through the paces and help guide you the first year. Don't wait for someone else to do it! STEP UP AND JOIN IN! Call Mike Weaver or myself and volunteer to be a Captain today!

Our AVVA group has planned our Spring Party which will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, March 24th at Pullman's Restaurant in Appleton. Bring your spouse and enjoy some fun with your fellow comrades. Everyone pays their own way. Mark your calendars so you don't forget and RSVP to Frank Witt at 920-422-1266 to let him know you are coming.

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 ideas you might have on how we can get more members involved in our fundraising activities. Or any 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

Good Day All,

On the afternoon of February 20^{th,} I received a phone call from Old Glory Honor Flight telling me I have been chosen to take the trip to Washington D.C. So many of you have taken this life changing journey into your past. I unlike most of you, do not have the same memories of that earth shaking time, but I hope I can help other comrades during the trip. One of the hats I wear is that of a Deacon in my church. My ministry is to the homebound. May I be of service to my fellow travelers.

Upon returning from my overseas tour, I was assigned to Headquarters USAF at the Pentagon. I have had the opportunity to witness numerous internments of heroes at Arlington National Cemetery. Additionally, I have observed the Changing of the Guard on multiple occasions, an event that consistently remains impressive.

I wish everyone on Old Glory Honor Flight Mission #73 a memorable and heartfelt experience.

Dennis

EDU Mission Schedule 2025

2025 Spring

26-Mar-2025	Fox Valley LHS	Appleton	Glen Zimmerman	TBD	0830-1430	Shawn Hill
16-May-2025	Hortonville HS	Hortonville	Jerry Clusen	Jerry Clusen	0700-1300	Zack Ashauer
20-May-2025	Neenah HS	Neenah	Mike Weaver	Dave Grossman	0700-1300	Deb Gauthier

Red, White, and Blue Family Day

May 3 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am

BEAMING Ranch 2692 County Road GG, Neenah

A FREE family fun event for heroes and their families! To sign your nonprofit up for an outreach table at the event, email incbeaming@gmail.com Open to all military personnel, veterans, firefighters, police officers, EMTs, EMS dispatchers, other emergency responders and their families! Meet our miniature horses, try out our scavenger hunt and sensory path.





Herbert C. A. Schmoll March 6, 1946—January 1, 2025

Herbert (Herb) John Clarence Schmoll, born on March 6, 1946, in Antigo, Wisconsin, to Herbert and Lily Schmoll, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2025, in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He was 78 years old.

Herb proudly served his country as a United States Marine, including an 18-month tour in Vietnam. Following his military service, his career in law enforcement began at the Green Bay Reformatory. He then dedicated 32 years to the Outagamie County Sheriff's Department, where he rose to the rank of Captain. After he retired from Outagamie County, he spent the next 15 years as a Case Manager with Family Services. His commitment to justice extended beyond his professional life as he served as a mentor for the Outagamie County Veterans Court, offering guidance and support to fellow Veterans.

Herb is survived by his loving wife of 16 years, Amy Schmoll; five daughters: Amy (Eric) Kabat, Angie Schmoll, Ash-Leigh (Bruce) Welch, Taylor (Michael) Burren, and Lexi Schmoll; one son, Michael (Emily) Schmoll; and a nephew who was like a son to him, Bill Langenhuizen. He was a proud grandfather to seven grandsons, six granddaughters and one great-granddaughter.

Herb was preceded in death by his father and mother and an infant son.

Herb's life was marked by service—to his country, his community, and those he loved. His dedication, kindness, and sense of humor left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

May his memory bring comfort to those who mourn his passing and inspire gratitude for a life well-lived.

Join us on Wednesday, January 8, anytime between 5 to 8 p.m., at the Appleton Yacht Club to celebrate Herb's extraordinary life.