

Vietnam Veterans of America

Chapter 324 - PO Box 18631 - Milwaukee, WI 53218

In Service to America



Meeting Notice

16 November, '11

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

Future Meetings

2011

21 December

2012

18 January, 15 February, 21 March, 18 April, 16 May,
20 June, 25 July, 15 August, 19 September,
17 October, 21 November, 19 December

Chapter 324 Officers

President - Paul Javins 358-2813

Vice President - Pat Moore 354-2533

Secretary - Dennis Symanski 453-3600

Treasurer - Kent Draper 963-0375

Director - Pat Ciofani 332-7734

Director - Ron Coppersmith 262-255-2832

Director - Michael Lang 355-1496

Director - John Morgan 871-9274

Director - Oliver Williams 538-4416

Veterans Day (and beyond) Activities

Saturday, Nov. 5, 11:00a.m. Veterans Day Parade. Begins at 4th & Kilbourn

November 5, 6, Veterans Celebration, Harley Davidson Museum, Various activities

November 8, 9, 10, 8p.m. Vietnam in HD on The History Channel

Friday, Nov. 11, 5:30p.m. Veterans Day Banquet. Memorial Hall, War Memorial Center, Advance reservations required, \$25 per person, cash bar, free parking. Contact Sandi Jenkins 414-427-1246

Friday, Nov. 11, Veterans Appreciation Dinner, Applebee's Restaurants, Vets eat free with proof of service.

Friday, Nov. 11, 7p.m. Armistice Day Ceremony Milwaukee City Hall Rotunda, Free

Saturday, Nov. 12, Register 7a.m. Start 9a.m, Warrior 5K Run/Walk, at the War Memorial. Sponsored by Dry Hootch

Sunday, Nov. 13, 8a.m - 11a.m, Pancake Breakfast, HA Todd Post 537, 9159 W. Beloit Rd. \$5.00
Open house all afternoon

Monday, Nov. 14, 5p.m - 9p.m, Military Appreciation Monday, Golden Corral, Vets eat free

Saturday, Nov. 19, 7p.m, On the Bridge, Marquette University, Cudahy Hall, Rm 001, film on PTSD

Saturday, Dec. 10, Christmas With Hospitalized Vets, donations needed. Contact Jeff Dentice 414-218-3030 www.war-veterans.org/christmas.htm

Friday, Dec. 16, 6:00p.m. - 9:30 Candy Cane Lane benefit for the MACC Fund. Meet at 95th & Manitoba



November 16 meeting - Chapter By-Laws will be on the agenda

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA Milwaukee Chapter 324 October 19, 2011

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by President Paul Javins

A Moment of Silence was observed for our brothers and sisters no longer with us and for all POW/MIA's and their families.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance – Dennis Szymanski, Pat Moore, Pat Ciofani, Ron Coppersmith, Oliver Williams, John Morgan, Joe Campbell, Paul D. Balge, Milan Mursec, Janice Dahlke, Joe Herbert, Paul Javins, Kent Draper

Minutes of September 21, 2011 meeting reviewed and accepted

Treasurer's Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

VVA/AVVA Membership Update – Joe Herbert - Holding steady at 130 members

Allied Veterans Update – Kent Draper & Joe Campbell – Veterans Court and MATC veteran's financial assistance screw up were discussed

Education Outreach – Joe Campbell – It was suggested we look into sending a letter to area schools to let them know that we have veterans available to talk to their classes about our experiences.

OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws – It was voted on and passed to accept the new by-laws as they were presented to the membership. Any future changes will be by amendment and vote by the membership. Thanks to all who worked on the by-laws and to those who offered input.

Pumpkin Farm Fundraiser - \$188 was raised on the 2 weekends we participated. Special thanks to Paul Javins for the donation of a portion of the sales of his honey and to all who helped.

Veterans Day Parade – November 5th – Parade steps off at 11:00 am – Free parking and shuttle at the Harley Museum – Free lunch for veterans after parade

Vets For Peace Food Pantry – Moved and passed to donate \$100 in our continuing support

NEW BUSINESS

December Meeting – It was voted on by members that our December 21st meeting would be a Christmas Party instead of a regular business meeting. It will be open to all members and their families. Watch for details.

Veterans Day Activities – Chapter 324 will be doing the Missing Man Ceremony at North Middle School in Menomonee Falls at 9:00am on November 11th – Wisconsin Lutheran High School will have its annual Veterans Day breakfast at 7:30 am with service to follow at 8:30 on November 11th

Dry Hootch Run/Walk November 12th Starting at the War Memorial – Go to www.dryhootch.org for information and registration.

Fund Raising – Moved and passed to purchase more Orange Blossoms for our ongoing fund raising efforts

For the Good of the Chapter – October 20th there was a ceremony commemorating the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Milwaukee Vietnam Veterans Memorial – Kent Draper is looking into working with incarcerated veterans.

Adjournment – 7:57 pm

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)

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