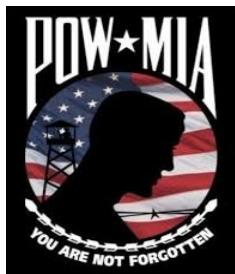


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# **Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties**

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**

|                          |            |            |           |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| KENNETH JOSEPH GRASSL    | APPLETON   | OUTAGAMIE  | 1/29/1968 |
| MICHAEL JOSEPH UNSINN    | GREEN BAY  | BROWN      | 1/3/1969  |
| DAN ALLEN VANEREM        | GREEN BAY  | BROWN      | 1/5/1969  |
| EDWIN JAMES FICKLER      | KEWASKUM   | WASHINGTON | 1/17/1969 |
| BARRY CHARLES KELLENBENZ | MANITOWOC  | MANITOWOC  | 1/19/1969 |
| VICTOR DAVID TOMCZYK     | DORCHESTER | CLARK      | 1/2/1968  |
| JAMES ALLAN PRICE        | PESHTIGO   | MARINETTE  | 1/2/1968  |
| ROSS ARNOLD JOHNSON JR   | MILWAUKEE  | MILWAUKEE  | 1/2/1969  |
| MURPHY JR PLEASANT       | MILWAUKEE  | MILWAUKEE  | 1/2/1969  |
| MURRAY WAYNE VANLONE SR  | KENOSHA    | KENOSHA    | 1/20/1968 |

## **February**

|                          |            |           |           |
|--------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| DAVID FRANCIS SCHUETTE   | GREEN BAY  | BROWN     | 2/10/1970 |
| RICHARD JOHN GORGES      | NEW LONDON | WAUPACA   | 2/13/1970 |
| JAMES NICHOLAS DIEDRICH  | HILBERT    | CALUMET   | 2/18/1970 |
| RAYMOND ROY LEWIS        | MILWAUKEE  | MILWAUKEE | 2/18/1968 |
| JOHN EDWARD MILANOWSKI   | MILWAUKEE  | MILWAUKEE | 2/19/1968 |
| TIMOTHY CHARLES AGARD    | JANESVILLE | ROCK      | 2/19/1968 |
| TIMOTHY JOHN NORMAN      | BELOIT     | ROCK      | 2/19/1970 |
| ROBERT VOLNIE BAIR       | ROCHESTER  | RACINE    | 2/2/1967  |
| DELFERD BENJAMIN DUNIFER | WEST ALLIS | MILWAUKEE | 2/2/1968  |
| DONALD WILLIAM ALLEN JR  | WATERFORD  | RACINE    | 2/2/1968  |

# **Chapter Tales**

Happy New Year, Everyone!

Another year is behind us and another one begins. First, let me thank everyone for all their work in the past year to continue to make our Chapter one of the biggest and best in the State of Wisconsin. My hope is that more of you will be willing to STEP UP AND HELP OUT in 2026 and beyond. “Many hands make light work” as the saying goes and for the past several years not a lot of our Chapter members have been involved. I realize all of us are getting older but it doesn’t take a lot to attend our monthly meetings and help make some decisions on our future or offer up ideas that would make our Chapter better or more visible in the communities around us. So, please, STEP UP AND JOIN IN! We were all “comrades-in-arms” once so let’s keep that support and friendship going in the coming years. Let’s not expect the Board to do everything. We need everyone’s help to keep our Chapter alive and functioning. That means – WE NEED YOU!

As many of us are aging and finding it harder and harder to get around, the Board has been looking at options we might have available to permanently display our EDU exhibit. We would like to find a home for it where it would be on display all year round and still in a secure environment. We currently have a couple options that we are discussing. If you have ideas or thoughts on this matter, please share them with one of the Board Members. In the meantime, we will continue to take the display around to many local High Schools again in 2026.

Be sure to sign up to help with our Fund Drives again this year. Don’t wait for someone to call you. The monies we collect all go to support great Veteran causes throughout the area. STEP UP AND JOIN IN!

And I’m sure the Nursing Home Visitation Team can always use another body or 2 to assist with their very worthwhile mission again this year. STEP UP AND JOIN IN!

If you hear of any of our members in ‘Sick Bay”, please let someone on the Board know. We will pass that information along and get a card out to them.

Feel free to send me any ideas you might have on how we can get more members involved in any of our activities. Or any 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 to you, Comrades and Happy New Year.

As we turn the page on another year, I extend warm New Year greetings to each member of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 and to our families, supporters, and friends. A new year invites reflection on where we have been and renewed commitment to where we are going—together.

The past year has once again shown the strength of this chapter. Through meetings, community outreach, school visits, POW/MIA efforts, and fellowship, Chapter 351 has continued to live out the VVA motto: *Never Again Will One Generation of Veterans Abandon Another*. That promise remains at the heart of all we do.

The new year ahead brings fresh opportunities to serve our fellow veterans, to support those still bearing the burdens of war, and to educate our communities about the Vietnam War and its lasting impact. It also reminds us of the importance of camaraderie—checking in on one another, sharing stories, and standing shoulder to shoulder as brothers and sisters in service.

