

# Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 324 - PO Box 18631 - Milwaukee, WI 53218

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## Meeting Notice

19 May, '10

### Elks Lodge

5555 W. Good Hope Rd.

Board Meeting 6 p.m.

Chapter Meeting 7 - 8 p.m.

Meetings are held on the third Wednesday each month. You are also invited to join members for conversation and discussion after the meeting.

Chapter web page :

National web page: [www.vva.org](http://www.vva.org)

## Future Meetings

2010

16 June, 21 July, 18 August, 15 September,  
20 October, 17 November, 15 December

## Chapter 324 Officers

President - Bob Rugg 491-0661

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## MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 31, 2010 ACTIVITIES

### Wood National Cemetery Ceremony

Band Prelude - 9:10 a.m.

Ceremony - 9:30 a.m.

### Memorial Day Parade

Assemble by 1:00 p.m.

Parade begins 2:00 p.m.

Chapter 324 is part of the 3rd Division and will assemble on Everett St.(between Clybourn and Michigan) East of 4th St.

Parade begins at 4th St and proceeds east on Wisconsin Av. to the lakefront and ends at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. Parking will be available north of the War Memorial. Shuttle busses will not be provided for transportation to the beginning of the parade.

## Thank You

An enthusiastic "thank you" to our outgoing officers, especially long time treasurer Joe Herbert, and President John Morgan.

"Thank you" in advance to our new officers.

## LEST WE FORGET





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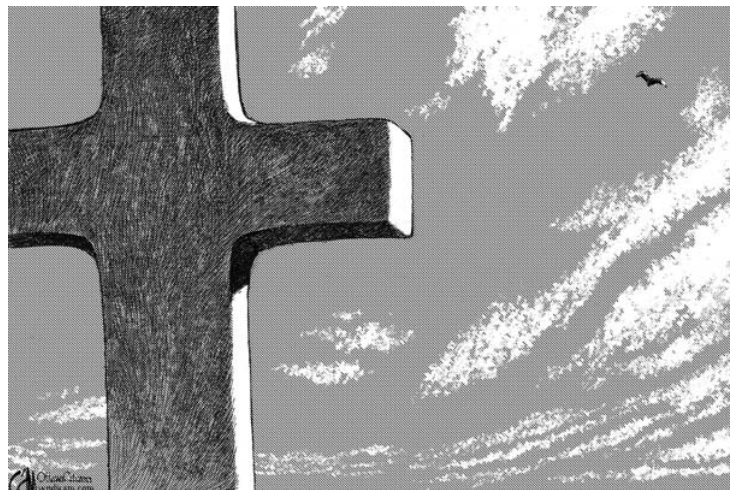
## VA Combined Disability Ratings Table

When determining how much of a rating percentage to award on a veteran's claim VA adjudicators reference Title 38 CFR 4.125. Here is the Combined Ratings Table which is based on a formula, set in law, for combining disability ratings for separate service-related medical conditions. It's a more complex formula than the simple addition of each rating percentage.

The combined ratings table results from the consideration of the efficiency of the individual as affected first by the most disabling condition, then by the less disabling condition, then by other less disabling conditions (if any) in the order of severity. Thus a person having a 60% disability is considered 40% efficient. Proceeding from this 40% efficiency, the effect of a further 30% disability is to leave only 70% of the efficiency remaining after consideration of the first disability or 28% efficiency altogether. The individual is thus 72% disabled.

All combined ratings are rounded off to the closest 10% with combined values ending in 5 adjust-

ed upward. As a result in this scenario the disability rating assigned would be a 70%. To view the Combined Ratings Table refer to [www.warms.vba.va.gov/bookc.html](http://www.warms.vba.va.gov/bookc.html). The table is found in Subpart A, Section 4.25. [Source: Authority 38 U.S.C. 1155]



*...Between the crosses, row on row, that mark our place; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly.*

# TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE MAY 19 MEETING

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RECLAIMING OUR HERITAGE  
POSITIVELY PATRIOTIC PARADE  
HONORING VIETNAM VETERANS  
SATURDAY JUNE 5, 2010  
9 A.M.**

Assemble near the Historic Chapel

Reclaiming Our Heritage 2010 will continue the State's welcome home celebration for Vietnam Veterans at LZ Lambeau. An expanded Vietnam encampment will feature the 16th Medical Detachment and several Vietnam living history groups. Our Veteran Welcome Tent, staffed by our dedicated Doughnut Dollies, will include several features for Vietnam Vets.

Doorprizes and other prizes for Vietnam Vets who register at the Welcome Tent:  
Gift certificates to area businesses including  
•Brass Key Restaurant and Norv's Barber Shop  
•One free raffle ticket for framed Vietnam Veteran print by artist Tom Gallo  
•Vietnam Vet dream catcher

## **MANY MORE ACTIVITIES**

### **Prelude To Doom**

By Irving Fogwill (written soon after World War I)

THE iterated idiot round of words  
Dribbles and mouths its talk of peace;  
The lie writ large upon old masked faces.  
Intent and wan the Scientist makes  
His new gun and deadly gas, bat-blind  
To God, to love, to human brotherhood.  
Fashion he must engines of death,  
Besides food of life, at his masters' bidding.  
His masters-the old men, the wolfish old men,  
The foolish old men-who never learn.  
The old men who cheer their sons to death.  
Old men of all lands, teaching youth hatred;  
Teaching youth to murder youth for a flag.

The old men, the grave old men,  
The suave and polished old men,  
The old cynical souls of old men,  
Flinging in our teeth the old lies,  
Building anew the foul old lies,  
The old idiot, weasel lies.

There they sit, the grave old men  
Secretly sit and spin the old lies,  
Weaving the bloody web of war,  
Waving the same old flags-the old men  
Bidding youth to die for the same old lies.

The old and grinning skulls of war.  
The skulls of old men,  
skulls of withered death,  
Asking youth to die when youth should live;  
Teaching youth that its last strangled breath  
Be gasped in some red hell; nor--plaintive  
Must youth question the myriad dead,  
The myriad, heaped-up, useless dead.

And so mankind prepares to die.  
Soon sons of mothers will march to kill  
Sons of mothers in other lands.  
The sky Will echo and echo again the despairing cry  
Of dying youth. How awful to spill  
This precious blood-and, O God, why?

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- Life Member Installment Plan (\$50 Deposit; \$25 per month for 8 Months)

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Phone\_(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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Make checks payable to VVA324 and mail with this application to:  
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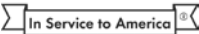


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