

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



**634 Bowers Lane  
Kaukauna WI 54130**

**May—June  
2026**



**Fox Valley's Only Chartered Vietnam Veterans  
Organization Serving Area Veterans Since 1988**

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# Wisconsin Vietnam War Casualties

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

## May

ALBIN BARANCZYK	USMC	CPL	MENASHA	WINNEBAGO	5/17/1966
PAUL MANSKE	ARMY	PFC	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	5/13/1967
JAMES DOBISH	USMC	PFC	OSHKOSH	WINNEBAGO	5/20/1967
ALBERT DEAN	USMC	PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	5 /14/1966
JAMES DAHL	USMC	PFC	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	5 /14/1968
LARRY THOMAS	USMC	PFC	PITTSVILLE	WOOD	5 /14/1969
RAYMOND KRUG	ARMY	WO1	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	5 /14/1970
JACK SMITH	ARMY	WO1	MEQUON	OZAUKEE	5 /14/1970
ROBERT GRESKOWIAK	USAF	CAPT	WEST ALLIS	MILWAUKEE	5 /15/1965
MARCO MUELLER	USMC	LCPL	P. WASHINGTON	OZAUKEE	5 /15/1968

## June

LOUIS RHOADES	ARMY	CPL	DE PERE	BROWN	6/6/1968
MIKAL SULLIVAN	USMC	LCPL	WEST DE PERE	BROWN	6/6/1968
PATRICK CONNELLY	USMC	PFC	GREEN BAY	BROWN	6/19/1968
CHARLES BERANEK	ARMY	1LT	MOSINEE	MARATHON	6 /14/1968
JEROME LUBENO	ARMY	SGT	TREVOR	KENOSHA	6 /14/1969
TERRY LORENZ	ARMY	PFC	LA CROSSE	LA CROSSE	6 /16/1966
JAMES SCHUELLER	ARMY	1LT	MARSHFIELD	MARATHON	6 /17/1967
GEORGE MURRAY	ARMY	PSG	STEVENS POINT	PORTAGE	6 /17/1967
WAYNE THOMAS	USMC	LCPL	MILWAUKEE	MILWAUKEE	6 /17/1969
WAYNE NOTH	ARMY	SP4	TOMAH	MONROE	6 /17/1969

# Chapter Tales

Greetings, Everyone!

I recently attended several funerals in the past two weeks. And I was reminded of the fact that as the days get longer (with Spring arriving and Summer ahead), our days on earth are getting shorter. I'm not trying to be macabre or a "downer", I just want to suggest that each of us do as much as we can with each day we have left. There are lots of opportunities to help out in all of our communities as well as with our Chapter activities. Don't sit back and wait for others to fill the slots. **STEP UP AND JOIN IN!** Don't let the Vietnam War be a forgotten piece of the past. Tell your stories to students and the public so we are remembered long after we have passed away. Write an article about your Vietnam experiences and get it to Frank Witt. He'll see to it that it is published in the Grand Chute Chronicle for all to see. If it's short enough, we may publish it in our Chapter Newsletter. Jog your memory and write some things down. Even if only for your family to read and reflect on after you're gone. Give it some thought and then share those thoughts.

We just finished the first EDU Presentation of 2026 at Fox Valley Lutheran High School. You'll see some photos in this Newsletter. Everyone did an excellent job and the staff and students were again pleased with what they saw and heard. Several more presentations will be coming up in May. During our presentation at Little Chute High School, The Highground Executive Director and Board President joined us to look at our display to see if it would fit well with their educational efforts in Neillsville. We'll let you know more down the line on how things work out.

We have a fund drive coming up on June 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to contact Frank Witt if you are willing to help with this one or the one in September. 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!**

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

First, I want to apologize for the delay in getting this newsletter out. I am currently undergoing treatments, and I also had to replace my computer (twice), which added to the delay.

It has been truly rewarding to return to the schools again. My visits to Fox Valley Lutheran High School were especially meaningful. As a graduate from sixty years ago, just a few years before entering the Air Force—it was a memorable experience to be back.

Unfortunately, many schools no longer teach much about the Vietnam War. That is a shame. With the number of conflicts that have occurred since our service, it is important that history continues to be taught so its lessons are not forgotten. As we know, history has a way of repeating itself.

As time goes on, it is becoming more difficult for us to move and set up the EDU Display unit. I share Glen's sentiment that we should consider finding another organization, such as Highground, to take over the unit and continue putting it to good use.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

Dennis

**WI State VVA meeting was held on March 28 2026.** VVA 351 members present were Wade and Chris Van Ryzin, Jack and Shirley Van Den Heuvel, Joseph Eiting, and Frank Witt. Discussions centered on options and consequences for the future of National and local VVA chapters.