As you read this issue, I encourage you to stay engaged, attend meetings when you are able, and consider how your time and talents can continue to strengthen Chapter 351. Every presence matters. Every effort counts.

May the coming year bring good health, peace, and continued purpose to you and your loved ones. Thank you for your service, your dedication, and your ongoing commitment to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351.

In this new year, let us move forward together.

**Dennis**

## **EDU Schedule 2026**

|             |                        |                 |                |               |           |                 |
|-------------|------------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| 25-Mar-2025 | Fox Valley Lutheran HS | Appleton        | Glen Zimmerman | Dave Grossman | 0830-1430 | Shawn Hill      |
| 24-Apr-2025 | Little Chute HS        | Little Chute HS | Marty Huss     |               |           | Nathan Klein    |
| 1-May-2026  | Hilbert HS             | Hilbert         | Marty Huss     |               | 0700-1300 | Taylor Grissman |
| 15-May-2026 | Hortonville HS         | Hortonville     | Jerry Clusen   |               | 0700-1300 | Zach Aschauer   |
| 18-May-2026 | Appleton West HS       | Appleton        | Jerry Clusen   |               | 0700-1530 | Mitch Krug      |
| 21-May-2026 | Neenah HS              | Neenah          | Mike Weaver    |               | 0700-1300 | Deb Gauthier    |

## **Next Meetings**

**VVA 351 will be meeting at:**

**BOD January 6<sup>th</sup> at Veteran's Village  
2919 W Glenpark Dr, Appleton**

**January 9<sup>th</sup> for  
General Membership Meeting at  
American Legion Club  
Both at 1100 hours**

## Rawhide EDU Engagement



On October 28<sup>th</sup>, members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 had the honor of visiting **Rawhide Youth Services**, sharing time with staff and students in a meaningful observance of the day. The visit served as a reminder that service to our nation continues long after the uniform is set aside.

During the visit, chapter members spoke with the young people about duty, responsibility, and the importance of making positive choices. The veterans' presence offered encouragement and demonstrated that discipline, perseverance, and respect are values that endure across generations.

Rawhide Youth Services expressed sincere appreciation for the visit, and our members were grateful for the opportunity to support an organization dedicated to helping young men build better futures. It was a fitting way to observe Veterans Day—by continuing to serve others and investing in the next generation.

VVA Chapter 351 remains committed to honoring veterans not only with words, but through actions that strengthen our community.



# Appleton Retirement Community

## EDU Engagement



On November 10<sup>th</sup>, a day before Veterans Day, members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 had the privilege of visiting the **Appleton Retirement Community** to honor fellow veterans and residents who have served our nation. The visit was a meaningful opportunity to recognize their sacrifices and to express gratitude for their years of service.

Chapter members spent time visiting with residents, sharing stories, and offering words of appreciation. Many memories were recalled, and the fellowship reminded everyone present that the bond among veterans remains strong, no matter the passage of time.

The residents and staff of Appleton Retirement Community warmly welcomed the chapter, and the visit brought encouragement and joy to all involved. It was a fitting way to observe Veterans Day—by honoring those who answered the call to serve and by ensuring they are remembered and respected.



Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 is grateful for the opportunity to share this special day with the veterans and residents of Appleton Retirement Community and looks forward to future visits.



# Rennes Health Care Center

## EDU Engagement



On Veterans Day, members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 had the honor of visiting **Rennes Health Care Center** to recognize and thank the veterans residing there for their service to our nation. The visit was a meaningful expression of respect and gratitude for those who answered the call to serve.

Chapter members spent time visiting with residents, listening to their stories, and sharing fellowship. The conversations and camaraderie highlighted the enduring bond among veterans and the importance of remembering the sacrifices made by so many.

The residents and staff at Rennes Health Care Center graciously welcomed the chapter, and the visit was appreciated by all who took part. Observing Veterans Day in this way reminded everyone present that honoring veterans is not only about ceremonies, but about personal connection and heartfelt thanks.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 is grateful for the opportunity to spend Veterans Day with the residents of Rennes Health Care Center and remains committed to honoring veterans wherever they are found.



# Willow Lane Care Center

## EDU Engagement



For Veterans Day, members of Veterans of America Chapter 351 had the privilege of visiting **Willow Lane Care Center** to honor the veterans residing there and to thank them for their service to our nation. The visit was a meaningful reminder that the sacrifices made by our veterans are never forgotten.

Chapter members spent time visiting with residents, sharing conversation, and expressing appreciation for their years of service. Many stories were exchanged, and the fellowship reflected the strong bond that continues to unite veterans across generations.

The residents and staff of Willow Lane Care Center warmly welcomed the chapter, and the visit was appreciated by all who took part. Observing Veterans Day in this personal way allowed for genuine connection and heartfelt gratitude.

Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 351 is thankful for the opportunity to honor our fellow veterans at Willow Lane Care Center and looks forward to continuing this important tradition of remembrance and respect.





