

Special Meeting Notice

19 June, '13

Milwaukee Co. War Memorial - Lincoln Memorial Drive - Rm. 413

Board of Directors 6p.m., General Membership 7p.m.

Free parking on the north side of building

This meeting is intended to judge the interest of our members in an alternate meeting place. If you are interested you should attend.

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

A Soldiers Song ©

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I'm gone down the river to sign up boys
Don't you follow me
I don't want to fight
But I ain't got no choice
My country tis of thee

Well hurrah for the red, white and blue
And for these boys who would die for you

And if I should die have my friends carry me
Down to the riverside
And bury me with all of my folks
And in peace I will lie

The things I've seen
I cannot right
More than a man should ever know
And as long as I live
Oh I won't forget
The ones that I laid low

Well hurrah for the red, white and blue
And for these boys who will die for you

And if I should die have my friends carry me
Down to the riverside
And bury me with all of my folks
And in peace I will lie

I'm comin home
But now I'm a man
War weary and wise
I lost my soul on the battlefield boys
You can see it in my eyes

Well hurrah for the red, white and blue
And for these boys who will die for you

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Future Meetings

2013

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

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 324 - PO Box 18631 - Milwaukee, WI 53218

In Service to America

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA
Milwaukee Chapter 324
May 15, 2014
Meeting Held at Milwaukee War Memorial

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice-President Pat Moore

A Moment of Silence was observed for our brothers and sisters no longer with us and for all POW/MIA's and their families and for all defending our freedom throughout the world

Pledge of Allegiance

Self-Introductions – Dennis Szymanski, John Morgan, David Titter, John Zutz, Jerry Kunick, Armando Palomo, Joe Herbert, Milan Mursec, Pat Ciofani, Kent Draper, Pat Moore

Minutes of the April 17, 2013 meeting reviewed and accepted

Treasurer's Report

Communications – Member Harold Schmidt donated \$50 each to our chapter and to Dry Hootch

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VVA Membership Update – Joe Herbert – Joe has been unable to obtain list of at large names from our area from national. He will do whatever he can to contact them as they are made known to him in an effort to bring them into the chapter.

Allied Veterans Meeting – We provided food for the last meeting

Fund Raising – Kent Draper – Brewer Fund Raiser Aug. 2-3 & 4 – Kent suggested and got approval for special T-shirts for volunteers to make us more noticeable

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting at the War Memorial – JUNE MEETING WILL BE AT THE WAR MEMORIAL – An effort is being made to accommodate more members by holding some meetings at the War Memorial which is more centrally located.

Pizza Party at the Doms – We are waiting for a reply from those in charge of the Doms

Vera Roddy Thank You – Vera will be asked to give a presentation on her efforts

Memorial Day Parade Update

Acupuncture Clinic – Free acupuncture clinic is available to veterans and their families at the Dry Hootch office in the room 313 of the War Memorial Monday's from 3-6 pm

NEW BUSINESS

4th of July Parade in Wauwatosa - We will participate on the 4th Of July – Detail to follow
Harley 110 Anniversary – Looking into the possibility of a food tent

Flag Day Ceremony – June 14th at the Marcus Amphitheater -11am – 1 pm

Homeless Veterans Initiative grand opening at 72nd and Fondulac

Moved and passed to donate \$100 to Joe Murray for his ongoing efforts to provide car repairs for needy veterans

Adjournment – 7:55

Chapter 324 Officers

President -

Vice President - Pat Moore 354-2533

Secretary - Dennis Symanski 453-3600

Treasurer - Kent Draper 963-0375

Director - Pat Ciofani

Director - Ron Coppersmith 262-255-2832

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Director - Joe Murray

Director - Oliver Williams 538-4416

Milwaukee County

Welcomes

Wisconsin Veterans

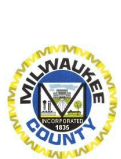


SATURDAY/SUNDAY JUNE 29-30, 2013

COUNTY EXECUTIVE CHRIS ABELE WELCOMES WISCONSIN VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ENJOY MILWAUKEE COUNTY'S WORLD-CLASS ATTRACTIONS.

THANK YOU, WISCONSIN VETERANS, FOR YOUR SERVICE TO THE NATION.

AND THANKS ALSO TO DISCOVERY WORLD, THE MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO, THE MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM, AND THE WAR MEMORIAL CENTER FOR THEIR GENEROSITY IN MAKING THIS WEEKEND POSSIBLE.



DISCOVERY WORLD
CENTER FOR PUBLIC INNOVATION



SATURDAY JUNE 29 10AM-5PM
FREE ADMISSION TO DISCOVERY WORLD FOR MILITARY/VET AND UP TO 5 IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH PRESENTATION OF VET'S ID*

SATURDAY JUNE 29 8AM-NOON
CVSO OPEN AT 6419 W GREENFIELD FOR PURPLE HEART RECIPIENTS WANTING TO APPLY FOR/RECEIVE THEIR MILWAUKEE COUNTY PURPLE HEART PASS. BRING DD 214 AND DRIVERS LICENSE

SUNDAY JUNE 30 9AM-5PM
FREE ADMISSION/PARKING AT MILWAUKEE COUNTY ZOO FOR MILITARY/VET AND UP TO 9 IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS, WITH PRESENTATION OF TICKETS RECEIVED AT COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE OF RESIDENCY. VETERANS BENEFITS EXPO IN GATHERING PLACE

SUNDAY JUNE 30 10AM-5PM
FREE ADMISSION TO MILWAUKEE ART MUSEUM FOR MILITARY/VET AND UP TO 5 IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBERS WITH PRESENTATION OF VET'S ID*. FREE PARKING AT THE WAR MEMORIAL CENTER.