Members are encouraged to read The Veteran, VVA presidents message- What needs to be done to secure VVA's legacy, and the Region 6 Director's input on p12, and VVA Chapter transition Strategy: Guidelines for Chapter autonomy, p22 & 23.

State Council elections will be held June 13,2026. The next State Council meeting will be Sept 12,2026.

## EDU Schedule 2026

15-May	Hortonville H.S.	Hortonville	Jerry Clusen	0900-1300	Zach Ashauer
18-May	Appleton West H.S.	Appleton	Jerry Clusen	0645—1300	Mitch Ashauer
21-May	Neenah H.S.	Neenah	Mike Weaver	0800— 1500	Deb Gauthier

### Next Meetings

**VVA 351 will be meeting at:**

**BOD June 2 at Veteran's Village  
2919 W Glenpark Dr, Appleton**

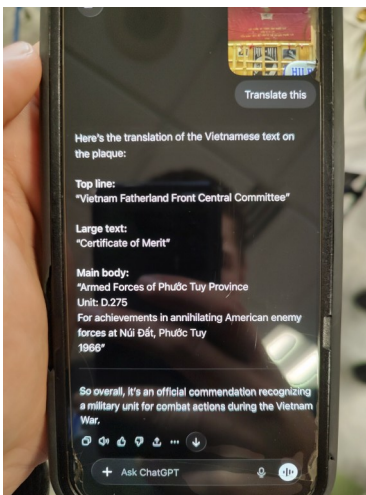
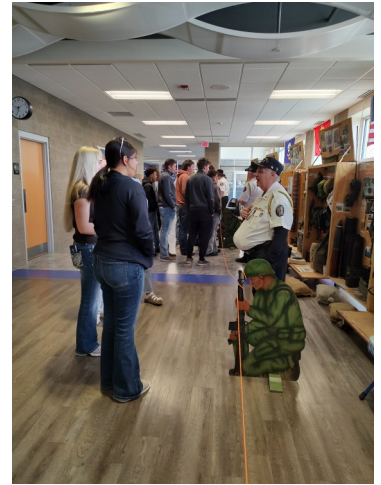
**May 14<sup>th</sup> for  
General Membership Meeting at  
American Legion Club**

**Both at 1100 hours**

# Little Chute High School



The VVA EDU unit visit to Little Chute High School offered students a powerful and engaging look into the Vietnam War. The display was thoughtfully arranged to showcase authentic artifacts from the conflict, allowing students to see and better understand the equipment and personal items used during that time. Veterans shared their firsthand experiences "in country," providing personal stories that added depth and meaning to the display. Their accounts helped bring history to life, giving students a greater appreciation for the sacrifices and realities faced by those who served.



# Hilbert High School



The VVA EDU unit visit to Hilbert High School provided students with a meaningful, firsthand look at the Vietnam War. The display was carefully set up to showcase authentic artifacts from the war, giving students a tangible connection to that period in history. Veterans were present to share their personal experiences "in country," offering powerful stories and insights that brought the realities of service to life.



# Rocky Bleier Supper

Dear Friends and Supporters,

April 11, 2026

Wisconsin Veterans Village is honored to invite you to a special event.

**Evening with Rocky Bleier**, to be held on **June 10, 2026**, at the **American Legion Post 38, 3220 W College Avenue, Appleton, Wisconsin**.

This unforgettable evening will take place from **5:00 PM to 9:00 PM** and will feature an inspiring appearance by **Rocky Bleier**, Vietnam veteran and four-time Super Bowl champion with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Vet Village encourages you to bring a friend, especially a young person under the age of 18 to hear Rocky's story.

**However, you can purchase a signed copy of Rocky Bleier's book, *Fighting Back* for \$20.**

**You have two options to purchase a book:**

**1. You can pay at the door.**

**Or**

**You can reserve his book by clicking on the links below:**

<https://events.golfstatus.com/event/2026-5th-annual-rocky-bleier-golf-outing>

Click on register

Click on add on Add Extra

Click on add to cart

You can pay by credit card or we can send you an invoice.

Event Details

**Date:** June 10, 2026

**Time:** 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

**Location:** American Legion Post 38, Appleton, WI

Agenda

**5:00 PM – 6:00 PM:** Registration, social hour, and heavy hors d'oeuvres

**6:00 PM – 6:15 PM:** Welcome and opening remarks from Wisconsin Veterans Village President Keith Scott

**6:15 PM – 6:45 PM:** Rocky Bleier interview on his book *Fighting Back*

**6:45 PM – 7:00 PM:** Q&A session with Rocky Bleier

**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM:** Raffle items as well as auction items for sale that include signed Rocky Memorabilia and Vet Village items

This special evening celebrates resilience, service, and the strength of the veteran community. All proceeds from the event will support the mission of Wisconsin Veterans Village and the veterans we serve.

We look forward to sharing this memorable night with you.

With gratitude and respect,

**Keith Scott**