SPEND SOME TIME AT THE WAR MEMORIAL CENTER VIEWING THE MEMORIALS AND PLAQUES HONORING THOSE WHO MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

*VET'S ID: MILITARY/RETIRED/VA PATIENT ID CARD, DD FORM 214, NGB 22, VFW/AL/AMVETS/NABVETS ETC MEMBERSHIP ID CARD, OR PHP

Discovery World, 500 N Harbor Drive at the Lakefront

Milwaukee County Zoo, 10001 W Bluemound Rd, Wauwatosa

Milwaukee Art Museum, 700 N Art Museum Drive at the Lakefront

War Memorial Center, 750 N Lincoln Memorial Drive at the Lakefront

Questions? Contact Milwaukee County Veterans Service Office at jduff@milwcnty.com or 414.266.1235

Megan Daniels Named Soldiers Home Project Manager

Press release May 16, 2013

To become even more effective advocates, the Milwaukee Preservation Alliance (MPA) applied for and received funding for a part time, limited-term Soldiers Home Project Manager to facilitate its preservation work at Milwaukee Soldiers Home. After a comprehensive search by MPA and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, MPA has announced that Megan Daniels has been hired to serve as the MPA Soldiers Home Project Manager.

In her new position, Megan will play a critical role in the implementation of the preservation efforts at the Soldiers Home. She has already brought energy and ideas that will have a great impact on our efforts to return the District's unused buildings to the service of veterans.



Megan received a B.A. in Art History with an emphasis in Architectural History at the University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee. Through the UWM Historic Preservation Institute, Megan studied preservation and restoration strategies at San Gemini, Italy.

Feel free to contact her her at Megan@MilwaukeePreservation.com.

Clumsy crane operator cuts power to one-third of Vietnam

Associated Press May 23, 4:45 AM

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) -- One mistake by a clumsy crane operator caused a 10-hour blackout over about a third of Vietnam, exposing the fragility of the nation's power grid.

State electricity company EVN said in a statement Thursday that the blackout occurred Wednesday after the crane operator knocked a tree down onto the main north-south high voltage power transmission line.

The outage covered 22 of Vietnam's 63

provinces. It was not clear how many people were affected, but the loss of power forced scores of garment and seafood factories to close, and traffic was snarled in major cities as traffic lights failed.

State-owned newspaper Thanh Nien reported that the incident cost EVN \$700,000 in lost revenue. Vietnam's power generation sector needs modernizing, but low tariffs are making foreign investors wary about returns.

Abbot and Costello Go to Work

COSTELLO: I want to talk about the unemployment rate in America.

ABBOTT: Good Subject. Terrible Times. It's 7.8%.

COSTELLO: That many people are out of work?

ABBOTT: No, 14.7% are out of work.

COSTELLO: You just said 7.8%.

ABBOTT: 7.8% Unemployed.

COSTELLO: Right 7.8% out of work.

ABBOTT: No, that's 14.7%.

COSTELLO: Okay, so it's 14.7% unemployed.

ABBOTT: No, that's 7.8%.

COSTELLO: WAIT A MINUTE. Is it 7.8% or 14.7%?

ABBOTT: 7.8% are unemployed. 14.7% are out of work.

COSTELLO: If you are out of work you are unemployed.

ABBOTT: No, Congress said you can't count the "Out of Work" as the unemployed. You have to look for work to be unemployed.

COSTELLO: BUT THEY ARE OUT OF WORK!!!

ABBOTT: No, you miss his point.

COSTELLO: What point?

ABBOTT: Someone who doesn't look for work can't be counted with those who look for work. It wouldn't be fair.

COSTELLO: To whom?

ABBOTT: The unemployed.

COSTELLO: But ALL of them are out of work.

ABBOTT: No, the unemployed are actively looking for work. Those who are out of work gave up looking and if you give up, you are no longer in the ranks of the unemployed.

COSTELLO: So if you're off the unemployment rolls that would count as less unemployment?

ABBOTT: Unemployment would go down. Right!

COSTELLO: The unemployment just goes down because you don't look for work?

ABBOTT: Absolutely it goes down. That's how they get it to 7.8%. Otherwise it would be 14.7%. Our govt. doesn't want you to read about 14.7% unemployment.

COSTELLO: That would be tough on those running for reelection.

ABBOTT: Absolutely.

COSTELLO: Wait, I got a question for you. That means there are two ways to bring down the unemployment number?

ABBOTT: Two ways is correct.

COSTELLO: Unemployment can go down if someone gets a job?

ABBOTT: Correct.

COSTELLO: And unemployment can also go down if you stop looking for a job?

ABBOTT: Bingo.

COSTELLO: So there are two ways to bring unemployment down, and the easier of the two is to have people stop looking for work.

ABBOTT: Now you're thinking like an Economist.

COSTELLO: I don't even know what the hell I just said!

ABBOTT: Now you're thinking like Congress.

Sign Up Now With Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 324

Anyone can join! Membership Options:

Vietnam Veterans (A copy of your DD214 must be included):

- Individual Member - 1 year \$20 • Individual Member 3 year \$50 • Life Member \$250
- Life Member Installment Plan (\$50 Deposit; \$25 per month for 8 Months)

Anyone Else:

- Associate Member - 1 year \$20 • Associate Member 3 year \$50 • Associate Life Member \$250
- Associate Life Member Installment Plan (\$50 Deposit; \$25 per month for 8 Months)

Please Print

Name _____ Membership # _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

I would like to help Chapter 324 by donating \$ _____

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

VVA Chapter 324 - Membership, PO Box 18631, Milwaukee, WI 53218



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